



Vietnam Veterans of Ventura County

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Objectives and Purposes

The Vietnam Veterans of Ventura County, Inc. is a 501(c) (19) non-profit corporation founded in 1985 and dedicated to:

- Providing a support system to Veterans and their families that promote emotional and physical well being.
- Eliminating discrimination suffered by Vietnam Veterans and their families by defending and promoting veteran's rights and providing education through the veteran's perspective on the Vietnam Conflict and its effects.
- Assisting in obtaining a full accounting of all American POW/MIA's.
- The Veteran's Administration reports that more than 40,000 Veterans make their home in Ventura County. One of our chief concerns is that each veteran receives the benefits and assistance that they deserve.
- Some reports hold that upwards of 20% of the homeless in this county are Vietnam Combat Veterans. We offer assistance with temporary housing and other financial aid as is possible. We have been instrumental in the Homeless Stand Down weekends in Ventura.
- The VVVC founded and has been instrumental in maintaining counseling of veterans in Ventura County.
- The VVVC yearly offers the Jimmy Ray Scholarship for continuing education. The 2020 Scholarship award of \$5000 is named for S/SGT James M, Ray, who was captured on 18 March 1968 in Lam Dong Province, South Vietnam and is still unaccounted for.
- This year the VVVC are also offering a \$2500 Scholarship in Jan Camacho's name. Jan was a longtime member and supporter of the organization and was lovingly known as our den-mother.
- The VVVC is partnering with local Veterans Associations and government agencies and representatives to ensure that all local Veterans are receiving their earned benefits and services.
- The VVVC is a proud member of the Ventura County Military Collaborative.
- The VVVC is a member of the Veteran's Advisory Committees for Congresswoman Julia Brownley and State Assemblywoman Jacqui Irwin.
- A primary accomplishment of the VVVC has been sponsoring the display of the Original Moving Wall (half-scale replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial) 1985 - 2018 a total of seven times here in Ventura County.
- The VVVC has a group of members that regularly speak to students in our public schools about the Vietnam War, the military holidays and subjects as prescribed by the grade of the students being visited.
- The VVVC regularly provides color guards and honor guards through-out the county and even out-of-state
- The VVVC currently has become the primary source of military funeral honors and provides this service with honor and pride to any that request it.

If you would like more information about the VVVC, please visit our web page:

www.vvvc.org

**We meet at 6:00 PM the third Saturday of each month at the Veterans Home of Ventura,
10900 Telephone Road, Ventura, CA 93006**