

INCOMING NEWS



Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley

DEC 2025

VNVDV DECEMBER 4TH MEETING BRIDGES GOLF CLUB, SAN RAMON



Dennis Giacovel II
VNVDV
President

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hope you all had a safe and healthy Thanksgiving.

There is still time to go see **Jim Murphy's Fuse3 exhibit** at the Village Theatre here in Danville, there till December 19th.

For those who just didn't get the message, Thursday is our annual **Christmas Dinner and Recognition Night**. You had to make reservations for this one. **We may possibly be able to sneak a couple in**. Call Ed and give him your meal choice. At the Christmas Dinner we will pass out checks and gift cards to the various organizations that we have supported for many years. We will also announce the recipients of **Veteran of the Year, Volunteer of the Year** as well as the **Gary Villalba Dedicated Service Award**.

November was an active month for VNVDV. The support for the **Pleasanton Veterans Day Parade** was excellent. **Contra Costa County Supervisors held their Veterans Day Ceremony**

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE VNVDV CRAB FEED FUNDRAISER FEB 8, 2026

VMB DANVILLE, CA

DOORS OPEN 1 PM

SNACK FOOD AND SOCIALIZE

FRESH CRAB DINNER AND FOOTBALL GAME TO FOLLOW

TICKETS ARE \$100

PURCHASE TICKETS: ED BAFFICO
(edgogolf@sbcglobal.net)

925-863-1470

THE DONATION OF GIFT CARDS FOR A RAFFLE AND LIVE AUCTION ARE REQUESTED (restaurants, Safeway, Starbucks, Home Depot, Target)

JOIN VNVDV FOR THIS GREAT EVENT

to include honoring **80th Anniversary of the end of WWII and Jake "PAPA" Larson, 102 year old WWII Veteran**, a past visitor to VMB Saturday coffee. Finally the Tuesday the 11th **VMB Veterans Day Program** was a huge success.

THURSDAY DECEMBER 4th. The formal announcement of the **New Officers and the members of the Board of Directors for 2026** will be made at the Holiday Dinner.

Then **Saturday December 13** is a double header. Start your day at the **Alamo Cemetery at 11:00 for the Wreaths Across America** ceremony and wreath laying. Then grab a side dish and head down to the Veterans Memorial Building, at **noon**, for the "Greatest Football Game" (thanks Slatts) the **ARMY/NAVY game**. Kick-off at 12:00. We have plenty of beer and wine, just bring a side dish.

And looking ahead, we **will** be having a **Crab Feed next February 8th**. Please bring to the meeting, **gift cards**, for the next couple of months. They could be Target, Safeway, Restaurant, Giants games, etc. Anything that comes as a gift card.

And for all the **Docents and Trustees**, see the poster for the **Docent Recognition Brunch, Saturday Jan. 13th**. This year it is actually a Breakfast, as the time has been moved up to **9:00 am**.

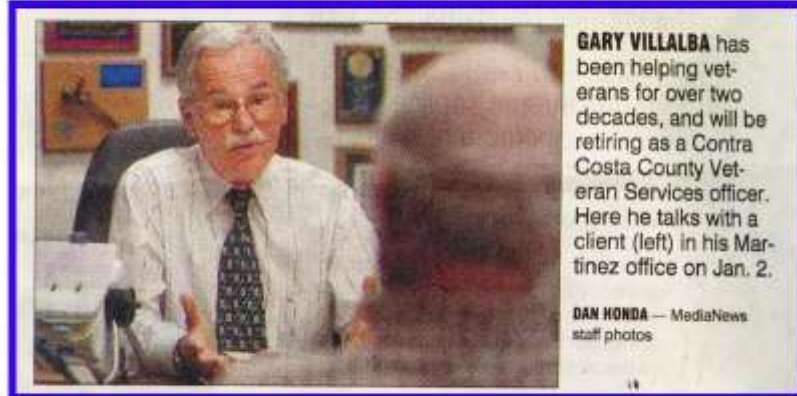
That's it, see you Thursday,
Stay Safe

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Gary Villalba Dedicated Service Award to be Presented at Holiday Dinner + Veteran & Volunteer of the Year

GARY VILLALBA Contra Costa County Veterans Service Officer



1988 - 2008 in Contra Costa County . . . *Over Twenty Years - Proudly Serving Our Nation's Veterans*

Gary Villalba is a legend in the California Veteran Community... serving Veterans over twenty years in *Contra Costa County* as our Veterans Service Officer & Director for both Martinez & Richmond Offices aiding thousands of veterans & their family members. Back in 2008, the VNVDV Board of Directors voted *unanimously* to establish a "*perpetual recognition award*" in the name of **GARY VILLALBA** Honoring his years of service & dedication to all veterans. This is the highest award the VNVDV bestows annually... *in Gary's honor*. It's bestowed upon an individual who exhibits the character & *great dedication to serving veterans* as Gary demonstrated & provided in our community for his entire career.



Join Us in Our Mission

Remember ★ Honor ★ Teach



★ **December 13, 2025** ★

National Wreaths Across America Day

Help Blue Star Mom's Chapter 101



honor local heroes!

Sponsor a wreath today to be placed on a
veteran's grave this December at Golden Gate
National Cemetery & Alamo Cemetery

Scan the QR code to make a donation online or
visit www.wreathscrossamerica.org/CA0927P



ALAMO CEMETERY
130 EL POTAL
DANVILLE, CA 94526
10:00 AM

ARMY

VS

NAVY

SATURDAY DECEMBER 13, 2025

KICK-OFF AT NOON



**COME CHEER WITH YOUR
FELLOW VETERANS AT THE
VETERANS MEMORIAL BUILDING
MAIN HALL**

**BRING A SIDE DISH TO SHARE
AND YOUR BEVERAGE OF CHOICE
(BEER AND WINE ONLY)**



VIET NAM VETERANS of DIABLO VALLEY



ANNUAL
CRAB FEED
FUNDRAISER

Fresh Cracked Crab

SILENT AUCTION

TICKETS
\$100.
EACH

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\$100.
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Door Prizes and Wine & Beer Bar

SUN. FEB. 8. 2026

Veterans Memorial Building of San Ramon Valley

400 Hartz Ave. Danville, CA

Limited Space Purchase your Ticket(s) by 2/5/26

Contact: Ed Baffico: edgogolf@sbcglobal.net or (925) 831-9678

PURCHASE TODAY • NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR!

DOORS OPEN
1:30 PM

VIET NAM VETERANS of DIABLO VALLEY

Crab Feed & Silent Auction Fundraiser

Sunday February 8, 2026

Buy a Ticket (s) Today
or at the VNVDV
Feb. 6, 2025
Dinner Meeting



Limited Seating
No Tickets
Sold at the Door

Please Support this Event
Fresh Cracked Crab Dinner
Lots of Door Prizes, Live Auction!

Purchase your Ticket(s) by 2/5/26

Contact: Ed Baffico:

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Thank you!

VIET NAM VETERANS of DIABLO VALLEY

Crab Feed & Silent Auction Fundraiser

Sunday February 8, 2026

Donate a Gift Card!

With a \$20-\$25 value

**from a Local Retail Merchant, Restaurant
Fast Food Outlet and/or Coffee House, etc.**

Gift Card Collections Start

at our November 6, 2025

DINNER MEETING

Thank you for Your Support!

CRAB FEED 2026 WILL HAVE A FEW CHANGES
THERE WILL BE NO SILENT AUCTION FOR THE 2026 CRAB FEED
GIFT CARDS ARE REQUESTED FROM MEMBERS
THE GIFT CARDS WILL BE USED IN A NEW FORMAT



Yes, there will be a crab feed on February 8, 2026

We are requesting that you bring in Gift Cards to be used on that day. Target, Safeway, Giants, Restaurants, etc. Bring them to the Dinner meetings and give to Ed, our Treasurer. Thank you in advance





**VETERANS MEMORIAL
BUILDING
DOCENT
APPRECIATION
BRUNCH**

**JOIN YOUR FELLOW DOCENTS AND
BUILDING TRUSTEES FOR A FINE MEAL
AND A HEAVY DOSE OF CAMARADERIE**

SATURDAY JANUARY 10, 2026

9:00 AM

DOWNSTAIRS IN THE MAIN HALL

VETERANS MEMORIAL

NOVEMBER 2025 VNVDV DINNER MEETING



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THANKS FOR YOUR ATTENDANCE



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Veteran Veterinary Wellness Clinics

Joybound believes in the power of the human-animal bond, and that cost of care should never keep Veterans from this benefit. We offer free vaccine and veterinary wellness clinics for Veterans' pets.

Our free veterinary wellness clinics are available by appointment for dogs and cats only. Limit two pets per household per clinic.

On-site Clinic

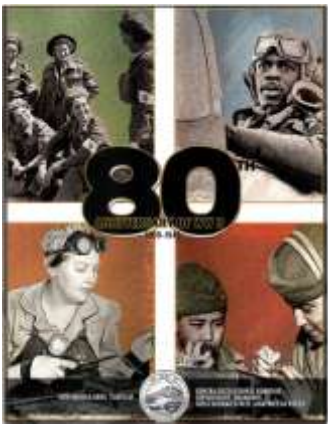
Our in-house clinic provides veterinary wellness care for Veterans' pets. The dedicated Veterans' clinic entrance can be found just past the main adoption entrance, around the corner from the spay/neuter clinic entrance. Services are by appointment only on Wednesdays.

For information or to schedule an appointment, please call (925) 296-3125 (select option 7) and leave a message. Clinic staff will call you back for scheduling.



VETERANS DAY 2025 CEREMONY

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



You are invited to the 10th Annual
**VETERANS PANCAKE
BREAKFAST**
Hosted by the
Danville Town Council
*(Reube Morgan, Newell Arnerich, Mark Belote,
Karen Steppes & Robert Storer)*
Tuesday, November 11, 2025
7:30 - 10:00 am
Veterans Memorial Building
of the San Ramon Valley
2nd Floor
400 Harris Avenue, Danville, CA



VMB HOSTS VETERANS DAY DISPLAYS AND PROGRAM



VIET NAM VETERANS DIABLO VALLEY **DECEMBER** BIRTHDAYS

Chelle Clements	Army	Larry Lalenzin	Air Force
Floyd Cox	Army	Mike McDaniel	USMC
David Koury	Navy	Patrick Pralle	Navy
Gene Cota	Air Force	Ron Lowe	Army
Cliff DeCuir	Army	Bill LaVigne	Army
Jim Taylor	Army	Lawrence Tehero	Air Force
Kelly McHugh	Army	Steve Telles	Navy
Gary Brassier	Army	Jeff Castro	Army
William Crabbe	Army	James MacDonald	Army
John Odne		Army	

Thanks to the November Speaker, Bob Dutcher for his presentation on his experiences working side-by-side with Ukraine military forces to provide specific aid that is essential to their defense of their Country to include cost effective technology advances have been developed.



If you have any questions or would like to schedule a viewing, call or email me.

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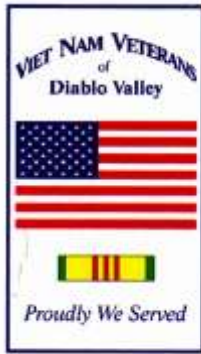
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Thanks to Procurement Director John "T.J." Trujillo for his monthly display of VNVDV Hats and Shirts. Order your VNVDV NAME TAGS contact "T.J."

For all your VNVDV Shirts and Hats team with TJ and Power Stitch



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VNVDV SHIRT HAT DISPLAY AT SEPT MEETING

VNVDV Members THANK David Behring

Wheelchair Foundation



"Serving the World"



Looking for a unique BIRTHDAY Gift? Donate a new WCF wheelchair in their honor... great for someone who has everything!

The VietNam Veterans made 3 Wheel Chair distribution trips, 2006, 2012, 2019 and 2024 to VietNam.. Wheel Chairs Provide freedom of mobility for those lacking this basic need.

We Thank David Behring & the Wheel Chair Foundation for the support of VNVDV & our four amazing wheel chair distribution trips to Vietnam.

The VNVDV participated in the distribution of 460 Wheelchairs during the NOV 2019 and 2024 trips to Vietnam. Thanks to the support of the Wheelchair Foundation & Supporters

VietNam 50th Commemoration Honors our VietNam War Veteran Members

VNVDV LIFE MEMBERSHIP Special 50th VN Commeration - Honoring Your Service - ONLY \$50.

Danville VMB's County Veterans Service Office

OPEN every Wednesday 10-2, appt reqd. 925-313-1481

All Wars Memorial

Oak Hill Park Memorial Expands The New Paver Section with 600 Pavers Do you have an AWM Paver? Don't wait - Honor a veteran, friend, neighbor, family member or patriot with a special AWM Paver Tribute!
1st ENGRAVING COMPLETED—Hopefully 1 in May!
Custom Engraving is performed Spring & Fall. Take time to visit the AWM - then the website for an application form. Order your AWM Paver
www.AllWarsMemorial.org
Questions? See link on AWM Website

Please SUPPORT & FOLLOW NEWS from some of our SUPPORTERS & FRIENDS WEBSITES:
Contra Costa County Veterans Service Office - Call the County VSO Office for Assistance - call 925 / 313-1481 for Appt.
All Wars Memorial and obtaining AWM Pavers at Oak Hill Park - visit: www.AllWarsMemorial.org
Marines Memorial Association / Hotel / Club in SF - Visit their website at: www.MarineClub.com
Sentinels of Freedom Scholarship Foundation - visit: www.SentinelsofFreedom.org
Wheelchair Foundation & Wine for Wheels - Support our those in need of mobility - Visit: www.WineforWheels.org
Blue Star Moms #101 website: www.bluestarmoms.org & Blue Star Moms #20 website: www.ccbluestarmoms.org
VNVDV website to see more about the Vietnam Veterans of Diablo Valley at: www.VNVDV.org

VISIT THE WEBSITE for the VETERANS MEMORIAL BUILDING at: www.VMBSRV.org

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Appointments available

Call 1-[800-382-8387](tel:800-382-8387), press 2 and then option 3, or stay on the line to schedule an appointment.

Visit our VNVDV Website for more Benefit details.

"VETERAN VOICES" THE SECOND MONDAY OF THE MONTH

Monthly Show Topics IMPORTANT to VETERANS & Recently Discharged/Returning VETS
SUPPORT ~ our Contra Costa County Veteran Service Officer



A Live, Interactive TV Show for Vets by Vets!

Join us live on the 2nd Monday of each month to discuss relevant issues facing our veterans.



7:00 PM CCTV, Hosted by the
Veterans Service Office Contra
Costa County



Contra Costa TV is channel 32 on Astoria, channel 27 on Comcast, and channel 89 on AT&T U-verse
Episodes Re-Run: Mondays @ 7pm, Wednesdays @ 11pm & Saturdays @ 9am

"VETERAN VOICES"
on SECOND MONDAY OF MONTH

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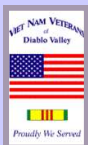
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The VietNam Veterans of Diablo Valley - established in 1991 as a local, grass-roots, non-profit, & all-volunteer Veteran Service Organization (VSO) to promote & enhance the image of the Viet Nam Veteran through Community Service & Support of our fellow Veterans, and value & maintain a high level of dignity & respect for the young men & women currently serving our nation today in all branches of our military services. **Danville's Veteran's Memorial Building for the San Ramon Valley** is home for the VNVDV and designed for the next 100 years - to serve our veterans now - those returning & our future veterans - while serving as a lasting reminder & Memorial for all those who served before us in the name of Freedom... **leaving a "legacy"**

The VNVDV meets monthly on the **1st Thursday of every month** at the **Bridges Golf Club, San Ramon.**

VNVDV monthly Board of Directors Meetings are held on the **3rd Thursday** each month at the Veterans Memorial Building in the Library / Board Room at **1800 Hrs.** in Danville. To find out more about programs & projects the VNVDV supports & events sponsored... visit the website at: **www.VNVDV.com**. All veterans & guests are welcome to attend our **"open"** membership meetings. This VNVDV is a casual - **"fun"** - social veterans group - always looking for new members who enjoy friendship & the special bond as military veterans. **We are Proud of our Military Service...** & of our continued contributions to fellow veterans & community. Our dinner meetings consist of a social dinner & guest speaker of interest to veterans & military. Please join us... All dinner meetings are **OPEN** - bring fellow VietNam veterans - active duty military - history buffs - friends - community supporters... *see what a difference volunteering makes in the lives of others. All veterans welcome!*

DINNER MEETING

THURSDAY DECEMBER 4TH
CHRISTMAS RECOGNITION DINNER
BRIDGES GOLF CLUB SAN RAMON

DINNER COST WILL BE \$70
RESERVATION AND MEAL SELCTION BY NOV
21st

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