



# VMB NEWSLETTER

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Summer 2021

## WE'RE OPEN

### Saturday Morning Coffee

Join your fellow Veterans for coffee, sweets and camaraderie every Saturday morning from 9:00 till noon in the Veteran's Lounge and patio.



The VMB is open once again for in-person VSO meetings. Please contact Lee to schedule. The County Service Office is open once again at the VMB on Wednesdays. Call (925)313-1481 to schedule an appointment.

### Docent Volunteer Program

The Docent Volunteer Program at the VMB is a rewarding and important opportunity to help our community understand the history of our United States Military. Volunteers are needed for short 3 hour shifts, a couple times per month.



### Bravo Zulu JGR

John Reese was honored for his many years of volunteering to keep the VMB grounds in shape. Thanks to Newell Arnerich and Robert Storer for the installation



Swearing-in Ceremony

On May 23, 2021 the annual Swearing-in Ceremony was held at the Danville Town Green as the VMB hall was not yet open. Eight enlistees of various branches were sworn-in and five graduates entering Military Academies were honored. Bravo Zulu to Eric Ardell and the American Legion and all those who were involved.

### Bob Wright 8/22/1943-5/26/2021 REST IN PEACE Gary Estrella 5/5/1945-5/26/2021



Bob was an active member in the Marine Corps. League as well as the Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley. Bob was not only a VMB docent for many years but was the Docent of the Year in 2019. Bob was most proud when he was the host of the Saturday Morning Coffee.

Always the Marine, Gary was an active member and held many positions in the Marine Corps League, including Commandant. Gary was also a long standing member of the Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley, holding many offices including President. Gary was a docent for many years.



## Upcoming Events

### *"TIPS FOR CHANGE" EVENT MONDAY AUGUST 30, 2021*

Due to the ongoing Coronavirus Pandemic, we were forced to cancel our annual Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner Fundraiser in March. This is now our only fundraising opportunity for the year. Please join us at Gianni's Italian Bistro on Monday August 30. As a special treat this year, Danville's Vice Mayor Newell Arnerich and Councilmember Robert Storer will be waiting tables and Councilmember Karen Stepper will be greeting you at the door. It promises to be a fun night.



**Gianni's**  
ITALIAN BISTRO  
Dine-in or Take-out



Monday August 30, 2021 between 4:30 PM and 7:30 PM  
Make your reservations asap. Call (925)820-6969 or visit  
[www.giannissanramon.com](http://www.giannissanramon.com)

Gianni's Italian Bistro

2065 San Ramon Valley Blvd. San Ramon, CA 94583



*PLEASE ATTEND TO SUPPORT YOUR VMB*



Please note 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade to be held on  
**4<sup>th</sup> of September 2021**



**Annual Veterans Day (weekend)**  
**Museum resumes November 11<sup>th</sup> -14<sup>th</sup>**



## **Veterans Memorial Building of San Ramon Valley**

400 Hartz Ave. Danville, CA 94526  
925-362-9806 website [vmbsrv.org](http://vmbsrv.org)  
email [info@vmbsrv.org](mailto:info@vmbsrv.org).  
Open M-F 9:00 – 3:00 Sat 9:00 – 12:00

### **American Legion Post 246**

**Mark Heinemann**, Commander  
[commanderpost246@gmail.com](mailto:commanderpost246@gmail.com)  
Monthly lunch meeting at Veterans Memorial Building  
First Wednesday of each month at 12:00.

### **Marine Corps League Det. 942**

**Frank Wallace**, Commander  
925.228.7033 [FWallaceIIIUSMC@gmail.com](mailto:FWallaceIIIUSMC@gmail.com)  
Monthly meeting 4th Saturday at 9:00 @ VMB

### **Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 75**

**Michael Regan**, Commander [mwregan@gmail.com](mailto:mwregan@gmail.com)  
[www.VFWpost75.org](http://www.VFWpost75.org)  
Monthly meeting at Veterans Memorial Building Third  
Wednesday of each month at 7:30 pm.

### **Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley**

**Dennis Giacobelli**, President [houseworks@pacbell.net](mailto:houseworks@pacbell.net)  
Monthly Dinner meeting 1st Thursday of each month at  
Crow Canyon Country Club, 5:00 – 9:00.  
Board meetings 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month @VMB

### **Blue Star Moms Chapter 101**

**Stacy Nigro** [SLittle13@live.com](mailto:SLittle13@live.com)  
General meetings are on the second Wednesday of every  
month 7:00 – 9:00 pm at the VMB

### **Military Order of the World Wars**

**Gary Pforr**, Commander [Pforr@comcast.net](mailto:Pforr@comcast.net)

### **Military Officers Assoc. of America**

**Patty Wernet**, President [PattyWernet@hotmail.com](mailto:PattyWernet@hotmail.com)  
General meetings are on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month.  
Board meeting @ 4:00, general meeting 5:00-7:00 at the  
Veterans Memorial Building

### **Bay Area Navy Nurse Corps Assoc.**

**Lorrie Sammons**, President [bannca@nnca.org](mailto:bannca@nnca.org)

### **Combat Veterans Motorcycle Assoc.**

**Jeff McFall**, XO [jeff.mcfall@gmail.com](mailto:jeff.mcfall@gmail.com)