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President's Message:

As I sit down to write my Listening Post article, I have just returned from the St. Patrick's Day parade in Ventura. I am amazed each year at how many folks participate in this parade. This year the VVVC's "float" was 47th in line. We decided not to use our Color Guard seeing that we were so far behind in the parade. Instead, we posted the American flag, the POW/MIA flag and our unit flag on the trailer behind the bus. One of the things I am aware of during this or any parade, is the respect or lack of respect shown to the American flag as we pass by. I noted this year one particular lady on the parade route. As I mentioned earlier, we did not post a Color Guard. Even so, when our float went by, this elderly lady who was sitting on the curb near a bus stop on Main Street, struggled to get to her feet, using the pole to assist her, stood up at attention and placed her right hand over her heart. As we waived to her she remained standing until we passed then waved. It would have been just as easy for her to remain seated and wave at us as we passed. I was deeply moved by her patriotism and respect displayed by this elderly lady for the flag under which all of us served. That kind of respect makes me even more proud to be an American and a Veteran.

Dave Wilson

POW/MIA REPORT Mar – 2019

23 brothers-in-arms have been accounted for and/or returned home & 6 remain MIA

World War II: 10

Army Air Forces 1st Lt. Burleigh E. Curtis, 22, of Holliston, Massachusetts, was accounted for on Dec. 13, 2018.

Navy Reserve Seaman 2nd Class Ira N. Slaton, 22, of Albertville, Alabama, was accounted for on Sept. 24, 2018.

Army Pfc. Clifford M. Mills, 29, of Troy, Indiana, was accounted for on Jan. 29, 2019.

Marine Corps. Cpl. Claire E. Goldtrap, 21, of Hobart, Oklahoma, killed during World War II,

Navy Reserve Aviation Machinist's Mate 1st Class John O. Morris, 22, of Seattle, was accounted for on Sept. 13, 2018.

Navy Fireman 1st Class Angelo M. Gabriele, 21, of Trenton, New Jersey, was accounted for on Sept. 13, 2018.

Navy Reserve Seaman 2nd Class Deward W. Duncan, Jr., 19, of Monroe, Georgia, accounted for on May 17, 2018.

Army Pfc. William F. Delaney, 24, of Kingston, Tennessee, was accounted for on Dec. 17, 2018.

Army Air Forces Staff Sgt. Carl M. Shaffer, 22, of Pottstown, Pa, accounted for on Dec. 20, 2018.

Army Air Forces 1st Lt. Howard T. Lurcott, 26, of Philadelphia, Pa., was accounted for on Jan. 28, 2019.

USS Oklahoma: 7

Navy Machinist's Mate 2nd Class Archie T. Miles, 22, of Elmwood, Illinois, was accounted for on July 26, 2018.

Navy Seaman 2nd Class David B. Edmonston, 22, Portland, Oregon, was accounted for on July 3, 2018.

Navy Seaman 1st Class Hale McKissack, 37, of Talpa, Texas, was accounted for on July 26, 2018.

Navy Ensign Charles M. Stern, Jr., 26, of Albany, New York, was accounted for on Sept. 24, 2018.

Navy Seaman 1st Class Ernest R. West, from Iowa, was accounted for on Feb. 8, 2019.

Navy Fireman 3rd Class Willard I. Lawson, 25, of Butler County, Ohio, was accounted for on Aug. 27, 2018.

Navy Seaman 1st Class Joseph K. Maule, 18, of Bloomfield, Nebraska, was accounted for on Aug. 8, 2018.

Currently there are 72,758 (approximately 26,000 are assessed as possibly-recoverable) still unaccounted for from World War II

Korean War: 3

Army Pfc. James C. Williams, 19, of Alton, Illinois, was accounted for on Dec. 20, 2018.

Army Master Sgt. Charlie J. Mares, 30, of Waelder, Texas, was accounted for on Feb. 4, 2019.

Army Cpl. John G. Krebs, 19, of Sterling, Illinois, was accounted for on Dec. 17, 2018.

There are 7,655 Americans remaining unaccounted for from the Korean War.

Vietnam: 3

Air America pilot Mr. George L. Ritter, 49, of Philadelphia, Pa., was accounted for on Sept. 25, 2018.

Air America co-pilot Mr. Roy F. Townley, 52, of Ontario, California, was accounted for on Dec. 20, 2018.

Air America crewman Mr. Edward J. Weissenback, 29, of Richmond Hill, Queens, New York.

There are 1,577 American servicemen and civilians remaining unaccounted for from the Vietnam War

Iraq Theater & Other Conflicts: 6

Operation El Dorado Canyon, 1986 MIA: 1

Capt. Paul F. Lorence, of San Francisco, U.S. Air Force, was lost on April 15, 1986, over Libya.

Operation Desert Storm, 1991 MIA: 2

Lt. Cmdr. Barry T. Cooke, of Austin, Texas, U.S. Navy, was lost on Feb. 2, 1991, in the Persian Gulf.

Lt. Robert J. Dwyer, of Worthington, Ohio, U.S. Navy, was lost on Feb. 5, 1991, in the Persian Gulf.

Operation Iraqi Freedom, 2003-2010 MIA: 3

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

VVVC March 2019 Membership Report

Annual members	62
Life members	110
Total members	172

Memberships Expiring in March: 0

Sec/Membership Chair
Joe Richardson

Sick call...

Barry Jenkins – serious health issues

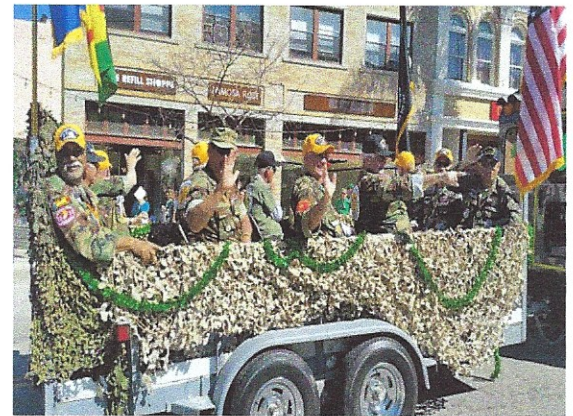
Jim Hensley – heart issues – Jim is home from the hospital and has to 'do nothing' according to his doctor. If you have a few minutes give him a call at 805-366-5116.

Need Help?

If you need help in getting your claim filed, you can call Charlie Foote at 805-649-3754. He has forms and information.

If you have a problem or complaint here is the Hotline to Washington 855-948-2311.

The Helpful Honda People paid them a visit at the St. Patrick's Day Parade.



CBOC volunteer list

Ron Fitzgarrald <rftzgrrd@gmail.com>

Mon 3/18/2019 6:03 PM

To: laurie_ann_richardson@hotmail.com <laurie_ann_richardson@hotmail.com>

Laurie,

Would you be so kind as to put this list in the LP.

Oxnard CBOC Open House May 8, 2019 10:00-13:00

Runners 09:00-13:00 to assist registered Veterans referred to Specialty Care and Providers inside the clinic

Volunteers-3

- 1) Joe Reyes
- 2) Lou Morris
- 3)

Food Booth 09:00-1300- to assist The Oxnard Monday Club set up, collect meal coupons and stock water, chips, sandwiches, clean up.

Volunteers-2

- 1) Ron Perkovich
- 2) Robert Buckley

Volunteers-4 **contact Ron Fitzgarrald** — rftzgrrd@gmail.com

VVVC Booth 08:00-13:00 - to set-up canopy, distribute informational folders and Operation Gratitude packages.

- 1) Ron Fitzgarrald
- 2)
- 3)
- 4)

Volunteers-3 contact Ron Fitzgarrald — rftzgrrd@gmail.com

08:30-13:00- Assist VA GLA set-up and break down canopies, tables, chairs.

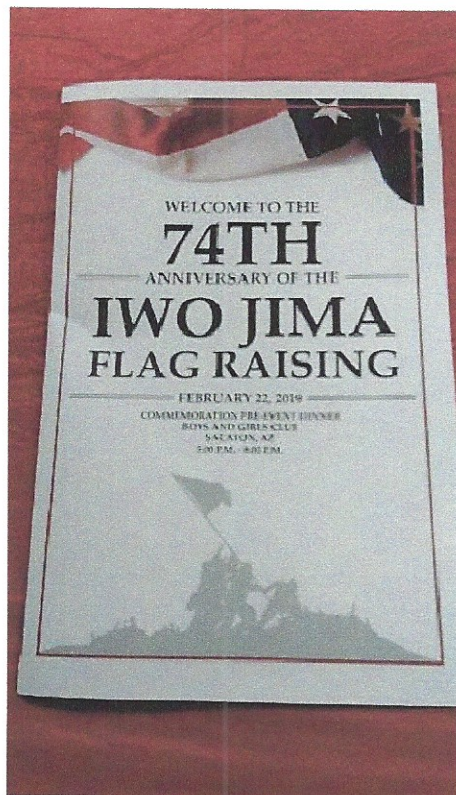
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Volunteers- 2 08:30- pickup Starbucks, Donuts

See or contact Manuel Gonzales

Thanks,
Ron

Sent from my iPad



Our very own Parade Chair John Cabrera
Gila Indian Community near Tempe Az
Honoring Ira Hayes



VVVC 2019 Event Calendar

MARCH

26 NCTC "CM" Graduation
27 AFTS "TTAV" Graduation

APRIL

3 AFTS "TTAA" Graduation
4 AFTS "TTAV" Graduation
5 VCMC Free Legal Clinic
8 NCTC "CM" Graduation
9 AFTS "TTAC" Graduation
11 Collaborative Meeting
11 AFTS "TTAV" Graduation
13 & 14 Color Guard at Pow Wow
15 NCTC "CM" Graduation
17 AFTS "TTAV" Graduation
18 By-Laws Meeting
19 NCTC "CM" Graduation
20 Color Guard at funeral
20 VVVC Meeting
22 AFTS "TTAC" Graduation
24 AFTS "TTAA" Graduation
24 AFTS "TTAV" Graduation
26 NCTC "CM" Graduation

MAY

1 AFTS "TTAV" Graduation
4 VCMC Free Legal Clinic
7 AFTS "TTAV" Graduation
8 CBOC Open House
9 Collaborative Meeting
14 AFTS "TTAA" Graduation
14 AFTS "TTAV" Graduation
17 AFTS "TTAC" Graduation
18 VVVC Meeting

JUNE

7 VCMC Free Legal Clinic
13 Collaborative Meeting
15 VVVC Meeting
21 NCTC "CM" Graduation
28 NCTC "CM" Graduation

JULY

4 4th of July Parade in Ojai
4 AFTS "TTAC" Graduation
5 VCMC Free Legal Clinic
7 Color Guard at Oxnard Beach Park
9 AFTS "TTAA" Graduation
11 Collaborative Meeting
16 NCTC "CM" Graduation
20 VVVC Meeting
29 AFTS "TTAC" Graduation
30 NCTC "CM" Graduation
31 AFTS "TTAA" Graduation

AUGUST

2 VCMC Free Legal Clinic
6 NCTC "CM" Graduation
8 Collaborative Meeting
13 NCTC "CM" Graduation
17 & 18 Booth at Wings Over Camarillo
17 VVVC Meeting
23 NCTC "CM" Graduation

SEPTEMBER

3 NCTC "CM" Graduation
6 VCMC Free Legal Clinic
10 NCTC "CM" Graduation
12 Collaborative Meeting
16 AFTS "TTAC" Graduation
17 NCTC "CM" Graduation
18 AFTS "TTAC" Graduation
21 VVVC Meeting

OCTOBER

4 VCMC Free Legal Clinic
4 NCTC "CM" Graduation
8 AFTS "TTAC" Graduation
10 AFTS "TTAA" Graduation
10 Collaborative Meeting
11 NCTC "CM" Graduation
19 VVVC Meeting
21 NCTC "CM" Graduation
28 AFTS "TTAC" Graduation
28 NCTC "CM" Graduation
30 AFTS "TTAA" Graduation

NOVEMBER

1 VCMC Free Legal Clinic
4 NCTC "CM" Graduation
11 Color Guard at Oxnard Veteran's Ceremony
11 Las Vegas Veteran's Parade
12 NCTC "CM" Graduation
12 AFTS "TTAC" Graduation
14 Collaborative Meeting
15 VVVC Meeting
19 NCTC "CM" Graduation
26 AFTS "TTAC" Graduation
29 AFTS "TTAA" Graduation

DECEMBER

3 NCTC "CM" Graduation
6 VCMC Free Legal Clinic
7 Color Guard at Camarillo Christmas Parade
12 Collaborative Meeting
19 NCTC "CM" Graduation
20 VVVC Meeting
20 AFTS "TTAA" Graduation
23 AFTS "TTAC" Graduation



GRAD DATES



344th Training Squadron

TTAV	TTAA	TTAC
14 Feb 19 25 Feb 19 4 Mar 19 20 Mar 19 27 Mar 19 4 Apr 19 11 Apr 19 17 Apr 19 24 Apr 19 1 May 19 7 May 19 14 May 19	4-Mar 19 3-Apr 19 24-Apr 19 14-May 19 9-Jul 19 31-Jul 19 18-Sep 19 10-Oct 19 30-Oct 19 29 Nov 19 20-Dec 19	28 Feb 19 9 Apr 19 22 Apr 19 17 May 19 4 Jul 19 29 Jul 19 16 Sep 19 8 Oct 19 28 Oct 19 12 Nov 19 26 Nov 19 23 Dec 19

Graduation takes place at the Port Hueneme Seabee base. We need to be escorted onto the base. Those who have access onto the base please let us know which dates you are available so the rest of us can plan our attendance accordingly. Graduation begins at 2:00pm so we need to meet between 1:15-1:30, 1:30 at the latest at the rear parking lot of the Seabee museum. Hope you can make it. Thanks



NAVAL CONSTRUCTION TRAINING CENTER

PORT HUENEME, CALIFORNIA

UPDATED: 22 January 2019



Construction Mechanic "A" School Graduations

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
18 December 2018	1300	Seabee Museum
16 January 2019	1300	Seabee Museum
30 January 2019	1300	Seabee Museum
13 February 2019	1300	Seabee Museum
5 March 2019	1300	Seabee Museum
12 March 2019	1300	Seabee Museum
19 March 2019	1300	Seabee Museum
26 March 2019	1300	Seabee Museum
8 April 2019	1300	Seabee Museum
15 April 2019	1300	Seabee Museum
19 April 2019	1300	Seabee Museum
26 April 2019	1300	Seabee Museum
21 June 2019	1300	Seabee Museum
28 June 2019	1300	Seabee Museum
16 July 2019	1300	Seabee Museum
30 July 2019	1300	Seabee Museum
6 August 2019	1300	Seabee Museum
13 August 2019	1300	Seabee Museum
23 August 2019	1300	Seabee Museum
3 September 2019	1300	Seabee Museum
10 September 2019	1300	Seabee Museum
17 September 2019	1300	Seabee Museum
4 October 2019	1300	Seabee Museum
11 October 2019	1300	Seabee Museum
21 October 2019	1300	Seabee Museum
28 October 2019	1300	Seabee Museum
4 November 2019	1300	Seabee Museum
12 November 2019	1300	Seabee Museum
19 November 2019	1300	Seabee Museum
3 December 2019	1300	Seabee Museum
19 December 2019	1300	Seabee Museum

All ceremonies are open to the public. Base access is not required.

Time and dates subject to change. Please verify schedule at (805) 982-4153.

OXNARD'S FIRST ANNUAL NATIVE AMERICAN PEOPLES INTERTRIBAL POWWOW

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APRIL 13, 2019
10 AM - 7 PM

SUNDAY
APRIL 14, 2019
10 AM - 6 PM



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MC: BOBBY WHITEBIRD - SOUTHERN CHEYENNE
ARENA DIRECTOR: ADRIAN PHOENIX - TOHONO O'ODHAM/NORTHERN PAIUTE
SPIRITUAL ADVISOR: MARIO SANCHEZ - TEJON
HEAD GOULD: FRANK MARTINEZ - USMC - FERNANDENO/TATAVIAN/VANYUME
HEAD MAN: GEORGE LONE ELK - NORTHERN CHEYENNE

HEAD WOMAN: MONICA JACOME - KUMEYAAY/PASCUA YAQUI
HEAD BOY: KENNY GONZALEZ - KITANEMUK OF TEJON
HEAD GIRL: KRYSTAL SANCHEZ - TEJON
HOT NORTHERN DRUM: BLUE STAR
HOT SOUTHERN DRUM: GUN SMOKE

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PRESENTED BY THE OXNARD POWWOW COMMITTEE - SUPPORTED BY LUCHA - ASSISTED BY THE CITY OF OXNARD

OPEN HOUSE



- JOB FAIR
- VETERANS BENEFITS INFORMATION
- GIVEAWAYS
- VBA & VET CENTER REPRESENTATIVES

FOR MORE
INFORMATION CONTACT
CHARLES GREEN
OPEN-HOUSE COMMITTEE CHAIR
424.645.9865

OPEN HOUSE EVENTS ARE FROM 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

**SAN LUIS OBISPO @ CUESTA COLLEGE IS FROM 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

**APRIL
03**

VA Bakersfield Community-Based Outpatient Clinic
1801 Westwind Drive
Bakersfield, CA 93301
(661) 632-1888

**APRIL
17**

VA Santa Maria Community-Based Outpatient Clinic
1550 East Main Street
Santa Maria, CA 93454
(805) 354-6000

**MAY
04**

VA East Los Angeles Community-Based Outpatient Clinic
5426 E. Olympic Boulevard
City of Commerce, CA 90040
(323) 725-7372

**MAY
08**

VA Oxnard Community-Based Outpatient Clinic
1690 Universe Cirv,
Oxnard, CA 93033
(805) 604-6960

**MAY
10**

VA Lancaster Community-Based Outpatient Clinic
340 E. Avenue I Suite 108
Lancaster, CA 93535
(661) 729-8655

**MAY
17**

VA Sepulveda Ambulatory Care Center
16111 Plummer Street
North Hills, CA 91343
(818) 891-7711

**JUNE
01**

VA San Luis Obispo CBOC @ Cuesta College **
CA-1,
San Luis Obispo, CA 93405
(805) 543 1233



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Vietnam Veterans of Ventura County, Inc.
P.O. Box 3218
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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 VVC Post editor