

# INCOMING NEWS



Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley

OCT 2025

## VNVDV OCTOBER 2ND DINNER MEETING BRIDGES GOLF CLUB, SAN RAMON



Dennis  
Giacovel II  
VNVDV  
President

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

While you read this, I am in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee at our Biennial (every other year) S.T.A.B. reunion. That is my boat group while in Vietnam. Yea, it is an odd place to have a Navy reunion, no water, no boats, no coast, no bases, but they do have big cabins in the Great Smoky Mountains so we can all stay together. The latest one has 21 suites, an elevator and huge pool. Always heartwarming to be with our brothers. If your unit has a reunion, I recommend going.

On **Sunday November 9**, we will be participating in the **Pleasanton Parade**. The Huey will be there and a couple of our cars and trucks. Come carry a flag or banner, if you still can. See Slatts to sign up.

Veterans Day Parade  
Pleasanton - Sun. Nov 9

Need volunteers for Flags

Contact Mike Slattengren

925 / 216-7139

Muster 12:00 Veterans Bldg.  
Main Street Pleasanton



**SPEAKER for the OCTOBER 2ND DINNER MEETING will be Josh Zebley, Contra Costa County Veterans Service Office Director. Josh will update Veteran Benefits and answer questions. This is an opportunity for Veteran's Spouses to become familiar with the benefit program.**

This year will not be a three-day **Veterans Day** weekend open-house, it will be only on Veterans Day, **November 11<sup>th</sup> itself**. **Start the day from 8-10 with breakfast provided by the Town of Danville Councilmembers**. That will be in the upstairs meeting room and is for all Veterans and their families.

Then go downstairs to the main hall for the Veterans Day Observance at 11:00. After that, walk around the main hall and view the displays. The Huey will be out front as always.

And looking ahead, **we will be having a Crab Feed next February**. **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.

That's it, see you next month,  
Stay Safe

**Dennis Giacobelli**  
**President**  
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## **NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2026 VNVDV OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS**

President **Dennis Giacobelli** selected our 2025/2026 Nomination Committee. Dennis selected the very experienced Past President **Jim Hill** Chair and **Dave Smith** to assist in the selection of our new & future leaders & potential Board Members & Committee Chairs. We encourage all VNVDV members to find out more about the organization and the various positions available.

**VOLUNTEERING** in a leadership position can be

**EXTREAMNLY REWARDING PERSONALLY!** Find out **more... if** you have any questions about any position or the duties of any Board Positions please contact Jim (jamauihill@yahoo.com) or Dave (dejsmith1@comcast.net). Elections are held at our Annual Meeting in the month of November by Ballot.

**FOR 2026 THE OFFICE OF  
SECRETARY REQUIRES A  
CANDIDATE**

**VOLUNTEER AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE**



# SEPTEMBER 2025 VNVDV DINNER MEETING





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## SAN RAMON VALLEY HS HONORS VETERANS AT 29 AUG 2025 FOOTBALL GAME



## BSM SERVE DINNER AT "VIRTUE AND VICE" FOR THE VMB OPERATING EXPENSE FUNDRAISER





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*Friday,  
October 17, 2025  
7 to 9 PM*

**VETERANS MEMORIAL BUILDING**

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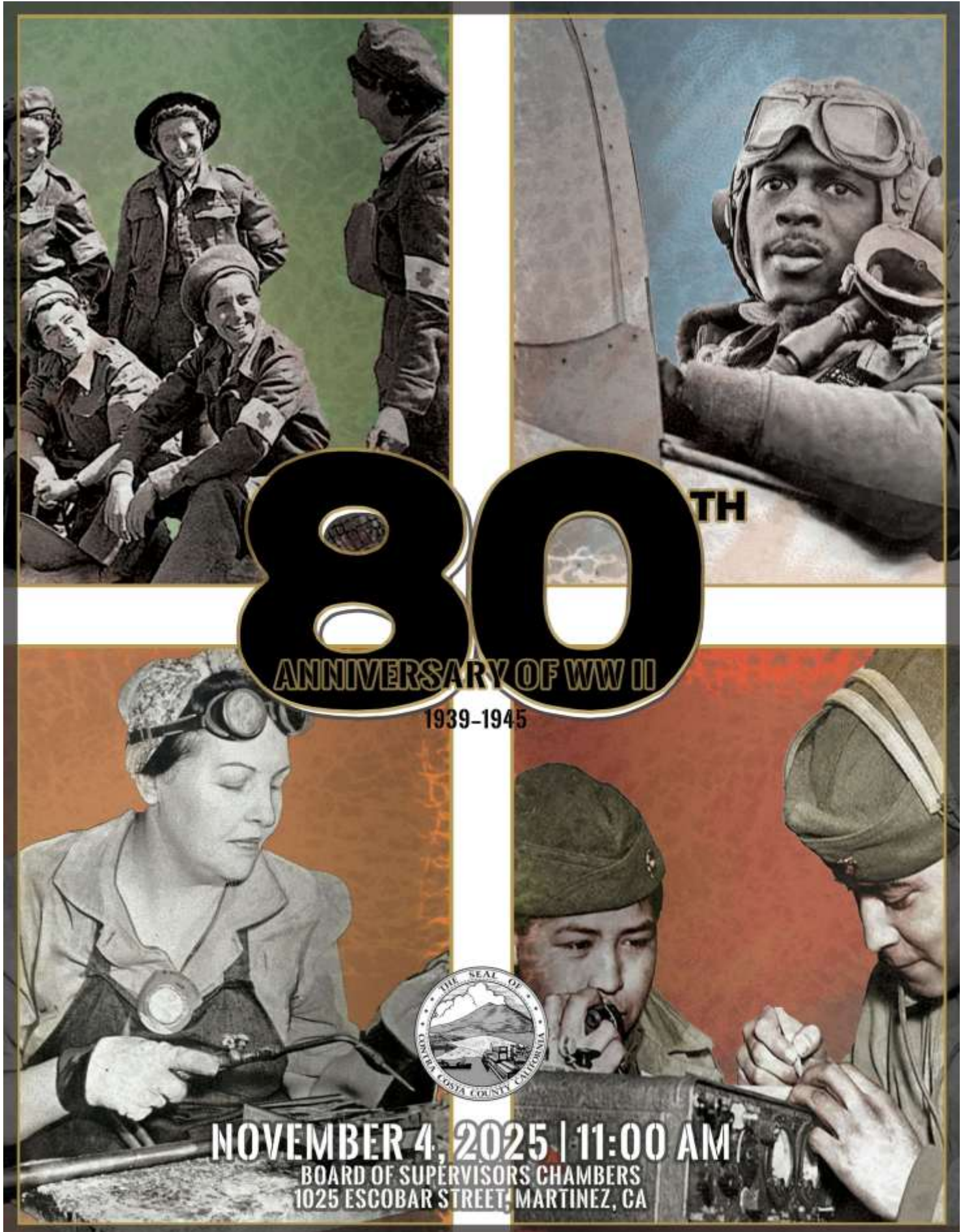
FREE PUBLIC EVENT  
DANCING & LIVE MUSIC  
SOFT DRINKS PROVIDED






**November 4th 11:00 AM Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors**

**1025 Escobar Street, Martinez - ATTEND THIS EVENT**



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**ANNIVERSARY OF WW II**  
1939-1945



**NOVEMBER 4, 2025 | 11:00 AM**  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CHAMBERS  
1025 ESCOBAR STREET, MARTINEZ, CA



**AFTER BREAKFAST VISIT THE  
VETERANS DAY EXHIBITS DOWNSTAIRS**

*You are invited to the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual*

**VETERANS PANCAKE  
BREAKFAST**

Hosted by the

**Danville Town Council**

*(Renee Morgan, Newell Arnerich, Mark Belotz,  
Karen Stepper & Robert Storer)*

**Tuesday, November 11, 2025**

**7:30 – 10:00 am**

**Veterans Memorial Building  
of the San Ramon Valley**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Floor**

**400 Hartz Avenue, Danville, CA**

**VETERANS, ACTIVE DUTY, AND FAMILY ARE  
INVITED TO JOIN US FOR  
A COMPLIMENTARY PANCAKE BREAKFAST**





# 100 YEARS OF HISTORY

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**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





# MILITARY VETERANS

Meet the VA Palo Alto  
Mobile Medical Team

## HAVE YOU SERVED IN THE US MILITARY? CLAIM YOUR EARNED VA BENEFITS

1

### Visit Pleasanton Library

The VA Palo Alto Mobile Medical Team will be in front of the library with the mobile medical unit or inside the library if the mobile vehicle is not available.

2

### Review Service-Earned Benefits

Meet with a VA benefits specialist to review veteran benefits earned through service in the US military.

3

### Register with VA Palo Alto Health System

VA benefits have changed. VA care may supplement current health coverage.

4

### Receive Care or Referral

Veterans who are registered with the VA Palo Alto Health System may receive medical care or referrals in the privacy of the mobile medical unit.

**VETERANS, SPOUSES, CAREGIVERS, FAMILY MEMBERS,  
AND SURVIVORS ARE WELCOME**

DROP IN - NO APPOINTMENT NEEDED

VETERANS NOT YET ENROLLED WITH VA PALO ALTO HEALTH SYSTEM,  
PLEASE BRING COPY OF FORM DD-214 (PROOF OF SERVICE)

LIST OF CURRENT MEDICATIONS

**9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.**

**Mondays:**

**October 27, November 24**



Pleasanton Public Library



400 Old Bernal Ave., Pleasanton



(925)931-3400 extension 4

[www.pleasantonlibrary.org](http://www.pleasantonlibrary.org)





# Free Dental and Hearing Screenings for Veterans



Veterans and active duty military of all ages are invited!

- ✓ Get your questions answered by University of the Pacific dental and audiology professionals
- ✓ Learn how you can become a patient and get discounted dental care
- ✓ Free health goody bags ✓ Snacks and refreshments

**Monday, November 10, 2025**  
**10:00 am to 1:00 pm**



## LOCATION

University of the Pacific, Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry  
155 Fifth Street (at Minna) | San Francisco, CA 94103  
*Located just 1.5 blocks from BART/Muni Powell Station*

Appointments are required. Please **RSVP** at: [pacific.edu/vets2025sf](https://pacific.edu/vets2025sf)  
Questions? Call 415.780.2055 or email [pr@pacific.edu](mailto:pr@pacific.edu)

LEARN MORE



UNIVERSITY OF THE  
**PACIFIC**  
Arthur A. Dugoni  
School of Dentistry



# VIET NAM VETERANS DIABLO VALLEY **AUGUST** BIRTHDAYS

Jim Murphy	Navy	Jon Robbins	Army
James Handlin	Army	Bob Sada	Air Force
John Reese	Navy	Patti Wernet	Army
Jerry Yahiro	Army	Phil Butler	Navy
Gary Slattengren	Navy	Henry Fanger	Navy
David Behring	Honorary	Robert Mitchell	Marine
Pat Leary	Army	Les Chakurian	Army
Mike Huntsman	Navy	Roy Warner	Navy
Joe Callaway	Army	Patty Chew	Army
Juan Kelly	Army	Dave Smith	Air Force
Jeff Jewell	Air Force	Tony Bettencourt	Army
Mark Heineman	Army	Robert Joplin	Army



**Thanks to the SPETEMBER speaker, Dr. Harold Strunk for his excellent presentation of the events that developed world wide prior to the 9/11 attacks in NYC, Washington, DC and PA. The clarity of his presentation provided a chronology of the complex coordination of personnel, assets and ideology required for such an massive effort. Prior to 9/11 there were attempts to attack the US but these were not totally successful. Information on the Oklahoma City bombing showed the infiltration of ideology that produced this terrible loss of life.**



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

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**NPS Supervisory**



# Nominations Open for Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley 2026 Officers & Board of Directors Election at November 6th Meeting

**Nominations are OPEN for 2026 Officers & Directors - as announced at the September Membership Dinner Meeting & mentioned in the INCOMING News. President Dennis Giacovelli appointed Past President Jim Hill Chair of the Recruitment & Nomination Committee for 2026. He also appointed Dave Smith to serve as official member of the 2026 committee for the Election of Officers & Directors for the VNVDV. Past President Jim Hill expressed he is *looking for a few good men...* to serve on the Board in 2026. The President needs a solid team behind him... so all members are encouraged to find out more about these positions from any of these Past President... Mike Weber.** The Official Ballots will be distributed at the November 6th dinner meeting with the names of those nominated to-date. You can nominate yourself - or members can nominate other current members in good standing. Any election questions about the "responsibilities" of each office should be directed to any of these three members of the election committee. **Elections/Voting (turning in your written ballot)** will be held at the General Membership Meeting on **Thursday - November 6, 2025**. Ballots may also be returned by mail to the VNVDV official mailing address. All "mailed ballots" must be "completed in full" and received no later than **November 20, 2025** to be counted in the final results. Election results will be announced by the President & Election Committee at the **December meeting** & announced in the ***Incoming*** electronic newsletter.

The 2025 Election is for the 2026 VNVDV Officers & Board of Directors positions listed:

President

Vice-President

Treasurer

Secretary

Director of Public Relations

Director of Membership

Director of Events

Director At Large

Director of Information

Director of Procurement

Director of Speakers

**THE OFFICE OF SECRETARY MUST  
BE FILLED. CONTRIBUTE**

**CONTACT JIM HILL  
(jamauihill@yahoo.com) AND FILL  
THIS POSITION**

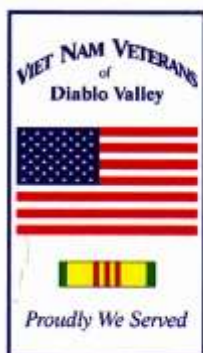
The Election Committee has received nominations for each position and encourages members to find out about each leadership role and become involved in our Board of Directors meetings. All positions are OPEN and we encourage members to run for whatever position they desire by notifying the Nomination Selection Committee by e-mail (please copy Election Committee members). The duties & responsibilities of all "Officers & Directors" positions listed above are outlined in our organizational by-laws. We encourage new members - as well and those now with time available - to attend our October Board of Directors meetings this month on the 3rd Thursday of each month at the Danville Veteran's Memorial Building at 1800. This is a good way to find out what each position is responsible for and gives you a better understanding and background of the organization. All members are welcome to attend any Board meeting. If you have questions about the positions - speak one of the members of the nomination/election committee. Co-Chairs and Assistants are "appointed" by the President - and are needed in most areas. This is a great way to learn about the duties - help in a significant way - and keep our organization strong & active in helping fellow veterans - those serving and our community. **Past President Jerry Yahiro noted... "The quality of an organization depends on its current leaders' and the members' willingness to participate in the administration of the organization."** We encourage all members to "strongly consider" becoming more active & involved in "the program of your choice" in our organization.

**President Dennis Giacovelli** previously indicated there are many enjoyable positions to serve - making a difference in the direction of this amazing organization and he strongly encourages all members to consider joining the 2026 team which he promises will be another fun & exciting year. Our events & activities are so varied... there is truly something for everybody! You can make a difference. Join the team.



**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 Pow-  
er Stitch**



**John T.J. Trujillo**  
*Director of Procurement*

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**VNVDV SHIRT HAT  
DISPLAY AT SEPT  
MEETING**

**VNVDV Members THANK David Behring**

**Wheelchair  
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The VietNam Veterans made 3 Wheel Chair distribution trips,  
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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 Commemoration -  
Honoring Your Service - ONLY \$50.**

**Danville VMB's County Veterans Service Office**

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Do you have an AWM Paver? Don't wait -  
Honor a veteran, friend, neighbor, family member  
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**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](http://www.AllWarsMemorial.org)*  
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*Blue Star Moms #101 website: [www.bluestarmoms.org](http://www.bluestarmoms.org) & Blue Star Moms #20 website: [www.ccbluestarmoms.org](http://www.ccbluestarmoms.org)*  
*VNVDV website to see more about the Vietnam Veterans of Diablo Valley at: [www.VNVDV.org](http://www.VNVDV.org)*

**VISIT THE WEBSITE for the VETERANS MEMORIAL BUILDING at: [www.VMBSRV.org](http://www.VMBSRV.org)**

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**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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**Electronic News**

**To:**

**VNVDV Members & VIPs**

**2025 OFFICERS & BOD**

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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](http://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!*

**PAST PRESIDENTS**

**Jim Hill**

**Steve Burchik**

**Dennis Giacobelli**

**Gary Estrella**

**William "Bill" Green**

**Ray La Rochelle**

**Michael Slattengren**

**Jerry Yahiro**

**John Estes**

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**Tim Hart**

**Mike Weber**

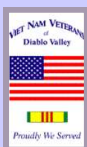
**Mike McDaniel**

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**Ron Azarcon**

**Bill Picton**

**Norm Mahalich**



**DINNER MEETING**

**THURSDAY OCTOBER 2ND**  
**BRIDGES GOLF CLUB SAN RAMON**  
**DINNER COST WILL BE \$35**

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# DINE N' DONATE

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## Upcoming Events & Retreats

### July 2025

- ★ Saturdays with St. Francis  
July 12<sup>th</sup> 10am - 2pm & monthly  
through December
- ★ Hope in Action: Collaborating for a  
More Just and Loving World  
July 13<sup>th</sup> 9:00am - 4:00pm
- ★ Women's All-Fellowship 12-Step  
Recovery Retreat (Weekend Retreat)  
July 18<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup>

### August 2025

- ✓ The Inspiring Lives of Unsung Heroines  
in Scripture: Women of the New  
Testament (Part 2) (Weekend Retreat)  
August 1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup>
- ✓ St. Clare of Assisi on Pathways to  
Resilience for our Times (Weekend  
Retreat) August 15<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup>

### August cont...

- ✓ Healing Retreat for Those Who Are  
Grieving (Day Retreat)  
August 23<sup>rd</sup> 9:00am - 4:00pm

### September 2025

- ★ Your Story, Your Legacy:  
Reflections into the Heart of Who  
You Are (Weekend Retreat)  
September 12<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup>
- ★ Mindfulness Based Stress Reduction  
(MBSR) An 8-Week Science-Based  
Program: Inviting Peace  
Online beginning September 13<sup>th</sup>  
with In-Person Day Retreat  
November 1st

★  
San Damiano's Annual  
Jazz Festival!  
Sunday September 21st  
4:00pm  
★

### Nov - Dec 2025

- ✓ Retirement & Purposeful Aging -  
What's Next in My Life (Weekend  
Retreat)  
November 7<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup>
- ✓ Pathways Through Grief: A Healing  
Journey (Grief Retreat Weekend)  
November 21<sup>st</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup>

From Payback to Love Back:  
Relating Without Retaliating  
A Day Workshop with David  
Richo  
Saturday December 13<sup>th</sup>

We have more events &  
retreats on our website!  
For more information:  
[www.SanDamiano.org](http://www.SanDamiano.org)



To book your own event or retreat:  
email [Booking@SanDamiano.org](mailto:Booking@SanDamiano.org)



# VNVDV PROMOTE DONATIONS FOR WHEELCHAIRS AT THE WHEELCHAIR FOUNDATION GOLF TOURNAMENT



**TOM AMATO AND JOE CALLAWAY, VNVDV MEMBERS, SPONSORED THE VNVDV HOLE THAT RECEIVED DONATIONS FOR 100 WHEELCHAIRS FROM TOURNAMENT PARTICIPANTS**



2025 - One Show Only  
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## San Damiano & The Franciscan Way



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San Damiano Retreat Center in Danville, CA takes its name from the small chapel where St. Francis of Assisi had his transformative encounter with Christ. When Francis heard Christ say, "Go repair my house, which is falling into ruins," he initially took it literally but eventually understood it as a call to renew the Church through simplicity, joy, and service.

### Applying Franciscan Spirituality Today

**Practicing Presence:** Being fully attentive to each person and moment.

**Embracing Vulnerability:** Seeing vulnerability as a sacred space for authentic connection.

**Practicing Generous Simplicity:** Holding possessions lightly and creating space for what matters.

**Reading the Book of Creation:** Finding God revealed in nature.

**Building Peace Through Encounter:** Engaging across differences with respect and curiosity.

We welcome all who would like to join as volunteers. Ask about our sponsorship opportunities as well!

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## Book Your Event or Retreat with Us!

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**24th Annual**

# **9-11 Remembrance Ceremony**

**Keynote Speaker**

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**September 11th  
5:30 - 6:30 PM  
Oak Hill Park  
Danville**

**Monte Vista Choir \* Free Ice Cream \* 9-11 Essay Awards Contest**

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# AUGUST 2025 VNVDV DINNER MEETING





# VMB Fundraiser Dinner



Join us at Virtue and Vice in Danville for dinner, and help us raise much needed funds to cover the operating costs for the Veterans Memorial Building in Danville, so we can continue serving our Veteran Community!

Blue Star Moms Chapter 101 will be the servers. 10% of all sales and 100% of all tips go towards the VMB fundraiser!



Wednesday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, 5pm-8:30pm  
Virtue and Vice, 267 Hartz Ave, Danville, CA

Please call 925-406-4867 to make reservations for dining in, or let them know you want take out. **It is very important to make reservations AHEAD of the event please!**

[virtueandvicedanville.com](http://virtueandvicedanville.com)