



# Listening Post

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## President's Message:

As I write it is the week after our March meeting which we had to cancel because of the quarantine at the Veterans Home. We have missed two general meetings this year because of the flu. With the Moving Wall coming up, we need everyone to check out our web site and look for emails so that we will have as many of our VVVC members signed up to volunteer. Joe Richardson has been fantastic in posting the work list. We especially are going to need docents, which are those who will work the computers to find the names of those on the wall for friends and family members. The Sea Bees have stepped up to build the display of the pictures that George Sandoval displayed for his Vietnam Presentation at the Ventura County Museum and recently in Oxnard.

We are also looking to how we may fill in the caps left by the dissolving of the Ventura County Military Collaborative, especially how we can help with the Operation Snowflake.

I pray that there will be no more flu outbreak and that we won't have to miss any more meetings. I appreciate the faithfulness of our Board and the Wall Committee in continuing to meet each month. As June approaches, we may have to meet more often.

Thank you for your patience.

David Wilson

## **POW/MIA REPORT Mar – 2018**

The following 8 brothers-in-arms have returned home and 6 remain MIA:

### **World War II: 4**

**Marine Corps Reserve Pfc. Arnold J. Harrison**, 19, of Detroit, Michigan, was buried March 2, in Dallas, Texas

**Marine Corps Pvt. George F. Patrick**, 22, of Dallas, was buried March 17 in his hometown.

**Marine Corps Reserve Pfc. Manuel Menendez**, 20, of Elizabeth, New Jersey, was buried March 22 in Arlington National Cemetery

**Army Pvt. Rudolph Johnson**, 20, of Malvern, Arkansas, was buried March 23 in Little Rock, Arkansas.

### **USS Oklahoma**

### **Korean War: 3**

**Army Pfc. Lamar E. Newman**, 19, of Griffin, Georgia, was buried March 2 in his hometown.

**POW Army Pfc. Leroy W. Bryant**, 22, of Autreyville, Georgia, was buried March 9, in Columbus, Ohio.

**POW Army Sgt. 1st Class Harry E. Harkness**, 22, of Lansing, Michigan, was buried March 17 in his hometown.

### **Vietnam: 1**

**Air Force Chief Master Sgt. Donald J. Hall**, 29, of Stroud, Oklahoma, was buried March 26 in Arlington National Cemetery.

### **Iraq Theater & Other Conflicts: Operation El Dorado Canyon, 1986 MIA**

**Capt. Paul F. Lorence**, of San Francisco, U.S. Air Force, was lost on April 15, 1986, when his F-111 aircraft went down during a strike over Libya

### **Operation Desert Storm, 1991 MIA**

**Lt. Cmdr. Barry T. Cooke**, of Austin, Texas, U.S. Navy, was lost on Feb. 2, 1991, when his A-6 aircraft went down in the Persian Gulf.  
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### **Operation Iraqi Freedom, 2003-2010 MIA**

**Mr. Kirk Von Ackermann**, of Albuquerque, N.M., DoD contractor, was lost on Oct. 9, 2003, while working in Forward Operating Base Pacesetter, Iraq.

**Mr. Timothy E. Bell**, of Mobile, Ala., DoD contractor, was lost on April 9, 2004, while working in Baghdad, Iraq.

**Mr. Adnan al-Hilawi**, of Orlando, Fla., DoD contractor, was lost on March 3, 2007, while working in Baghdad, Iraq.

**Ron Fitzgarrald**  
**POW/MIA Chairman**

### **Membership Chairperson's Message:**

#### **VVVC March 2018 Membership Report**

|                |     |
|----------------|-----|
| Annual members | 46  |
| Life members   | 101 |
| Total members  | 147 |

#### **Memberships expiring in April 2018:**

Joseph Sabeda 4/15/2018  
Helen Gonzales 4/27/2018

LTC (retired) David Boostrom passed away 3/9/2018.

Marie Pounds  
Membership Chair

### Sick Call.....

Well unfortunately we still have some members and friends that are not feeling too good, so please keep them in your thoughts and prayers:

Charlie Foote

Barry Jenkins

Larry's son Daniel

Joe Catrambone

Vic Shuey

Bobbi Vickroy-Mills

Simon Camarillo

Dwayne Usanio

John Smiley

Here is the new Seabee "A" school graduation schedule:

Tuesday, March 27, 2:30-3:30 pm

Monday, April 2, 9:30-10:30 am

Monday, April 9, 9:30-10:30 am

Friday, April 20, 9:30-10:30 am

Friday, April 27, 9:30-10:30 am

They really appreciate you guys showing up for their graduations. If you wish to attend any of these graduations, please wear VVVC shirts.

The 2018 Vietnam School presentations are about to get busy. The guys will be going to at least 8 schools this year.

Also Joe Richardson has sent out over 30 application packets for the 2 Scholarships that VVVC has to give out this year. The deadline for those applications is April 15, 2018.

### MISCELLANEOUS....

#### Board of Supervisor's Meeting

Please attend the Board of Supervisor's meeting on March 27 at 10:30 am in the Hall of Administration building at 800 S. Victoria Ave, Ventura. Supervisor Zaragoza and the board will be honoring Vietnam Veterans.

**VVVC's California Pizza Kitchen Fundraiser** is on April 18, 2018 at 3301 E. Main St. You must show the flyer before you order so they will donate 20% of your meal to VVVC. There is a flyer attached herein.

Speaking of Fundraisers, VVVC's Pizza Night Family Fundraiser on February 28<sup>th</sup> at Toppers Pizza Place netted us a donation of over \$350. Well done!

**Santa Paula HS sophomores** would like to interview veterans of the Iraq and Afghanistan Wars for a school project to be exhibited on May 19. They'd like to complete interviews by early April. They'd be honored to interview anyone who served in these wars, especially medics, MP's, and women veterans. If interested please contact Matthew Buck at 805-320-6799 or [mbuck@santapaulaunified.org](mailto:mbuck@santapaulaunified.org).

The CBOC Open House is on May 9, 2018 at the VA Oxnard Community Based Outpatient Clinic, 1690 Universe Circle, Oxnard from 10 am – 2:00 pm. VVVC will have an easy-up and the Monday Club will be serving food.

Don't forget to put on your calendars the National Vietnam War Veteran's Day Vietnam War Commemoration at the Seabee Museum at noon on May 29, 2018.

# VVVC 2018 Event Calendar

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## MARCH

27 Board of Supervisors meeting – 10:30 am

## APRIL

5 Wall Meeting with County  
6 VCMilC Free Legal Clinic  
11 VCMilC Meeting  
12 Wall Meeting at Lexus Dealership  
18 VVVC California Pizza Kitchen Fundraiser  
19 VVVC Board Meeting  
21 VVVC Meeting

## NOVEMBER

11 Veteran's Day  
15 VVVC Board Meeting  
17 VVVC Meeting

## DECEMBER

13 VVVC Board Meeting  
15 VVVC Meeting  
? Santa Paula Christmas Parade

## MAY

4 VCMilC Free Legal Clinic  
9 CBOC Open House – VVVC will have easy-up & Monday Club will serve food  
10 VCMilC Meeting  
10 Veteran Book Club  
17 VVVC Board Meeting  
19 VVVC Meeting  
28 Memorial Day  
29 National Vietnam War Veteran's Day - noon  
30 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesday Dinner at American Legion in Oak View

## JUNE

5 Docent Training  
9 Docent Training  
14 VVVC Board Meeting  
16 VVVC Meeting  
20 Set up Wall  
20-25 Moving Wall  
26 Break Down Wall

## JULY

4 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade in Ojai  
19 VVVC Board Meeting  
21 VVVC Meeting

## AUGUST

16 VVVC Board Meeting  
18 VVVC Meeting  
29 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesday Dinner at American Legion in Oak View  
? Ventura County Fair Parade

## SEPTEMBER

13 VVVC Board Meeting  
15 VVVC Meeting  
21 POW/MIA Remembrance

## OCTOBER

18 VVVC Board Meeting  
20 VVVC Meeting  
31 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesday Dinner at American Legion in Oak View



Here's a few pictures of VVVC at the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Ventura, CA on March 17, 2018



Decorating the bus and trailer



Some of the group

The Color Guard minus Deborah who is taking the pix.



A few pictures of the Toppers Pizza Fundraiser



# Pizza with a *purpose*

Bring in this flyer, present it to your server  
and we'll donate 20% of your check to the organization listed  
below. Purchases include dine-in, takeout, catering and  
all beverages.

Fundraiser in support of:

**Semi Annual Fundraiser for  
Vietnam Veterans of Ventura County**

**Wednesday, April 18**

Valid at the following location:

**California Pizza Kitchen**

Ventura

Pacific View Mall

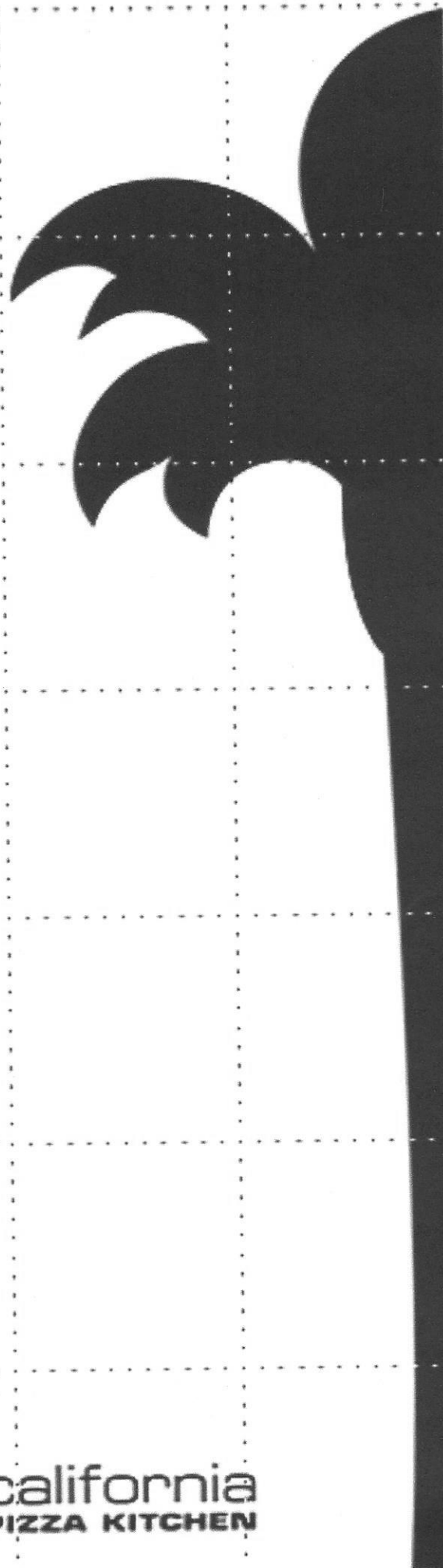
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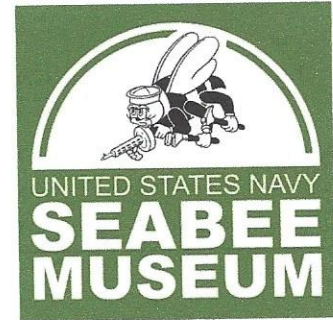




**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**Tuesday, March 06, 2018**

Contact: Dr. Lara Godbille, Director  
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Naval History and Heritage Command  
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Website: [www.history.navy.mil/seabeesmuseum](http://www.history.navy.mil/seabeesmuseum)



**NATIONAL VIETNAM WAR VETERANS DAY  
VIETNAM WAR COMMEMORATION**

*Port Hueneme*—The U.S. Navy Seabee Museum will honor and recognize Vietnam Veterans for their service to the Nation and Navy on Thursday, March 29, 2018 at noon. Along with Veterans' attendance, the U.S. Navy Seabee Museum invites regional Sailors to join the event to say "thank-you" in-person to those who came before them. All Vietnam Veterans in attendance will be recognized. Dr. Lara Godbille, Director of the U.S. Navy Seabee Museum will give a lecture on *Lessons Learned by Seabees and Civil Engineer Corps in Vietnam*. This event is open to the general public. It will be live streamed on the U.S. Navy Seabee Museum Facebook page at the following URL: <https://www.facebook.com/seabeesmuseum/>.

The U.S. Navy performed a wide array of missions during the Vietnam War. The Vietnam War Veterans Recognition Act of 2017 designates 29 March, 2018 National Vietnam War Veterans Day. It is an annual event that is part of the 13-year Commemoration of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Vietnam War that runs through 2025.

***"I call upon all Americans to offer each of our Vietnam Veterans and their families a thank you on behalf of the Nation, both privately and during public ceremonies and programs across our country."***

***— President Trump in his November 10, 2017 proclamation***

The U.S. Navy Seabee Museum is a historical resource for the Naval Construction Force and U.S. Navy Civil Engineer Corps; it is the place where Seabees and CEC officers may preserve important historical items related to their experience. The U.S. Navy Seabee Museum is free to the public. The U.S. Navy Seabee Museum is located at the Naval Base Ventura County outside the perimeter fence at the corner of Ventura Road and Sunkist, near the Sunkist entrance. The Museum is not on base and you can access the Museum parking lot from Ventura Road. The U.S. Navy Seabee Museum is a federal facility and it is illegal to enter the premises with weapons, explosives, incendiary devices, and illicit drugs.

For a full schedule of upcoming U.S. Navy Seabee Museum events and programs, visit <http://www.history.navy.mil/content/history/museums/seabee/news-and-events.html>

The mission of the U.S. Navy Seabee Museum is to select, collect, preserve and display historic material relating to the history of the Naval Construction Force, better known as the Seabees, and the U.S. Navy Civil Engineer Corps.

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# *U.S. Navy Seabee Museum*

*3201 N. Ventura Road, Port Hueneme, California*

*Let us Thank Those who Came Before*



## **Vietnam War Commemoration**

*LEST WE FORGET THEIR SACRIFICE*

**Thursday, 29 March, 2018 at Noon**

Recognition of Attending Vietnam War Veterans

Dr. Lara Godbille, Director

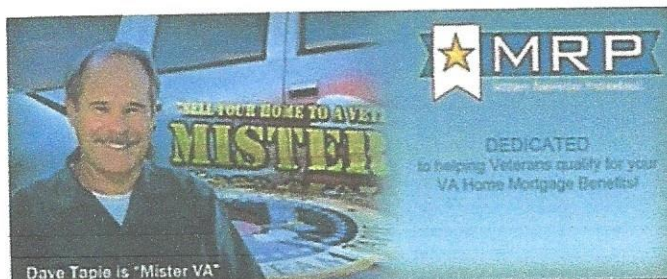
*Lecture on Lessons Learned by Seabees and Civil Engineer Corps in Vietnam*

Watch on  **LIVE** @SeabeeMuseum

All U.S. Navy Vietnam War Veterans and Regional Sailors Welcome to Participate  
RSVP by phone at 805-982-6189 or email [SeabeeMuseumVisitor@navy.mil](mailto:SeabeeMuseumVisitor@navy.mil)







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This letter is intended to be used to introduce us, the Vietnam Veterans of Ventura County, and to assist us in our effort to solicit subscription/donations to our organization in the form of advertising in our monthly newsletter.

First the legal issues of proper identification.

- IRS, 501(c)(19) Vietnam Veterans of Ventura County Inc. id#93-0966053

State of California Franchise Tax Board

- 501(c)(19) Vietnam Veterans of Ventura County, tax exemption, Revenue and taxation Section 23701f

Our organization represents all veterans (not just Vietnam Veterans) in the 805.

Our organizations primary function is to act as a 'service' group providing all manner of assistance to our veteran population. We are active in the education of our youth in our local schools by speaking at the schools to the students. We support and provide college scholarships every year. We have been the organization responsible for bringing the 'Traveling Wall' Vietnam Memorial to Ventura six times in the last 30 years and are planning on doing so again in 2018. We provide full military honor and color guards in parades and at funerals. We work closely with literally hundreds of other organizations and our elected officials both State and Federal in the county to see veterans' needs are met.

Our group runs around 130 strong, most living in Ventura, but some as far away as Australia and Canada. We are asking for donations to our cause, by selling advertising space in our newsletter.

We plan on starting with a full page with fees broke down in the following manner:

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|-----------------|-----------|----------|
| • Business Card | \$10/mo.  | \$100/yr |
| • ¼ page        | \$15/mo   | \$150/yr |
| • ½ page        | \$25/mo   | \$200/yr |
| • Full page     | \$30 each |          |

You consideration of donating to our causes, gaining some advertising in the deal, is fully deductible by virtue of our legally acquired non-profit status as a veterans service organization.

We look forward to establishing a relationship beneficial to us both.

Larry Seguin, fund raising chair

Joe Richardson, secretary - Laurie Richardson VVVC Post editor