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President's Message:

I want to begin by congratulating all the Executive Officers and Board Members that were elected to office in December. A special welcome to our newly elected Treasurer Richard Camacho and Board Members Michael Capone, Hank Howery, Diane Miller and Brenda Seguin. The Executive Board now meets on the Thursday before our regular meeting at the Veterans Home for two main reasons. First, the room is too small for all of us to fit. Second, our meetings will last about 90 minutes or longer to properly address the items on our agenda.

As you are already aware, we cancelled our January meeting due to the Veterans Home being in quarantine because of the Flu. Our prayers are for the health and safety for the residents, staff and visitors to the facility.

Some of the projects we will be working on in 2018 are:

Preparing to bring the Wall to the Ventura County Government Center June 21-25.

Awarding three Scholarships this year.

One \$2,000.00

Two \$1,000.00

Updating our By-Laws.

Supporting the Military Collaborative with:

The monthly meetings

The Military Expo

Operation Snowflake

Any assistance we can offer for projects and needs that come up during the year.

I can't overemphasize the importance of having the Wall this year. Here is an opportunity for all of our membership to participate in a most worthwhile project. I was impacted greatly the last time the VVVC brought the Wall to Ivy Lawn.
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I am certain many other veterans who have not yet come to terms with their health issues and their struggle with PTSD will as a result of coming to the Wall. It is also a time that we can all remember and appreciate the sacrifices made by so many who gave "the full measure of devotion".

Dave Wilson

POW/MIA REPORT Jan. 2018

The following 5 brothers-in-arms have returned home:

World War II: 3

Army Pfc. Lonnie B.C. Eichelberger, 20, of Waco, Texas, was buried January 10 in Houston

Marine Corps Pfc. Harold P. Hannon, 28, of Scranton, Pennsylvania, was buried January 13, in his hometown

Army Air Forces 2nd Lt. Stanley F. Stegnerski, 25, of Chester, Pennsylvania, will be buried January 22 in Millsboro, Delaware

USS Oklahoma:

Korean War: 2

Army Sgt. 1st Class Eugene J. Colley, 48, of Edenton, North Carolina, was buried January 9, 2018 in Arlington National Cemetery

Army Pfc. James J. Leonard, Jr., 22, of San Francisco, will be buried January 23 in his hometown

Vietnam:

Ron Fitzgarrald
POW/MIA Chairman

Membership Chairperson's Message:

VVVC January 2018 Membership Report

Annual members	45
Life members	101
Total members	146

Memberships expiring in February 2018:

Bobbi Beal Vickroy-Mills February 18, 2018

Marie Pounds
Membership Chair

EMERGENCY ROOM BILLING

If you call the 24 hour nurses hotline and they say go to the emergency and you receive the bill from the emergency room it needs to go to patient experience dept. WLA hospital room 1630. The phone number is 1-818-891-7711 ext. 53068. They are the dept. that handles the bills. So it can make your life a little easier.

Charlie Foote
Commander
DAV #24



**From the desk of Joe Richardson,
Secretary VVVC**

This evening a large turnout of VVVC members and local veterans attended an open meeting hosted by Congresswoman Julia Brownley and the top executives of the WLA GLA Ann Brown and Robert McKendrick.

The first thing shared was the timeline for the new VA clinic now federally funded for Ventura County. The current status is proposals for available land is being published, then many steps in planning, design, and location will follow but the BIG news, the clinic is expected to be up and running in 2021.

The forum allowed for many questions to be asked and answered along with being able to share issues with the Congresswoman and the VA staff personnel. Some of what was shared and discussed included:

Local transportation issues to Oxnard CBOC with DAV looking to be able to be a big part of the solution if issues of formal documentation requirements might be done locally instead of WLA only.

The biggest discussion was over the inability to phone the Oxnard CBOC. Though there was an attempt to defend the new phone system, the final tally seemed to be that much has been done as it relates to Sepulveda and WLA, but uniformly the veteran presence was in total agreement that there was NO ability to contact Oxnard CBOC by phone and the VA leaders present promised to look into it.

Julia reiterated the position taken nationally by veterans on the Choice program. The consensus across the U.S. is that veterans do not want the VA healthcare system privatized.

It was announced that there would be an open forum on claims on Feb 1st.

The large turnout was treated to a very good open discussion about the local issues related to the Oxnard CBOC, and was appreciative of the efforts to respond and allow for the input.

I thank the Congresswoman for her continued good faith efforts to assist the local veteran population but even more so to keep us informed by providing access to the highest levels of the WLA VA.



February 10th Vietnam War Panel

Panel Discussion:

"The Vietnam War: What It Means for Us Today"

Saturday, February 10, 2018, 10:00 AM

(Doors Open at 9:30 AM)

Rancho Campana High School

4235 Mar Vista Drive, Camarillo

Dear Veterans,

The City of Camarillo and members of the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War Ad Hoc Committee are excited to sponsor this panel discussion program in honor of veterans who served during the Vietnam War period. Attached is an updated flyer with information on our four confirmed panelists.

Your RSVP is not required to attend; however, if you are planning to attend, I would appreciate an RSVP by February 1 indicating the number in your party. This information will be helpful with regard to catering of refreshments.

This event is being widely advertised, and we expect a good turnout. Doors open at 9:30 a.m. and seating are first-come, first-served. Please arrive early for best seat selection. Dress code is "come as you are," however, you may want to dress in layers, as the auditorium will likely be on the cool side.

Parking for the event is located in the large parking lot (385 spaces) behind the Performing Arts Center, as well as the west parking lot located near the lawn area off of Field gate Drive (57 spaces). The small lot closest to the PAC entrance is designated as disabled parking for those displaying a disabled placard. Please refer to the attached map and directions.

We hope you can join us for this engaging discussion.

Kind Regards,

Kathy Talley
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Camarillo City Manager's Office
601 Carmen Drive
Camarillo, CA 93010
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ktalley@cityofcamarillo.org

(See flyer)

**VENTURA COUNTY'S FIRST VETERANAS
HOUSING GROUNDBREAKING EVENT**

On February 21, 2018, at 11 am-1 pm (program starts at 11:15 am) you're invited to the Ormond Beach VILLAS Groundbreaking Event-Ventura County's first permanent affordable housing for veterans at the Ormond Beach Villas, 5527-5567 S Saviers Rd, Oxnard, CA 93033.

Parking is limited so we suggest carpooling.

RSVP by February 15, 2018 to

bambi@manymansion.org.

Ormond Beach Villas is a new construction development consisting of five three story buildings, totaling 40 units. The site is 1.81 acres and is currently vacant. Located on Saviers Rd. near Hueneme Rd. in Oxnard, the site is within walking distance to Southwinds Park, Art Haycox Elementary School, Perkins/Hueneme Bus Stop, Clinicas Maravilla, and is also 1.5 miles from the Naval Construction Battalion Center in Port Hueneme. There will be 8 units reserved for chronically homeless veterans, 10 units for homeless veterans with a disability and 21 units will be reserved for low and very low income veteran families.

SEABEE CM "A" SCHOOL GRADUATION

Here's the info on the next couple of graduations.

WHEN: Wednesday, 31 JAN 0930-1030
Wednesday, 14 FEB 0930-1030
Wednesday, 21 FEB 0930-1030

WHERE: Seaabee Museum (3201 N. Ventura Rd,
Port Hueneme, CA)
Naval base Ventura County
Port Hueneme, CA

As always it's great to see you all out there. Also, let me know if any of you are interested in doing lunch with the Students and LCDR Kirk will see what he can do to set it up.

Ron Fitzgarrald
Public Affairs VVVC

The City of Camarillo

CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO

A Panel Discussion on

"The Vietnam War: What It Means for Us Today"

Panel Participants

P. Scott Corbett, PhD
Lecturer in History, CSU Channel Islands

Larry Hawley
U. S. Army Vietnam Veteran

Captain Charlie Plumb, USN, Ret.
*Six-Year Prisoner of War in Vietnam
Former Fighter Pilot*

Janet Richards
*U. S. Army Vietnam Veteran
Former Military Nurse*

Moderator Lyn Fairly
KVTA Radio Host

Saturday, February 10, 2018
Rancho Campana High School
Performing Arts Center
4235 Mar Vista Drive
Camarillo, CA 93010

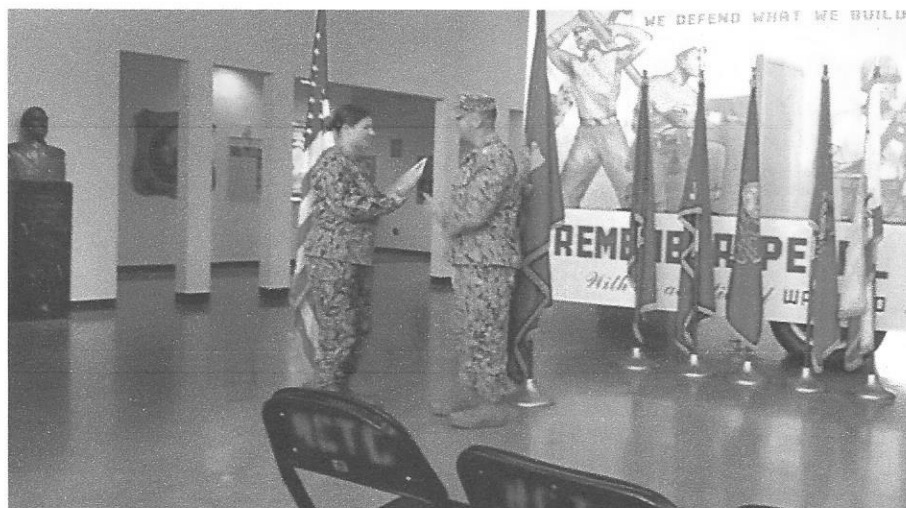
Doors open at 9:30 a.m.
Program 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Refreshments will be served after the program.
Meet & Greet with panelists following the program.
Free and open to the public.



The City of Camarillo is a Commemorative Partner in the Department of Defense Vietnam War 50th Commemoration program. For more details, please visit: www.cityofcamarillo.org, or contact Kathy Talley at ktalley@cityofcamarillo.org or (805) 388-5312.

HERE ARE SOME MORE PICTURESS FROM PREVIOUS SEABEE GRADUATIONS



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Branch of Service

-- Select one --

First Name *

Last Name *

Email Address *

All fields marked with an asterisk (*) are required.

**Welcome to the Military Verification FAQs.****Why do I have to go through a verification process?**

You are submitting a request to a program reserved specifically for the men and women in our United States Military. For quality control purposes, and to ensure only those people who fall under the required conditions are able to obtain this

special offer, we have a very short qualification process we ask you to participate in. All information collected is strictly controlled and is never shared outside the context of this particular verification request.

Who is SheerID?

SheerID is a third-party verification service that works on behalf of retailers to check and verify military credentials. For information on our services, visit us at www.SheerID.com.

What kind of proof do you require?

We accept a wide variety of readily available and approved forms of documentation. We are looking for official documentation that clearly shows your first and last name, a date of birth or discharge/retire date, and a clear affiliation with the military. We strongly suggest any documentation sent to us have sensitive information blacked out before it is uploaded to our system. Uploading documentation to us is optional, but without something to verify your credentials, we will be unable to successfully complete your request.

I don't want to do this online, how can I talk to a real person?

Currently, this offer is only being verified via our online verification service. Our safe and secure process is the fastest way to complete your verification and successfully access your offer. If you have extenuating circumstances, please contact us via our [contact form](#).

How do I know you won't sell or share my ID and information?

VVVC 2018 Event Calendar

FEBRUARY

2 VCMilC Free Legal Clinic
8 VCMilC Meeting
11 Veteran Book Club
17 VVVC Meeting
28 VVVC's Toppers Fundraiser

MARCH

2 VCMilC Free Legal Clinic
9 VCMilC Meeting
9 Veteran Book Club
17 VVVC Meeting
? St. Patrick's Day Parade in Ventura

APRIL

? VVVC California Pizza Kitchen Fundraiser
6 VCMilC Free Legal Clinic
12 VCMilC Meeting
12 Veteran Book Club
21 VVVC Meeting

MAY

4 VCMilC Free Legal Clinic
10 VCMilC Meeting
10 Veteran Book Club
19 VVVC Meeting
28 Memorial Day
30 5th Wednesday Dinner at American Legion in Oak View
? Ivy Lawn Memorial Ceremony
? Remember Dave Betti

JUNE

1 VCMilC Free Legal Clinic
14 VCMilC Meeting
14 Veteran Book Club
16 VVVC Meeting
20-25 Moving Wall

JULY

4 4th of July Parade in Ojai
6 VCMilC Free Legal Clinic
12 VCMilC Meeting
12 Veteran Book Club
21 VVVC Meeting
? 25th Annual Stand Down

AUGUST

3 VCMilC Free Legal Clinic
9 VCMilC Meeting
9 Veteran Book Club
18 VVVC Meeting
29 5th Wednesday Dinner at American Legion in Oak View
? Ventura County Fair Parade

SEPTEMBER

13 VCMilC Meeting
13 Veteran Book Club
15 VVVC Meeting
21 POW/MIA Remembrance

OCTOBER

7 VCMilC Free Legal Clinic
11 VCMilC Meeting
11 Veteran Book Club
20 VVVC Meeting
31 5th Wednesday Dinner at American Legion

NOVEMBER

2 VCMilC Free Legal Clinic
8 VCMilC Meeting
8 Veteran Book Club
11 Veteran's Day
17 VVVC Meeting

DECEMBER

1 VCMilC Free Legal Clinic
13 VCMilC Meeting
13 Veteran Book Club
15 VVVC Meeting
? Santa Paula Christmas Parade
? Operation Snow Flake



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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