



Listening Post

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January 2011

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Acting President's Message:

A special note from Dave Betti: "Thank you to all of the VVVC family and friends that kept me in their thoughts and prayers. Because of you I'm still here", Dave Betti

I hope all had a great Christmas and a great start to 2011.

I would like to pass on condolences on behalf of the VVVC membership to Ed Evans (former Vice-president), who's father passed on just before Christmas and to Gordon Hemphill (former President) whose mother passed on at the same time.

I want to welcome home Dave Betti, he was released from CMH just before Christmas and will still require some rest and relaxation along with weekly rehab. It's good to hear his voice on the phone again, also a welcome home to Diane Miller, as she recovers from her surgery. I also want to say that Jan's brother-in-law is doing great; we visited him on Christmas Day and took along Zorro, his dog to see him.

If you missed the December dinner meeting the resident Veterans of the Veteran's Home, you missed a great time and dinner. We had about 28 people show up for a great meal and meeting afterwards.

As we enter 2011, I think it's important that we all stop and reflect on what we went through in December with Dave, Diane and others. Have we prepared the necessary paperwork for our families in case they need them to carry out our wishes? Paul Lamar has uploaded to the VVVC web site "VERY IMPORTANT PAPERS", Please download and fill a set out for your family. Once you get to the VVVC website, click on links, VA and very important papers.

Nominations will be opened this month for all Officers and Board Members, if you are interested in running for an office, please let us know, or if you want to nominate a person, please do so at our January membership meeting.

I encourage you all to contact Dave Betti and Diane Miller and send them your encouragement for a speedy recovery.

I want to thank all of our members that made 2010 a great year, we couldn't have accomplished as much as we did without you the members and volunteers. I look forward to working with all of you in 2011 to continue doing what the VVVC does best, that of supporting the Vietnam Veterans and their families.

Until next month,
Semper Fi
Richard Camacho

Vice President's Message:

On November 27, 2010, the LA Times ran an article by Steve Lopez about a Non-profit group National Veterans Foundation, which was established by Floyd "Shad" Meshad, and their mission, to bring other vets off the ledge, to gather them up from the street and shake the dirt off of them.

If the name Shad Meshad sounds familiar, he is responsible for starting the Vet Centers across the nation, also, Shad was a guest speaker at a few of our VVVC meetings back in the late 80s.

I emailed the LA Times and requested permission to reprint the article; however, they wanted \$50.00 to do so. If any of you are interested in the article, I can print it out and bring it to a future meeting.

Remember, nominations will be opened during our January meeting for the following positions, and those listed have agreed to run again:

President:
Vice-president: Richard Camacho
Treasurer: Doug Temple
Secretary: Breanna Welhelmi
Board of Directors: Robert Holmes,

Until next month,
Semper Fi
Richard Camacho

Treasurer's Message:

I hope everybody made it into the New Year alright. I would like to thank all of you for making 2010 a memorable year for me. Beginning with the Moving Wall which took up a lot of our time, to the parades and assisting other organizations with some of their projects. All of these things have helped me become a more complete person.

I hope to continue in 2011 by helping with the flag project at Ivy Lawn and whatever else comes our way. And to you my brothers and sisters, I wish you a Happy New Year!

Doug Temple
Treasurer

Parade Chairman's' Message:

It has been a busy month with Dave Betti being out ill, two parades back to back and work. I'd like to start off by thanking the winner of the November 50/50 Raffle for donating it back to the VVVC. We used it to help another member in need. That is what makes the VVVC "Vets helping vets"!

We had a good time in Santa Paula. It was a little cold, but as Joe says, "the burritos were good!" The following week was the Oxnard Parade. It was a great turnout, we really looked good. We had some great decorators and a few new members were there. Our favorite banner carrier, Fabio's grandson Chris, is a great helper as well as a participant.

Our next parade, the Ventura St. Patrick's Day Parade, will be March 12th. We are hoping for a good turnout.

I am still doing flag repair. I still need to go through all the nylon flags.

Please keep Dave, Diane, Jan's brother-in-law and all the vets in harm's way in your prayers.

John Cabrera,
Parade Chairman

Upcoming Dates:

Saturday, Jan 15th – VVVC Meetings
Ventura Veterans Home
10900 Telephone Rd.
Ventura, CA
Board Mtg. – 5:30 PM
General Mtg. – 6:00 PM
Potluck, bring your favorite dish.

Monday, Jan. 17th – Martin Luther King Day

Monday, Feb. 14 – Valentine's Day

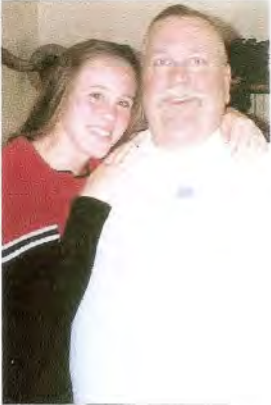
Saturday, Feb. 19th – VVVC Meetings
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Board Mtg. – 5:30 PM
General Mtg. – 6:00 PM
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Saturday, Feb. 21st – President's Day

Wednesday – Feb. 23rd – (1945) Flag Raising on Iwo Jima

Saturday, March 12th – Ventura St. Patrick's Day Parade
More information coming.

2010 in Pictures



**Thank you everyone
for making 2010
such a wonderful
year!**



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