

The service of our contemporaries.
1945-present.

In the aftermath of World War II, East Asia became the theater in our efforts to deter post-war Communist imperialism. In Korea, we see the ammunition, mittens, and rifle used by more than 300,000 American soldiers who fought on that frozen peninsula. And in Vietnam, we hear the roar of the powerful UH-1 “Huey” helicopters — icons in a conflict marked by jungle, sea, air, and riverine combat.

Bridging these wars and our current deployments was the Cold War — a nearly half-century superpower standoff characterized by our policy of deterring foreign aggression and supporting our allies.

In modern times, from the Gulf War in Kuwait to our battles against global terrorism in Iraq and Afghanistan, we see new kinds of tanks, aircraft, and equipment, all representing the evolution of military technology.

Finally, what we don’t see — but what we must always remember and acknowledge: the American humanitarian military operations that occur outside of the theater of war. These are the equally heroic efforts on the part of our veterans to deliver, nationally and internationally, medical care, emergency relief, search and rescue, scientific research, and much more.

The service of our elders.
1910-1945.

It started in the last century, with the war to end all wars. Amidst all the reminders of WWI combat, we see a letter from King George V of England imploring our young American doughboys — our grandfathers and great-grandfathers — to keep the faith on the fields of Flanders.

But the wars didn’t end. And so we see the battle helmets, the M1 Garand rifle — described by General George S. Patton as ‘the greatest battle implement ever devised’ — and equipment used by the Greatest Generation, on European soil and in Pacific waters, in their long and honorable service in the Second World War.



A lone chair: the symbolic place setting for our POW/MIA brothers and sisters who cannot dine with us, due to their sacrifice in the defense of freedom.

A place of welcome.

For nearly a century, the Danville Veterans Memorial Hall has been a place where those who served in our armed forces have been able to call home.

Today, we honor the service and sacrifices of those brave men and women by proudly displaying the artifacts and memorabilia of their deployments — with a special emphasis on our own local veterans.

By collecting and preserving these treasures — including a large collection of books depicting the military history of the United States — we hope to foster appreciation and knowledge of our country’s, and our region’s, military legacy.

We hope you enjoy your visit.

The Veterans Memorial Building
of San Ramon Valley

400 Hartz Avenue
Danville, CA 94526

925-362-9806
www.srvveteranshall.org

Open Monday – Friday, 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM
Docents on duty (no appointment necessary)

Help us keep their
memories alive.

They sacrificed so much. We now gladly take it upon ourselves the task of honoring their service. Won’t you help? There are several ways you can support our work, including through a legacy donation.

► **General Operation Fund**

► **Donor Recognition Board**

- Legacy Circle (\$1,500 - \$4,999)
- Heritage Circle (\$5,000 - \$9,999)
- Patriots Circle (\$10,000 - \$24,999)
- Circle of Service (\$25,000 - \$49,999)
- Circle of Merit (\$50,000 - \$99,999)
- Circle of Honor (\$100,000 and above)

► **Naming Opportunity**

Community Hall, Flagpole, Lounge, Lobby, Display Case, etc.

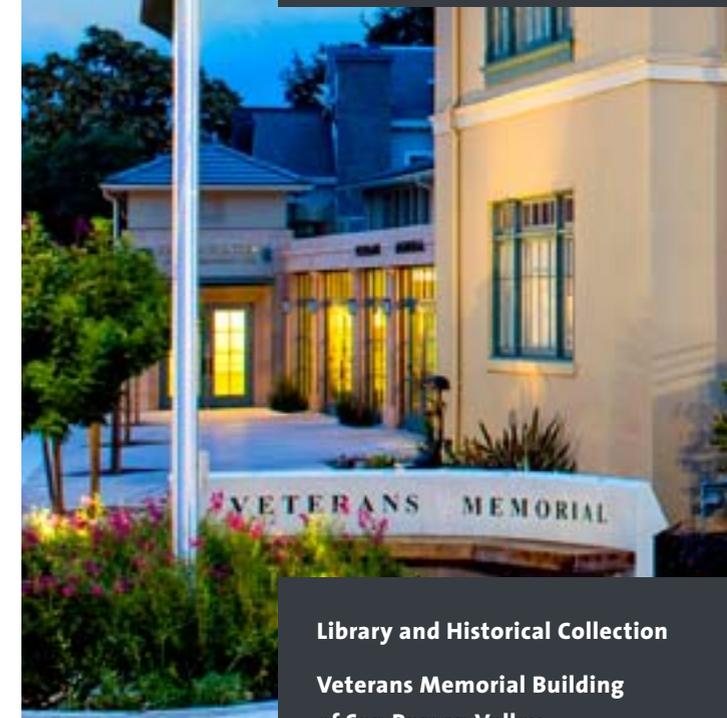
► **Endowment Fund**

The Veterans Memorial Building development Committee of San Ramon Valley is a 501©(3) non-profit organization. You can make a donation via PayPal (SRV Veterans Hall), or send a check payable to VMBDC to:

Veterans Memorial Building Development Committee
P.O. Box 1092, Danville, CA 94526



To honor.
To preserve.
To educate.



Library and Historical Collection

Veterans Memorial Building
of San Ramon Valley

They came home from the Great War wanting to join together, to honor their lost compatriots and support one another. And so it was that Veterans Memorial Hall — the home of Mount Diablo Post 246 of the American Legion — opened its doors on April 2, 1925, welcoming its inaugural class of WWI veterans from the San Ramon Valley.

Over the years and decades to follow, in addition to accommodating veterans' activities, the building served as a cultural center for the entire San Ramon Valley area, hosting dances, parties, and youth activities.

But it was ultimately the wars of our country that brought people to, and through, these doors. For underlying both the festive and the practical was a community's unyielding desire to support those who sacrificed so much.

To help them heal. To help them socialize, and share camaraderie. And most of all, to never forget their efforts to serve our country.



WW1 Display



Korean Display



Vietnam Display



Gulf War, Iraq, Afghanistan Display



Keeping memories alive.

When you visit the Veterans Memorial Building, you take a step into history.

Casually browse the display areas, and soak in the rich and compelling stories of our involvements in foreign wars as told through the keepsakes of our local Army, Navy, Marine, Air Force, and Coast Guard veterans.

Take a guided docent tour with one of our local veterans, who can deepen your understanding of the conflicts that have shaped our nation. Or check out the library, maintained by the Marine Corps League and home to an extensive collection of nearly 5,000 volumes — 1,500 of which are on display, with an emphasis on World War II.

Finally, take a break in the Veterans Lounge, where you can learn still more about our local Valley vets, and see another collection of important military books on topics from the Revolutionary war to our current conflicts.

The building's museum area is open from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM each weekday. No appointment is necessary to take a docent tour. We hope to see you!



Mount Diablo Post 246,
American Legion



Vietnam Veterans of
Diablo Valley



San Ramon Valley Post 75,
Veterans of Foreign Wars



Mt. Diablo Detachment 942,
Marine Corps League



San Francisco Bay Area
Chapter, Military Order of
World Wars



Chapter 101,
Blue Star Moms