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President's Message:

January 2019

2018 was a busy year for the VVVC. The biggest event was the Moving Wall in June and all the preparations getting ready for the event. Memorial Day, Veterans Day, parades, color and honor guard and Snowflake kept us busy. I waited until after our December elections to write my article for the LP. The reason was so that I would have the opportunity to thank everyone who voted for me to be your President for another year. I also wish to congratulate Howard Tench, Brenda Seguin, Joe Richardson and Ron Fitzgarrald on their election as the Executive Officers. Congratulation also to our Executive Directors: Debora Ehrich, David Ha, Joe Reyes, Louis Morris and Dale Dean. Despite health issues, Laurie Richardson continues to do an excellent job with our Listening Post.

I want also to thank and express my deep appreciation to Richard Camacho for the great job he did as our Treasurer last year and for all he and Jan have done and are continuing to do for the VVVC. I want to thank Ed Evans, Manuel Gonzales, Diane Miller and Larry Seguin for their tremendous contribution to the VVVC and myself serving on the Executive Directors last year.

Having said all that, we still have a lot of opportunities to serve our Veterans and Active Service Personnel in 2019. Besides the usual events, there will be the Military Expo (in August?) this year. In June, we will be planning our Anniversary event. We need also to reach out to the new residents of the Veterans Home.

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The Executive Board will be updating and revising our By-Laws to conform to our goal to reach all veterans, not just the Vietnam veterans. We especially need our members to volunteer for our committees and to participate in our events, because as great as our Executive Board is, we can't do it all. There is plenty of work for all of us. Once again, thank you for your support.

David H. Wilson

POW/MIA REPORT Dec - 2018

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

World War II: 5

Army Pfc. Lewis E. Price, 23, of Rogersville, Tennessee. Price was accounted for on Sept. 24, 2018.

Army Cpl. Joseph Akers, 23, of Kenova, West Virginia. Akers was accounted for on April 30, 2018.

Tuskegee Airman Capt. Lawrence E. Dickson, 24, of New York, New York. Dickson, was accounted for on July 26, 2018.

Army Air Forces 1st Lt. Ottaway B. Cornwell, 22, of Houston. Cornwell was accounted for on July 25, 2018.

Army Air Forces 1st Lt. Allen R. Turner, 25, of Brookline, Massachusetts, killed during World War II, was accounted for on Sept. 24, 2018.

Tuskegee Airman Capt. Lawrence E. Dickson, 24, of New York, New York. Dickson, was accounted for on July 26, 2018.

USS Oklahoma: 14

Navy Electrician's Mate 3rd Class Charles H. Harris, 22, of Pine, Louisiana. Harris was accounted for on April 30, 2018.

Navy Gunner's Mate 3rd Class Marvin B. Adkins, 20, of Seattle. Adkins was accounted for on April 11, 2018.

Marine Corps 2nd Lt. Harry H. Gaver, Jr., 24, of Annapolis, Maryland. Gaver was accounted for Jan. 26, 2017.

Seaman 1st Class Walter C. Foley, 18, of Brooklyn, New York. Foley was accounted for on Jan. 10, 2018.

Navy Shipfitter 3rd Class John M. Donald, 28, of Ball Ground, Georgia. Donald was accounted for on April 11, 2018.

Navy Radioman 3rd Class Jack R. Goldwater, 19, of San Francisco. Goldwater was accounted for on March 19, 2018.

Navy Reserve Musician 1st Class Henri C. Mason, 48, of Corwith, Iowa. Mason was accounted for on March 26, 2018.

Navy Fireman 1st Class Leonard R. Geller, 21, of Garber, Oklahoma. Geller was accounted for on Jan. 9, 2018.

Navy Seaman 1st Class Harold W. Roesch, 25, of Rockford, Illinois, killed during World War II, was accounted for on Dec. 6, 2016.

Navy Ensign William M. Finnegan, 44, of Bessemer, Michigan, killed during World War II, was accounted for on April 18, 2016.

Navy Seaman 1st Class Camillus M. O'Grady, 19, of Greenleaf, Kansas, killed during World War II, was accounted for on Dec. 5, 2016.

Navy Signalman 3rd Class Charles E. Nix, 26, of Danville, Illinois, killed during World War II, was accounted for on Sept. 25, 2017.

Navy Fireman 3rd Class Kenneth L. Jayne, 26, of Patchogue, New York, killed during World War II, was accounted for on March 22, 2016.

Navy Machinist's Mate 1st Class Fred M. Jones, 31, of Otter Lake, Michigan, killed during World War II, was accounted for on Dec. 5, 2016.

Currently there are 72,815 (approximately 26,000 are assessed as possibly-recoverable) still unaccounted for from World War II

Korean War: 7

Army Pfc. John W. Martin, 23, of Saratoga, New York. Martin was accounted for on Sept. 24, 2018.

Army Pfc. Leo J. Duquette, 19, of Toledo, Ohio. Duquette was accounted for on Aug. 8, 2018.

Marine Corps Reserve Sgt. Johnson McAfee, 27, of Laveen, Arizona. McAfee was accounted for on Sept. 25, 2017.

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Korean War

Marine Corps Sgt. Meredith F. Keirn, 24, of Niagara Falls, New York. Keirn was accounted for on May 22, 2018.

Army Cpl. DeMaret M. Kirtley, 19, of Kaycee, Wyoming. Kirtley was accounted for on May 4, 2018.

Army Master Sgt. Carl H. Lindquist, 32, of Willmar, Minnesota. Lindquist was accounted for on June 4, 2018.

Army Pfc. John A. Taylor, 22, of Winnsboro, Louisiana. Taylor was accounted for on May 9, 2018.

There are 7,664 Americans remaining unaccounted for from the Korean War.

Vietnam: 1

Navy Capt. James R. Bauder, 35, of San Fernando, California, killed during the Vietnam War, was accounted for on Aug. 28, 2017.

There are 1,584 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

Sick Call...

Please keep the following members in your thought and prayers:

Laurie Richardson – dislocated hip
Michael Capone hospitalized

VVVC December 2018 Membership Report

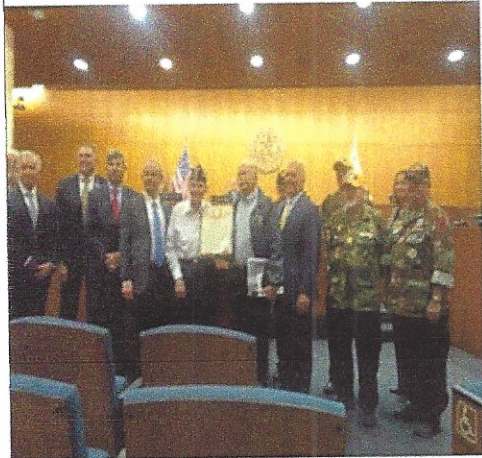
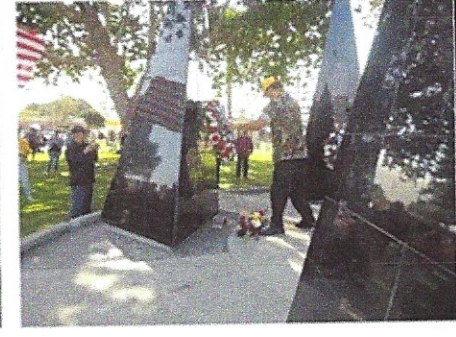
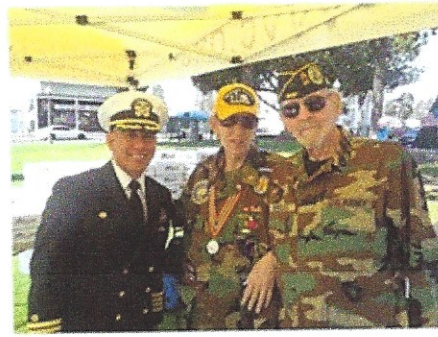
Annual members	60
Life members	110
Total members	170

Memberships expiring in January 2019:

Debbie Howery Jan. 21

Marie Pounds
Membership Chair

Veterans Day Oxnard



Ventura County
Board of Supervisors

Camarillo
Christmas
Parade



Veterans Day Las Vegas

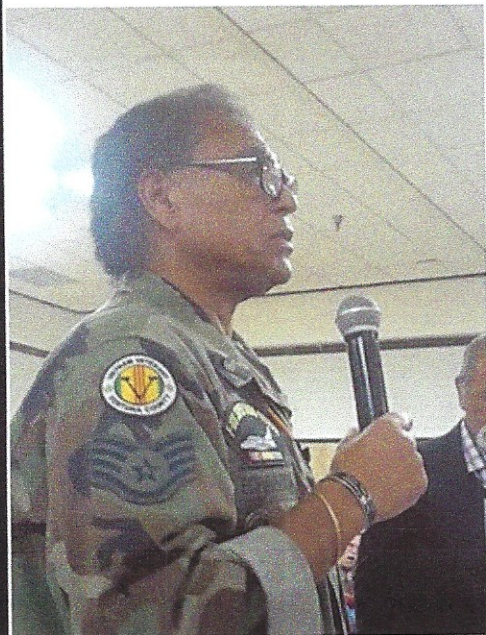


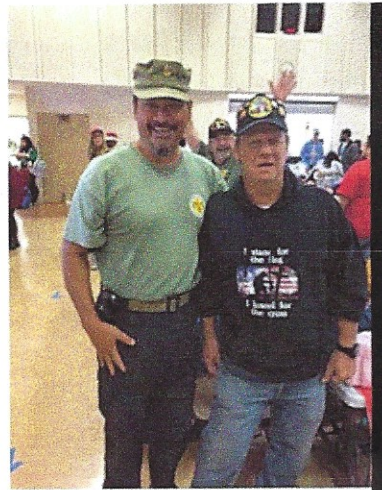


POW/MIA Missing Man Table Ceremony



The Moving Wall

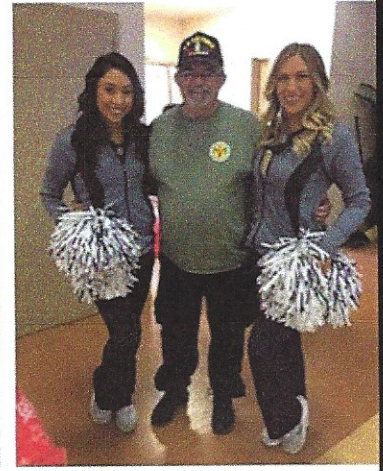




Operation Snowflake 2018



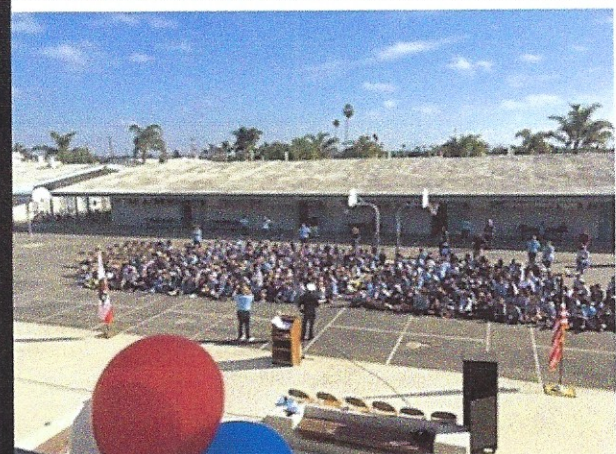
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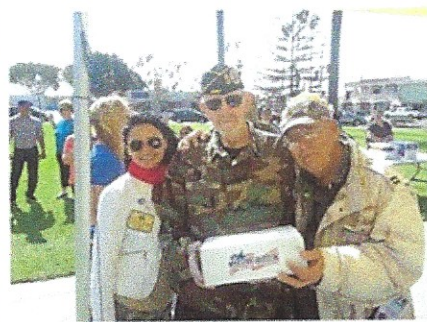
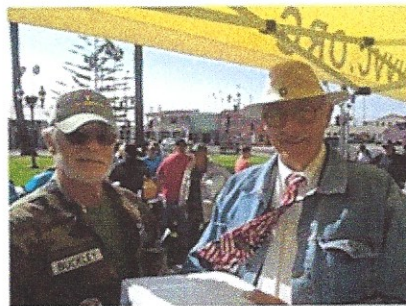
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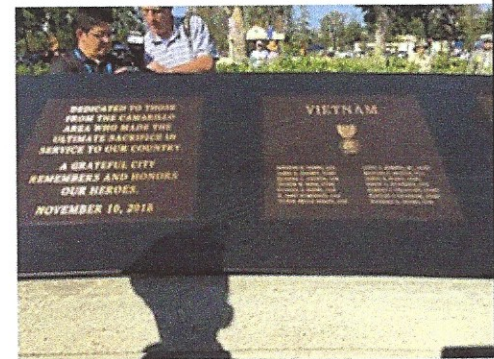
E.O.Green Middle School



Operation Gratitude



Camarillo War Memorial

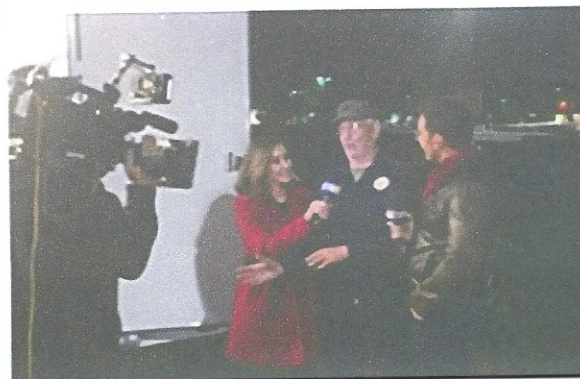


Seabee Graduation





Live on Channel 2 News



Celebrating the life of
Leo Valenzuela



Survive: April 3, 1945 ~ Sunset: November 29, 2018

Funeral Services

December 8, 2018 at 11:00am
St. John's Lutheran Church
1500 North G Street, Oxnard, Ca. 93030

~ Pallbearers ~

Sgt Leo Valenzuela
Gabriel Valenzuela
Mike Valenzuela
Bronson Valenzuela
Steve Vega
Bill Vega Jr.
Joel Perez

(From Newspaper, Saturday, April 30, 1966)

A letter just received from PFC E. (Leo) Valenzuela, Battery D, 3rd Battalion, 13th Artillery Regiment, now operating in Viet Nam, addressed to his mother, Mrs. John Valenzuela and sister Mrs. Pat McNulty, both of 2133 South G Street, Oxnard, includes some cogent philosophy of the young GI fighting the Viet Cong.

Pvt. Valenzuela wrote:

"Well, we just got back from an operation last night after six days of hell. We went to a place called Hobe Woods close to the Cambodian border. We shot artillery fire into a Viet Cong stronghold and then the jets dropped bombs for about an hour after we got through shooting for the day. Then the helicopters landed infantry troops to take over the stronghold.

"On our sixth day, when we were just getting ready to leave to come back, the VCs tried to attack from the opposite side. I never had any bullets come so close in my life before, but we took care of them, all right.

"Well, Mother, when I get through this damn war I have something to tell my children I hope someday to have about how I fought for our country that we and everybody else live in.

"Now, we live like kings in America compared to these people over here, so we have to be proud of our country. I'll never complain about our country again."

~ Services Entrusted To ~

Garcia Mortuary
629 South "A" Street
Oxnard, California 93030

VVVC 2019 Event Calendar

JANUARY 2019

- 4 VCVV Free Legal Clinic
- 10 Collaborative Meeting
- 11 2nd Friday Free Lunch at Goleta Elk's Club – 10:30 am
- 19 VVVC Meeting
- 23 5th Wednesday Dinner at American Legion in Oak View

FEBRUARY 2019

- 1 VCVV Free Legal Clinic
- 8 2nd Friday Free Lunch at Goleta Elk's Club – 10:30 am
- 14 Collaborative Meeting
- 16 VVVC Meeting

MARCH 2019

- 1 VCVV Free Legal Clinic
- 8 2nd Friday Free Lunch at Goleta Elk's Club – 10:30 am
- 14 Collaborative Meeting
- 16 VVVC Meeting

APRIL 2019

- 5 VCVV Free Legal Clinic
- 11 Collaborative Meeting
- 12 2nd Friday Free Lunch at Goleta Elk's Club – 10:30 am
- 20 VVVC Meeting

MAY 2019

- 4 VCVV Free Legal Clinic
- 9 Collaborative Meeting
- 10 2nd Friday Free Lunch at Goleta Elk's Club – 10:30 am
- 18 VVVC Meeting
- 29 5th Wednesday Dinner at American Legion in Oak View

JUNE 2019

- 7 VCVV Free Legal Clinic
- 13 Collaborative Meeting
- 14 2nd Friday Free Lunch at Goleta Elk's Club – 10:30 am
- 15 VVVC Meeting

JULY 2019

- 4 4th of July Parade in Ojai
- 5 VCVV Free Legal Clinic
- 11 Collaborative Meeting
- 12 2nd Friday Free Lunch at Goleta Elk's Club – 10:30 am
- 20 VVVC Meeting
- 31 5th Wednesday Dinner at American Legion in Oak View

AUGUST

- 2 VCVV Free Legal Clinic
- 8 Collaborative Meeting
- 9 2nd Friday Free Lunch at Goleta Elk's Club – 10:30 am
- 17 VVVC Meeting

SEPTEMBER

- 6 VCVV Free Legal Clinic
- 12 Collaborative Meeting
- 13 2nd Friday Free Lunch at Goleta Elk's Club – 10:30 am
- 21 VVVC Meeting

OCTOBER

- 4 VCVV Free Legal Clinic
- 10 Collaborative Meeting
- 11 2nd Friday Free Lunch at Goleta Elk's Club – 10:30 am
- 19 VVVC Meeting
- 30 5th Wednesday Dinner at American Legion in Oak View

NOVEMBER

- 1 VCVV Free Legal Clinic
- 8 2nd Friday Free Lunch at Goleta Elk's Club – 10:30 am
- 11 Las Vegas Veteran's Parade
- 14 Collaborative Meeting
- 15 VVVC Meeting

DECEMBER

- 6 VCVV Free Legal Clinic
- 12 Collaborative Meeting
- 13 2nd Friday Free Lunch at Goleta Elk's Club – 10:30 am
- 20 VVVC Meeting

Home Style
Breakfast &

Lunch

Mexican Food
Breakfast
*** New ***
Burger
Menu

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Sat-Sun
7am-1pm

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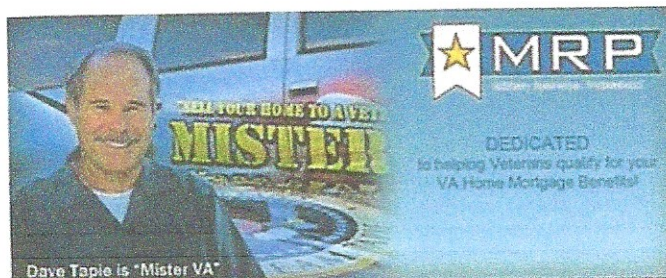
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