

INCOMING NEWS



Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley

JAN 2026

VNVDV FEBRUARY 5TH MEETING BRIDGES GOLF CLUB, SAN RAMON



Dennis
Giacovel II
VNVDV
President

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This is the most important message of the year.

Sunday February 8th 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.

President's Message (Continued on Page Two)

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)

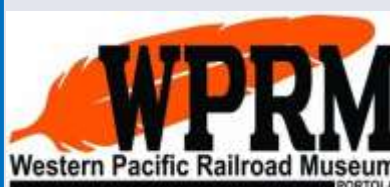
925-831-9678

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**, **edgogolf@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 Giacobelli
President
PH (925) 323-9404
houseworks@pacbell.net



VNVDV 2026 CRAB FEED
A GREAT EVENT
A GREAT ORGANIZATION
PURCHASE TICKETS

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



VMB
DANVILLE
COFFEE
SATURDAY
8:30-12:00



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 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 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 DO-
CENT 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 20th or
Give Veterans A Smile on February 21st.

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



Have questions:

Email us at: 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 Rodriguez	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 BENEFIT ISSUES
- MILITARY DISCHARGE UPDATES
- 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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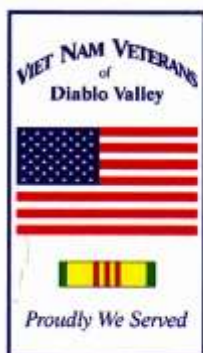
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with TJ
and Pow-
er Stitch**



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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 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
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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Martinez, CA 94553

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FLU IS CAUSING SERIOUS ILLNESS & DEATH!

Please visit one of our VA Clinics in Martinez

- Oakland or other locations now to obtain your

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**



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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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!*

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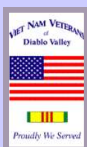
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DINNER MEETING
THURSDAY FEBRUARY 5TH
BRIDGES GOLF CLUB SAN RAMON
5 PM SOCIAL 6 PM DINNER
DINNER COST WILL BE \$35

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