

INCOMING NEWS



AUG 2026

Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley

VNVDV AUGUST 6TH MEETING BRIDGES GOLF CLUB, SAN RAMON

Dennis
Giacovelli
VNVDV
President

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

If you weren't able to join us, you missed the largest turnout we've *ever* had for our 4th of July Parade. Both sides of the route were packed—five and six deep the entire way—and the crowd's enthusiasm never let up. It was a terrific day, and I believe everyone who participated felt that energy. Our community's spirit and strength was in full view.

As we look ahead, 2026 marks the **35th Anniversary** of the **Vietnam Veterans of Diablo Valley**. I'd like to use our November meeting to celebrate this milestone in a meaningful way. One project I'm putting together is a slideshow highlighting our history and the faces of our members—then and now.

To make this possible, I'm asking each of you to send two photos:

FOURTH OF JULY PARADE PREPARATION



SPEAKER for the AUGUST 6TH DINNER MEETING WILL BE

Jennifer Thaete
speaking on
WILLS, TRUSTS
and PROBATE.



President's Message (Continued on Page Two)

- One of yourself during your Vietnam service ("in country" or wherever you served)
- One current photo

And if you happen to have some interesting photos depicting our group over the years, please send them also. You can email them to me at **houseworks@pacbell.net**, or mail them to:

Dennis Giacobelli 48 Ambleside Ct. Danville, CA 94526

As summer continues, I hope you find time to relax with friends and family. Stay safe, stay healthy, and please keep our military in your thoughts. We find ourselves at war again, and that is never easy for those who serve.

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JULY 4TH 2025 PRE-PARADE



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TEAM
JULY 1**



JULY 4TH 2026 POST-PARADE



FOURTH OF JULY PARADE 2025



JULY 2026 VNVDV DINNER MEETING



VIET NAM VETERANS DIABLO VALLEY AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Jack Enright	Army	Denver Mills	Navy
Ed Meshinsky	Army	Carl Swanson	Army
Mike Martin	Navy	Doyle Sivils	Army
Gary Sponseller	Army	Trey Blum	Marine
Marcia Estrella		Honorary	

Thanks to the July Speaker Don Swanson, a member of the Livermore Police Department Reserve Force discussing SCAM programs that he has researched. This information included many examples of SCAMS and the signs to alert you to this danger.



- Someone showing interest in you
- Someone acting unusual looking at your things rather than shopping
- Someone making small talk out of the blue
- Someone trying to divert your attention
- Someone getting into your personal space

Take Action

- Proactively know who is around you
- Make people aware that you are aware of them
- Stay off your phone in public
- Don't place yourself in a situation to become a victim
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VetsBoats shares the magic and beauty of wooden boats to help restore health and well-being to military veterans who suffer from PTSD and Traumatic Injuries. We are here to inspire and motivate them to participate in marine education, exploration, and sail training on San Francisco Bay and across the country.

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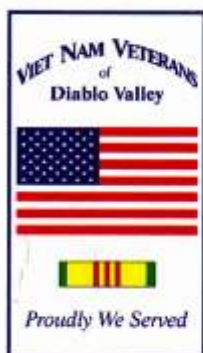
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to Purpose/Power



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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

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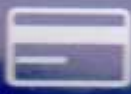
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The VNVDV meets monthly on the **1st Thursday** of every month at the **Bridges Golf Club, San Ramon.**

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!**

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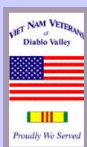
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