

JAN 2026



## Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley

# VNVDV FEBRUARY 5TH MEETING BRIDGES GOLF CLUB, SAN RAMON



Dennis Giacovelli  
VNVDV  
President

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This is the most important message of the year.

**Sunday February 8<sup>th</sup> is our annual Crab Feed Fundraiser.** This is where we get half of the money we need to do what we do all year to **support Veterans and Active Duty Military.**

If you attended the **Christmas Dinner**, you got a glimpse of what types of things we support. We gave gas and Target Cards to the **Concord Vet Center, the County Veteran Service Office and Diablo Valley College Veterans First program.** We funded the brunch for **Gold Star Parents at the Marines Memorial** event, gave **Blue Star Moms** money for postage to send their goodie boxes to troops overseas. We bought 10 wheelchairs to be distributed in Vietnam and gave money to the **Vin Son Orphanage in Vietnam.** A large check was sent to the **Contra Costa County Food Bank and the Tunnels to Towers program.**

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE VNVDV CRAB FEED FUNDRAISER

FEB 8, 2026

VMB DANVILLE, CA

DOORS OPEN 1:30 PM

SNACK FOOD AND SOCIALIZE

FRESH CRAB DINNER AND FOOTBALL GAME TO FOLLOW

TICKETS ARE \$100

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

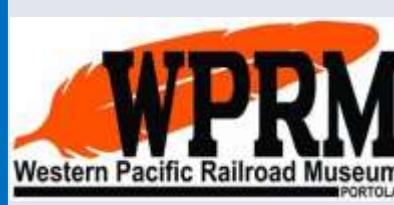
925-831-9678

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

THERE WILL BE A LIVE AUCTION

JOIN VNVDV FOR THIS GREAT EVENT

**SPEAKER for the FEBRUARY 5TH DINNER MEETING WILL BE Eugene Vicnair** who will share information about the restoration project



of a Korean War military railroad car taking place at the Western Pacific Railroad Museum located in Portola CA.

A large check was sent to the **Contra Costa County Food Bank and the Tunnels to Towers program**. We are starting a partnership with **Hospice of the East Bay** and are funding shut-in boxes for our members. All this, to name just a few.

And today, I am expecting delivery of 32 different items for the **Camp Parks "The Well, Coffee Café"** a place that both serves our Enlisted and teaches them the fundamentals of cooking and running a business. They get to be on both sides of the counter. A win, win.

These are just some of the ways we use the money raised at the Crab Feed. I would strongly urge you to come join us at the crab feed by calling Ed Baficco, **925-831-9678, edg-ogolf@sbcglobal.net today**, or, consider just sitting down and writing a donation check to our organization, and know that you are doing your part to help others.

Thanks very much, and I hope to see you all Sunday.

**Dennis Giacovelli**  
President  
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**VMB  
DANVILLE  
COFFEE  
SATURDAY  
8:30-12:00**

## VNVDV 2026 CRAB FEED

**A GREAT EVENT**

**A GREAT ORGANIZATION**

**PURCHASE TICKETS**

**Contact Ed Baffico:**

**edgogolf@sbcglobal.net 925-831-9678**



# 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:**

**[edgogolf@sbcglobal.net](mailto:edgogolf@sbcglobal.net) or (925) 831-9678**

**Thank you!**

VIET NAM VETERANS of DIABLO VALLEY

ANNUAL  
**CRAB FEED**  
FUNDRAISER

Fresh Cracked Crab

**SILENT AUCTION**

TICKETS  
**\$100.**  
EACH

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**\$100.**  
EACH

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](mailto:edgogolf@sbcglobal.net) or (925) 831-9678

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



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.

**Donated Gift Cards Collected  
at our January 8, 2026  
Dinner Meeting**

**Thank you for Your Support!**

# 2025 VETERAN MEMORIAL BUILDING DOCENTS

## RECOGNIZED FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS



**BREAKFAST PREPARATION AND PRESENTATION**



THANKS TO ALL THE DOCENT VOLUNTEERS FOR THEIR HOURS OF SERVICE.

PHOTO TO THE LEFT IS:  
ROBIN LEMMO,  
DOCENT OF THE YEAR  
AWARD



I am going to start with something that is very near and dear to us all.  
As you probably all know, we lost one of our rocks last year, I am talking about Jerry Yahiro.  
We will never forget him, and it seems he has not forgotten us.  
Jerry left the Veterans Memorial Building a sizable amount of money in his will.



# JANUARY 2026 DINNER MEETING ATTENDEES





# 2 INCREDIBLE DAYS OF FREE DENTAL CARE

Please join us

Give Special Kids A Smile on February 20<sup>th</sup> or  
Give Veterans A Smile on February 21<sup>st</sup>.

9:00am - 2:00pm both days.

La Clinica de La Raza - 1203 J St in Union City

## Dental Care Provided

All patients will receive a screening, cleaning, and any dental treatment that can be tolerated.(fillings, extractions, etc.) Additional services may be provided.



Oral Health Kits will also be provided for all participants.



## Give Special Kids A Smile

Feb 20

> This event is open to adults and children with intellectual, developmental or physical disabilities. Our clinic is ADA accessible and wheelchair friendly.



## Give Veterans A Smile

Feb 21

> This event is open to all US armed forces veterans. Please bring you DD214 as proof as eligibility.



Register is required. Register using the QR codes above or at: [www.sacds.org](http://www.sacds.org)

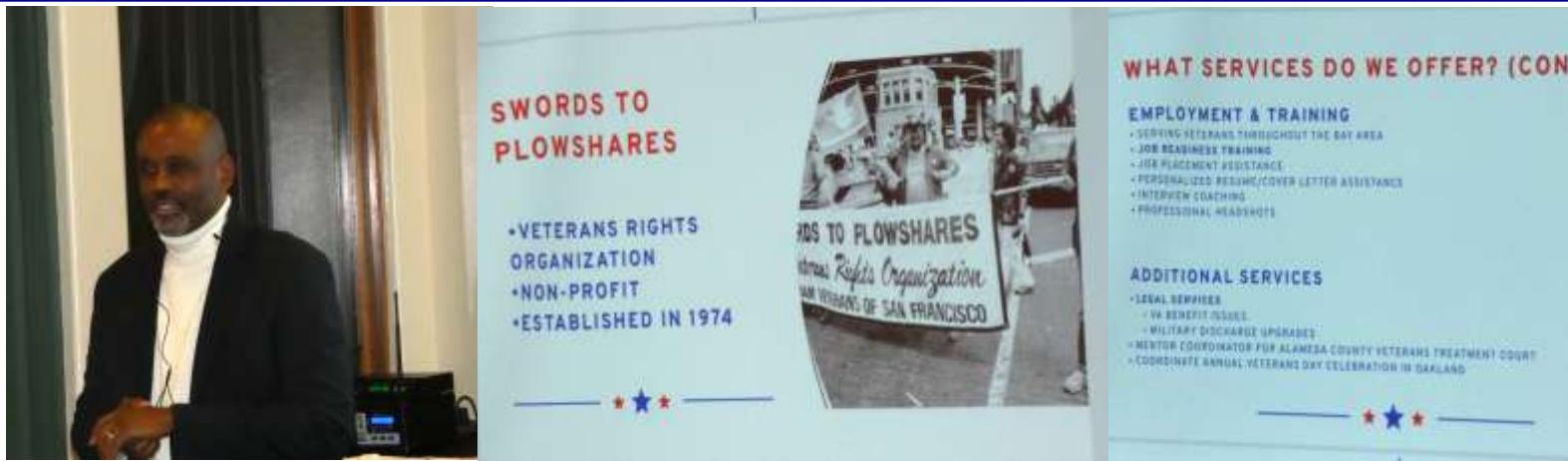


Have questions:  
Email us at: [info@sacds.org](mailto:info@sacds.org)  
Call us at: 510-782-5316

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

Russ Kennedy	Air Force	Alex Gioulis	Army
Alvin Webb	Navy	Eric Ardell	Navy
Harold Griggs	Army	Tom Corbett	Marine
Rudy Rodriquez	Navy	Jim Kuhn	Air Force
Ray Hill	Air Force	Pete Garcia	Navy
Robert Dominici	Navy	Tim Hart	Marine
Don Love	Marine	Jim Hardy	Army
Mike Speakman	Navy	Dave Brown	Army
John Rehnberg	Air Force	Bob Musor	Army
Dick Harrow	Navy	Norm Hendricks	Army

**Thanks to the January Speaker Mark Walker, discussing the Swords to Ploughshares program that provides support for Veterans in the San Francisco Bay Area.**



**SWORDS TO PLOWSHARES**

- VETERANS RIGHTS ORGANIZATION
- NON-PROFIT
- ESTABLISHED IN 1974

**WHAT SERVICES DO WE OFFER? (CON**

**EMPLOYMENT & TRAINING**

- SERVING VETERANS THROUGHOUT THE BAY AREA
- JOB READINESS TRAINING
- JOB PLACEMENT ASSISTANCE
- PERSONALIZED RESUME/COVER LETTER ASSISTANCE
- INTERVIEW COACHING
- PROFESSIONAL HEADSHOTS

**ADDITIONAL SERVICES**

- LEGAL SERVICES
- VA BENEFITS ISSUES
- MILITARY DISCHARGE UPGRADING
- MENTOR COORDINATOR FOR ALAMEDA COUNTY VETERANS TREATMENT COURT
- COORDINATE ANNUAL VETERANS DAY CELEBRATION IN OAKLAND



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

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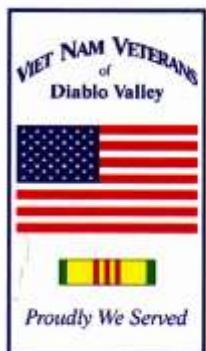


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**Thanks to Procurement Director John “T.J.” Trujillo for his monthly display of VNVDV Hats and Shirts. Order your VNVDV NAME TAGS contact “T.J.”**

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Shirts and  
Hats team  
with TJ  
and Pow-  
er Stitch**



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**VNVDV SHIRT HAT  
DISPLAY AT SEPT  
MEETING**

**VNVDV Members THANK David Behring**

**Wheelchair  
Foundation**



**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 Commemoration -  
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](http://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)**

**Marines Memorial Association / Hotel / Club in SF - Visit their website at: [www.MarineClub.com](http://www.MarineClub.com)**

**Sentinels of Freedom Scholarship Foundation - visit: [www.SentinelsofFreedom.org](http://www.SentinelsofFreedom.org)**

**Wheelchair Foundation & Wine for Wheels - Support our those in need of mobility - Visit: [www.WineforWheels.org](http://www.WineforWheels.org)**

**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)**

**SUPPORT OUR BLUE STAR MOMS “DROP-OFF” LOCATIONS**



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VETERANS AFFAIRS

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Martinez, CA 94553

Fax: (925) 372-2804

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FLU shot - available to all Veterans! Don't Wait!

Veterans  
It's that  
time of year

GET YOUR FLU SHOT  
MARTINEZ CLINIC



Martinez Clinic

Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. PT  
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

"VETERAN VOICES"

on SECOND MONDAY OF MONTH

TUNE-IN AND ASK YOUR  
QUESTIONS ABOUT VETERAN  
SERVICE OR VETERAN ISSUE.

Watch 7pm Mondays

**VETERANS' VOICES**

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.

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CCCTV

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

Contra Costa TV is channel 32 on Antenna, channel 27 on Comcast, and channel 99 on AT&T U-verse. Episodes air: Mondays @ 7pm, Wednesdays @ 11pm & Saturdays @ 9am.



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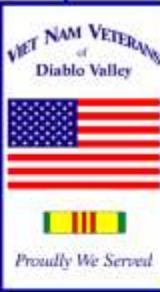
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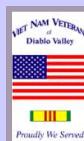
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**The VietNam Veterans of Diablo Valley** - established in 1991 as a local, grass-roots, non-profit, & all-volunteer Veteran Service Organization (VSO) to promote & enhance the image of the Viet Nam Veteran through Community Service & Support of our 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](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!

**DINNER MEETING**  
**THURSDAY FEBRUARY 5TH**  
**BRIDGES GOLF CLUB SAN RAMON**  
**5 PM SOCIAL 6 PM DINNER**  
**DINNER COST WILL BE \$35**

**"INCOMING" News - Official Newsletter of the VNVDV**