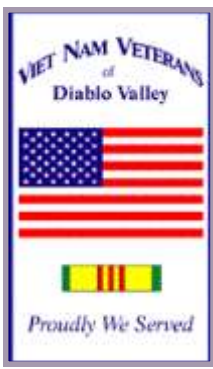


INCOMING NEWS



JULY 2026

**Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley
Help Distribute 10,000 American Flags with the VNVDV
Danville's Kiwanis 4th of July Independence Day Parade**

**VNVDV JULY 2ND MEETING
BRIDGES GOLF CLUB, SAN RAMON**



Dennis
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VNVDV
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As **250th Independence Day** approaches, I find myself thinking about the meaning of service in times that feel uncertain. As Vietnam Veterans, we have known troubled times before. We carried our nation's flag into the jungles, the highlands and the delta, and we carried it home in our hearts when the welcome was not always what it should have been. Through it all, we learned that the promise of America is not a matter of ease, but of endurance.

The **Fourth of July** is more than fireworks and parades. Celebrating the day does not ignore our challenges—it acknowledges them and affirms that the freedoms we fought for are worth protecting, discussing, and strengthening.

CELEBRATING 250 YEARS!

President's Message (Continued on Page Two)

**FOURTH OF JULY PARADE WILL BE
HELD ON SATURDAY JULY 4, 2026**

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PARADE START 0900 SHARP - MUSTER @ 0800.

VNVDV WHITE COLLARED JERSEY SHIRT, DARK BLUE SLACKS OR SHORTS, WHITE VNVDV CAP.

VNVDV MEMBERS WILL HAND OUT FLAGS TO CHILDREN & PATRIOTS ALONG PARADE ROUTE



VNVDV MEMBER SANDY JOHNSON WITH HER NEW WHITE VNVDV HAT READY FOR SATURDAY'S PARADE. NOTE COLOR GUARD UNIFORMS TO LEFT

SPEAKER for the JULY 2ND DINNER MEETING WILL BE



Don Swanson, a member of the Livermore Police Department Reserve Force who will be speaking about SCAM programs that he has researched. This information will be valuable since just about everyone is exposed to these schemes.

Patriotism does not have to be loud, but it needs to be steady. This year, let us gather with purpose. Fly the flag with pride. Tell our stories to the next generation so they understand the cost of indifference and the power of unity. Extend a hand to a fellow Veteran who might be struggling. Stand with our Gold Star families and those still healing, seen and unseen. And let us always remember those who never made it home by living in a way that honors their sacrifice.

On this Independence Day, may we find renewed gratitude for the freedoms we defended, renewed commitment for the work ahead, and renewed confidence that America's best days are not behind us.

CELEBRATING 250 YEARS...

SEE YOU AT THE PARADE

Dennis

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FOURTH OF JULY PARADE WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY JULY 4, 2026 STARTS @ 9AM - MUSTER @ 8AM

FOLLOW THE MAP AND PARK UNDER THE SOLAR PANELS IN THE SAN RAMON VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL LOT



VNVVDV MEMBERS CHECK UNIFORM - GETTING READY FOR PARADE WEARING: WHITE VNVVDV POLO or WHITE SHIRT - WHITE HAT - DARK BLUE TROUSERS OR SHORTS & WHITE TENNIS SHOES

NOTE: Wear Your Ribbons/ Medals on Military Holidays

JULY 4TH 2025 POST-PARADE



JULY 4TH 2025 PRE-PARADE

OUR **VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS POST 75** IN DANVILLE IS HOSTING A **BARBECUE AT THE VETERANS MEMORIAL BUILDING, 400 HARTZ FOLLOWING THE 4TH OF JULY PARADE.** VETERAN PARADE PARTICIPANTS, PARADE VIEWERS, FRIENDS AND FAMILY ARE INVITED TO JOIN THIS FESTIVE AFFAIR. **BIG ED "MOOSE" MESHINSKY** OFFERS YEARS OF EXPERIENCE PRODUCING **VFW** EVENTS AND THIS BBQ OFFERS A GREAT WAY TO ENJOY **250 YEARS** ON THE FOURTH WITH CELEBRANTS.



A BIG SHOUT OUT TO BATTER 'N ICING FOR THEIR SUPPORT AND DONATION OF DELICIOUS CUPCAKES FOR THE MEMORIAL DAY POST CEREMONY VNV DV GATHERING AT OAK HILL PARK - THANKS



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WEAR YOUR MEDALS

SHOW YOUR PRIDE

The Department of Veterans Affairs calls on all veterans to express their patriotism and pride on Memorial Day and other major patriotic holidays through a display of medals earned in their military service.

Join your comrades in public display of your military decorations. It's a way to show your community the spirit of America's veterans and remind your neighbors of the service and sacrifice of those who guarded democracy.

As we salute America's heroes on Memorial Day, Veterans Day and the Fourth of July, wear your medals and show your pride, whether participating in public observances or relaxing with family and friends. Your medals tell a story of service in the cause of freedom that all Americans need to hear.

**VA Encourages Veterans
to Wear Military Medals on
Independence Day**



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JUNE 2026 VNVDV DINNER MEETING



VetsBoats.org offers an opportunity for a wonderful day on the SF Bay for Members of The Vietnam Veterans of the Diablo Valley to join with other veterans during the delightful sailing experience. Special thanks to the generous donors who make this possible and the Vets-Boats Team without whom these events could not happen! You can learn more about Vets-Boats: <https://VetsBoats.org> **DAO NGUYEN CAN PROVIDE MORE INFORMATION**



Healing Through Camaraderie



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.

Through common purpose and teamwork, veterans rediscover inner strengths and share in the camaraderie of fellow veterans. The VetsBoats method brings them out of isolation and helps them engage in a variety of activities that promote mindfulness. VA studies have shown that learning to sail and taking part in sailing activities, when paired with a therapeutic treatment program led by a medical healthcare provider, significantly increase lasting positive outcomes for participants.

In supporting ~~VetsBoats~~, you help create real, human impact through powerful, hands-on experiences where veterans find purpose, connection, and renewed strength. Your involvement directly fuels moments of teamwork, learning, and camaraderie that allow healing to happen naturally from veteran to veteran.

From Isolation/Loneliness to Participation/Community
to Purpose/Power

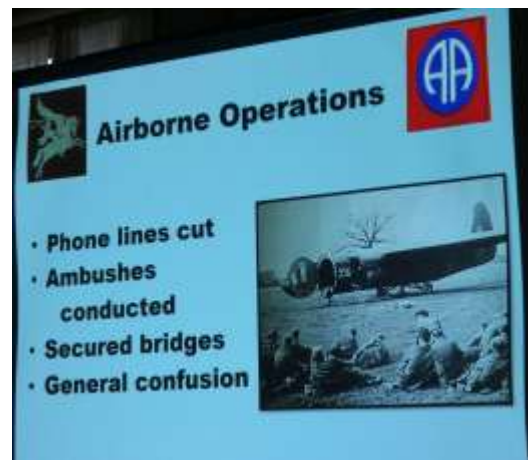


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VIET NAM VETERANS DIABLO VALLEY JULY BIRTHDAYS

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Mike Weber	Army	Earl Conklin	Army
James Hill	Army	John Schafgans	Army
Alex McElee	Navy	Frank Luna	Army
Wayne Norwood	Army	Daniel Harrington	Navy
Joe Cardinale	Army	Steve Cochran	Army
Larry Ashcock	Army	Marty De Venuta	Air Force
Ron Huesman	Marines	John Willing	Marines
Jeff Wagner	Marines	Billy Rogers	Army
Sandra Johnson	Air Force	Jeremy Bonelle	Army
Ed Baffico	Air Force	Eugene Franck	Army
Tom Silva	Air Force	Marilyn Sperling	Honorary
	Georgann Seavy	Honorary	

Thanks to the June Speaker **BART GILBERT** discussing **WORLD WAR II OPERATION HUSKY** the **INVASION OF SICILY BY AMERICAN AND BRITISH FORCES**.



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

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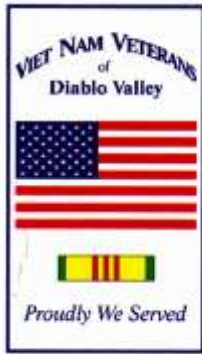
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VNVDV SHIRT HAT DISPLAY AT SEPT MEETING

VNVDV Members THANK David Behring

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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

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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

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7:00 PM CCTV, Hosted by the
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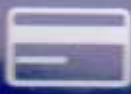
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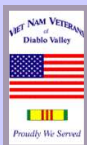
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The VietNam Veterans of Diablo Valley - established in 1991 as a local, grass-roots, non-profit, & all-volunteer Veteran Service Organization (VSO) to promote & enhance the image of the Viet Nam Veteran through Community Service & Support of our fellow 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. 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!*

To:

VNVDV Members & VIPs

DINNER MEETING
THURSDAY - JULY 2ND
BRIDGES GOLF CLUB SAN RAMON

5 PM SOCIAL 6 PM DINNER

DINNER COST WILL BE \$35

After Buffet Dinner - A Featured Speaker!

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