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President's Message: July 2018

It was the summer of 2010. I heard of a display of the Moving Wall, a half scale replica of the Vietnam War Memorial in Washington D.C., at the Ivy Lawn Memorial Park and Cemetery. I had the opportunity to visit the Memorial in Washington while back east for our 25th wedding anniversary in 1995. I had a difficult time going up to the wall then and again at Ivy Lawn. For some reason seeing the Moving Wall was more emotional for me than when in Washington. As I stood looking at the Wall, David Ha approached me. I came home from Vietnam in 1969 and because of the hostile culture toward the military and the Vietnam war in particular, I had hidden the fact I served in the military, much less in Vietnam, just like many of other veterans from that era. For many years I was suffering from hypertension and type 2 diabetes. It seemed nothing I did made those conditions better. I also had constant nightmares, I was always paranoid and I had a "short fuse" temper. I just figured I was a bad person. With David Ha's encouragement I registered at the VSO to get into the "system" with the VA. I also joined the VVVC as a result of the contact I made at the Wall. I really had a hard time going through the evaluation process. If it was not for the encouragement of my brothers of the VVVC I may have not followed through. At present I am rated at 100% disabled. Serving with the VVVC with the school presentations [thank you Richard Camacho], the parades [thank you John Cabrera], the color/honor guards, the Military Collaborative, and the many other projects and outreaches we do continues to aide in the healing process.

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Bringing the Wall to the Government Center in June was another step in the healing process. Giving back to help other veterans and the families who lost loved ones in the war was and is an honor. I can't even find the way to appropriately say "Thank You" to all who participated in this project. For all those who generously donated to the VVVC to assist us in all our endeavors, "Thank You!" It is a privilege to serve our veteran community and to be there for one another.

Dave Wilson

POW/MIA RPORT – 2018

25 brothers-in-arms have returned home & 6 remain MIA

World War II: 12

Navy Reserve Pharmacist's Mate 2nd Class Thomas J. Murphy, 22, of Greencastle, Indiana, was buried May 28 in Hamilton, Ohio

Marine Corps Pfc. Jack H. Krieger, 28, of Larned, Kansas, was buried May 28, in his hometown.

Marine Corps Pfc. Francis E. Drake, Jr., 20, of Framingham, Massachusetts, was buried May 25 in Springfield, Mass.

Army Pfc. Oscar E. Sappington, 19, of Dawson, Oklahoma, was buried June 9 in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Marine Corps Reserve Pvt. Charles A. Drew, 29, of Coalinga, California, was buried June 11, in Arlington

Army Air Forces Tech Sgt. John S. Bailey, 28, of Woodstock, Virginia, was buried June 13, in Winchester, Va.

Army Air Forces 2nd Lt. Robert R. Keown, 24, of Scottsboro, Alabama, was buried June 15 in Arlington

Navy Reserve Radioman 2nd Class Julius H.O. Pieper, 19, of Esmond, South Dakota, will be buried

next to his twin brother June 19 at the Normandy American Cemetery in Colleville-sur-Mer, France.

Army Pfc. John H. Walker, 20, of Morning Sun, Iowa, will be buried June 20 in his hometown.

Marine Pfc. John W. Mac Donald, 19, of Somerville, Ma, will be buried June 22 in Bourne, Ma.

Army Air Forces Staff Sgt. Roy F. Davis, 26, of Peterborough, New Hampshire, will be buried June 23 in Ashby, Ma.

Army Staff Sgt. Leo J. Husak, 21, of West, Texas, will be buried June 23 in his hometown.

USS Oklahoma: 4

Navy Radioman 2nd Class Walter H. Backman, 22, of Wilton, North Dakota, was buried May 28 in Batavia, Illinois

Navy Seaman 1st Class Edward F. Slapikas, 26, of Wanamie, Pennsylvania, was buried June 9 in his hometown.

Navy Seaman 1st Class Henry G. Tipton, 20, of Imboden, Arkansas, was buried June 8 in Ravenden, Arkansas.

Navy Storekeeper 3rd Class Wallace E. Eakes, 22, of Caney, Kansas, will be buried June 21, in Denver, Colorado.

Currently there are 72,918 (approximately 26,000 are assessed as possibly-recoverable) still unaccounted for from World War II

Korean War: 7

Army Pfc. Willie E. Blue, 19, of New Orleans, was buried May 29 in Dallas, Texas.

Army Cpl. Ernest L.R. Heilman, 19, of Greenup, Kentucky, was buried June 8 in Arlington National Cemetery

Army Sgt. Julius E. McKinney, 23, of Clay, Arkansas, was buried June 8 in Corinth, Mississippi.

Army Sgt. Donald L. Baker, 20, of Thornton, Arkansas, will be buried June 19 in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

POW Army Maj. Stephen T. Uurtamo, 32, of Chicago, will be buried June 19 in Arlington

POW Army Pfc. Felipe A. Champion, 19, of Brownsville, Texas, will be buried June 21 in his hometown.

POW Army Pfc. David Baker, 18, of Gary, Indiana, will be buried June 23 in Hobart, Indiana.

There are 7,695 Americans remaining unaccounted for from the Korean War

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Vietnam: 2

Air Force Col. Peter J. Stewart, 47, born in Glasgow, Scotland, raised in Winter Haven, Florida, will be buried June 18 in Winter Haven.

Air Force Maj. James B. White, 27, of St. Petersburg, Florida, will be buried June 19 in West Point, New York.

There are 1,595 American servicemen and civilians remaining unaccounted for from the Vietnam War

Iraq Theater & Other Conflicts:

Operation El Dorado Canyon, 1986 MIA: 1

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: 2

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.

Lt. Robert J. Dwyer, of Worthington, Ohio, U.S. Navy, was lost on Feb. 5, 1991, when his FA-18 aircraft went down 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 Fitzgarrauld
POW/MIA Chairman

VVVC June 2018 Membership Report

Annual members	60
Life members	103
Total members	163

Memberships expiring in July 2018:

Richard Cabrera July 9, 2018

Marie Pounds
Membership Chair

Sick Call...

It seems some of our members are getting healthier, but for those that aren't please keep them in your thoughts and prayers:

Barry Jenkins
Charlie Foote
John Smiley
Larry Seguin's son Daniel

I'm still hobbling around but it looks like I'll get the boot off soon (yay)! Oh and by the way a BIG THANK YOU GOES OUT TO **CHARLIE FOOTE** for finding me that awesome electric wheelchair you've seen me in lately!

Speaking of Charlie, be sure to check out all the good information that's included in this LP that he has been getting for all.

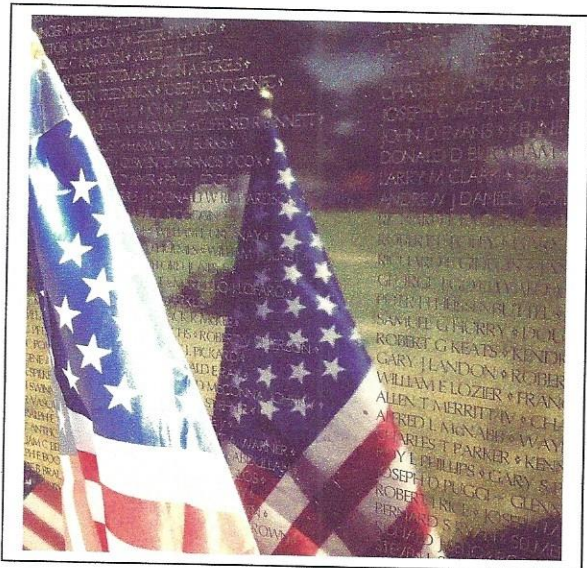
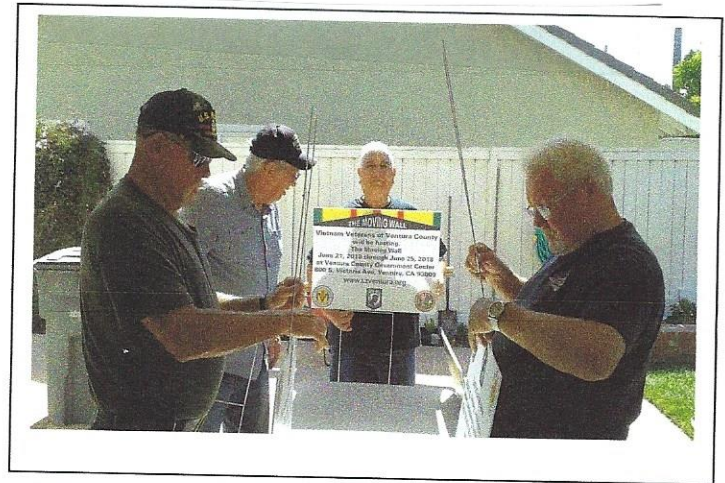
Go to va.gov for the DBQ form – compensation forms for civilian doctors to fill out for compensation claims.

THE MOVINGWALL.....

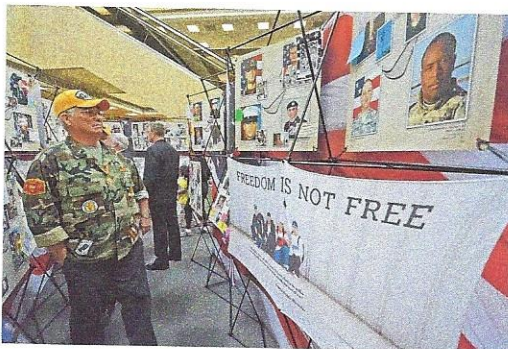
Don't forget to visit The Moving Wall that will be on display from June 21 through June 25. It is a half-scale mobile replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall in Washington DC. There will be a separate display of the 111 Ventura County Vietnam Veterans whose names are on the wall. A Memorial Ceremony is planned for Saturday, June 23, at 11:00 a.m. at the Veterans Memorial located at the corner of Telephone Road and Victoria Avenue. The Wall will be open 24 hours a day while it is at the Government Center, with volunteers on hand to assist people with finding names and an additional reserved parking area will be located in Parking Lot R, closest to the wall for veterans with special needs.

Also at the Hall of Administration, there is a Remembering Our Fallen memorial on display June 19 through June 25 from 10 am until 2 pm.

Ed Evans, Joe, Manuel Gonzales and Ron Fitzgarrald trying to assemble The Moving Wall yard signs at Manuel's residence.



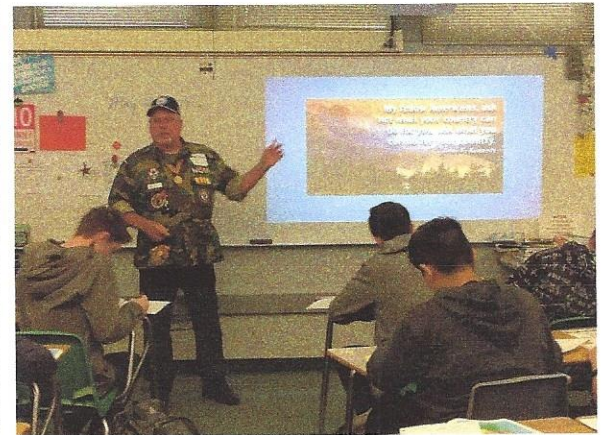
Certificate of Appreciation in Support of the Vietnam Memorial Moving Wall 2018 presented to Jacob Lozano, Staples Printing Services Department Manager on June 12, 2018.



A sculpture that was done by Sutton Betti, Dave Betti's son.
So beautiful!



Here are a couple of pictures of Joe Richardson and Ron Fitzgarrald teaching the kids at Anacapa Middle School about Vietnam.



Happy
4th
of
July



VVVC 2018 Event Calendar

JUNE

21-25 Moving Wall
26 Break Down Wall

JULY

4 4th of July Parade in Ojai
8 Beach Event
12 Collaborative Meeting
13 2nd Friday Free Lunch at Goleta Elk's Club – 10:30 am
21 VVVC Meeting

AUGUST

9 Collaborative Meeting
10 2nd Friday Free Lunch at Goleta Elk's Club – 10:30 am
18 VVVC Meeting
25 Job Fair
29 5th Wednesday Dinner at American Legion in Oak View
? Ventura County Fair Parade

SEPTEMBER

13 Collaborative Meeting
14 2nd Friday Free Lunch at Goleta Elk's Club – 10:30 am
15 VVVC Meeting
21 POW/MIA Remembrance

OCTOBER

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

NOVEMBER

8 Collaborative Meeting
9 2nd Friday Free Lunch at Goleta Elk's Club – 10:30 am
11 Veteran's Day
17 VVVC Meeting

DECEMBER

13 Collaborative Meeting
14 2nd Friday Free Lunch at Goleta Elk's Club – 10:30 am
15 VVVC Meeting
? Santa Paula Christmas Parade

What is "Presumptive" Service Connection?

VA *presumes* that specific disabilities diagnosed in certain veterans were caused by their military service. VA does this because of the unique circumstances of their military service. If one of these conditions is diagnosed in a veteran in one of these groups, VA presumes that the circumstances of his/her service caused the condition, and disability compensation can be awarded.

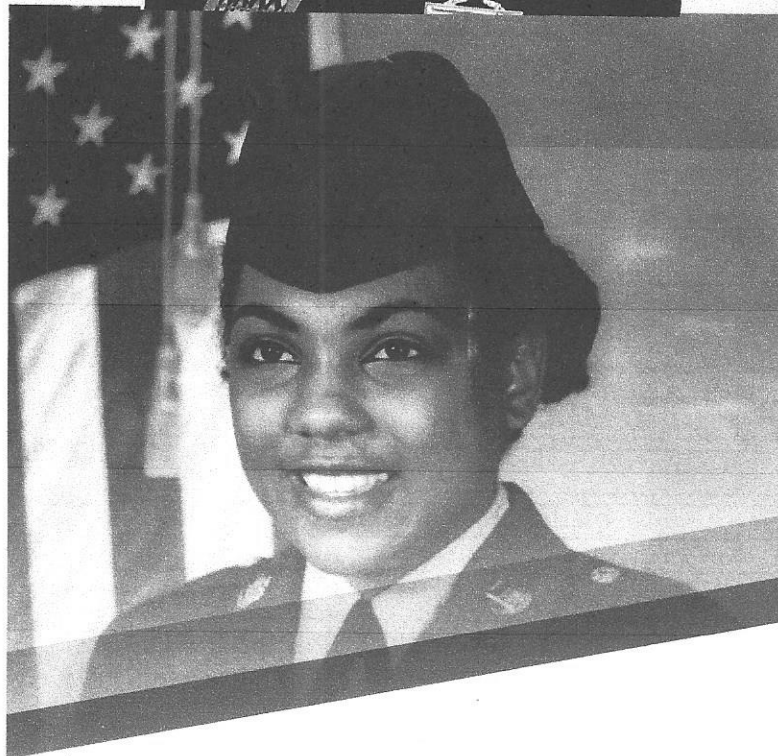
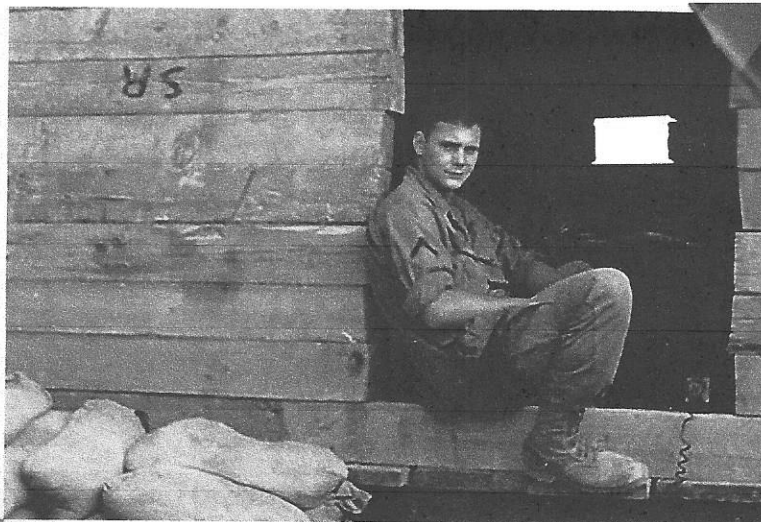
What Conditions are "Presumed" to be Caused by Military Service?

Veterans in the groups identified below: Entitlement to disability compensation may be presumed under the circumstances described and for the conditions listed.

Veterans within one year of release from active duty: Veterans diagnosed with chronic diseases (such as arthritis, diabetes, or hypertension) are encouraged to apply for disability compensation.

Veterans with continuous service of 90 days or more: Veterans diagnosed with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS)/Lou Gehrig's disease at any time after discharge or release from qualifying active service is sufficient to establish service connection for the disease, if the veteran had active, continuous service of 90 days or more.

Former Prisoners of War	Vietnam Veterans (Exposed to Agent Orange)	Atomic Veterans (Exposed to Ionizing Radiation)	Gulf War Veterans (Undiagnosed Illness)
<p>(1) Imprisoned for any length of time, and disability at least 10 percent disabling:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> psychosis any of the anxiety states dysthymic disorder organic residuals of frostbite post-traumatic osteoarthritis heart disease or hypertensive vascular disease and their complications stroke and its residuals <p>(2) Imprisoned for at least 30 days, and disability at least 10 percent disabling:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> avitaminosis beriberi chronic dysentery helminthiasis malnutrition (including optic atrophy) pellagra any other nutritional deficiency irritable bowel syndrome peptic ulcer disease peripheral neuropathy cirrhosis of the liver 	<p>Served in the Republic of Vietnam between 1/9/62 and 5/7/75:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> acute and subacute peripheral neuropathy* AL amyloidosis B-cell leukemias chloracne or other acneform disease similar to chloracne* chronic lymphocytic leukemia diabetes type 2 Hodgkin's disease ischemic heart disease multiple myeloma non-Hodgkin's lymphoma Parkinson's disease porphyria cutanea tarda* prostate cancer respiratory cancers (lung, bronchus, larynx, trachea) soft-tissue sarcoma (other than osteosarcoma, chondrosarcoma, Kaposi's sarcoma or mesothelioma) <p>*Must become manifest to a degree of 10 percent or more within a year after the last date on which the veteran was exposed to an herbicide agent during active military, naval, or air service.</p>	<p>Participated in atmospheric nuclear testing; occupied or was a POW in Hiroshima or Nagasaki; service before 2/1/92 at a diffusion plant in Paducah, KY, Portsmouth, OH, or Oak Ridge, TN; or service before 1/1/74 at Amchitka Island, AK:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> all forms of leukemia (except for chronic lymphocytic leukemia) cancer of the thyroid, breast, pharynx, esophagus, stomach, small intestine, pancreas, bile ducts, gall bladder, salivary gland, urinary tract (kidneys, renal pelvis, ureters, urinary bladder and urethra), brain, bone, lung, colon, ovary bronchiolo-alveolar carcinoma multiple myeloma lymphomas (other than Hodgkin's disease) primary liver cancer (except if cirrhosis or hepatitis B is indicated) 	<p>Served in the Southwest Asia Theater of Operations during the Gulf War with condition at least 10 percent disabling by 12/31/11. Included are medically unexplained chronic multi-symptom illnesses defined by a cluster of signs or symptoms that have existed for six months or more, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> chronic fatigue syndrome fibromyalgia irritable bowel syndrome any diagnosed or undiagnosed illness that the Secretary of Veterans Affairs determines warrants a presumption of service connection <p><i>Signs or symptoms of an undiagnosed illness include:</i> fatigue, skin symptoms, headaches, muscle pain, joint pain, neurological symptoms, respiratory symptoms, sleep disturbance, GI symptoms, cardiovascular symptoms, weight loss, menstrual disorders</p>



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Sunday **Break camp and prepare to leave at 11:30 a.m.**

Note: **Also, veterans who are not homeless as well as active military may attend and access services.**

Information: **Please call (805) 630-2431, or visit our web site: vcstanddown.org**



*******NO PETS ALLOWED*******
(Includes Service & Companion Pets)

PRE-REGISTRATION ENCOURAGED (NOT REQUIRED)
VETERANS MAY PRE-REGISTER AT ONE OF THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:

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| OXNARD | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Catholic Charities - 402 N. "A" Street- Ventura County Rescue Mission - 234 E. Sixth Street- Community Action Program of Ventura County- 621 Richmond- American Job Center of California – 2901 N. Ventura Rd., 3rd Floor |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• PORT HUENEME | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Housing Authority - 250 N. Ventura Road |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• SIMI VALLEY | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- The Samaritan Center - 280 Royal Avenue |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• VENTURA | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Catholic Charities - 303 North Ventura Avenue. Suite A- The Salvation Army - 155 S. Oak Street- Vet Center – 790 E. Santa Clara Street |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• SANTA BARBARA | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Veteran's War Memorial Bldg. – 112 West Cabrillo |

FREE TRANSPORTATION

**TO VENTURA COUNTY STAND DOWN 2018
ONLY ON FRIDAY, JULY 27, 2018**

**APPROXIMATE PICK UP TIMES FOR ALL
LOCATIONS ARE AS NOTED**

More information call Steve Kerman @ (818) 429-1692 or Carl Lanterman @ (805) 630-8110

**SANTA BARBARA – 9:15 AM
Veterans Memorial Hall – 112 West Cabrillo**

**OXNARD – 7:00 AM & 7:15 AM
Ventura County Rescue Mission - 234 East Sixth Street
Community Action Program of Ventura County - 621 Richmond Avenue**

**PORT HUENEME – 7:30 AM
Housing Authority - 250 North Ventura Road**

**VENTURA – 8:30 – 9:30 AM
Catholic Charities - 303 North Ventura Avenue
The Salvation Army – 155 S. Oak Street**

**SIMI VALLEY – Between 8:00 – 9:00 AM
The Samaritan Center - 280 Royal Avenue**

**THOUSAND OAKS - Between 8 :00 – 9:00 AM
Under One Roof - 80 East Hillcrest Drive
In the parking lot at the side of the building**

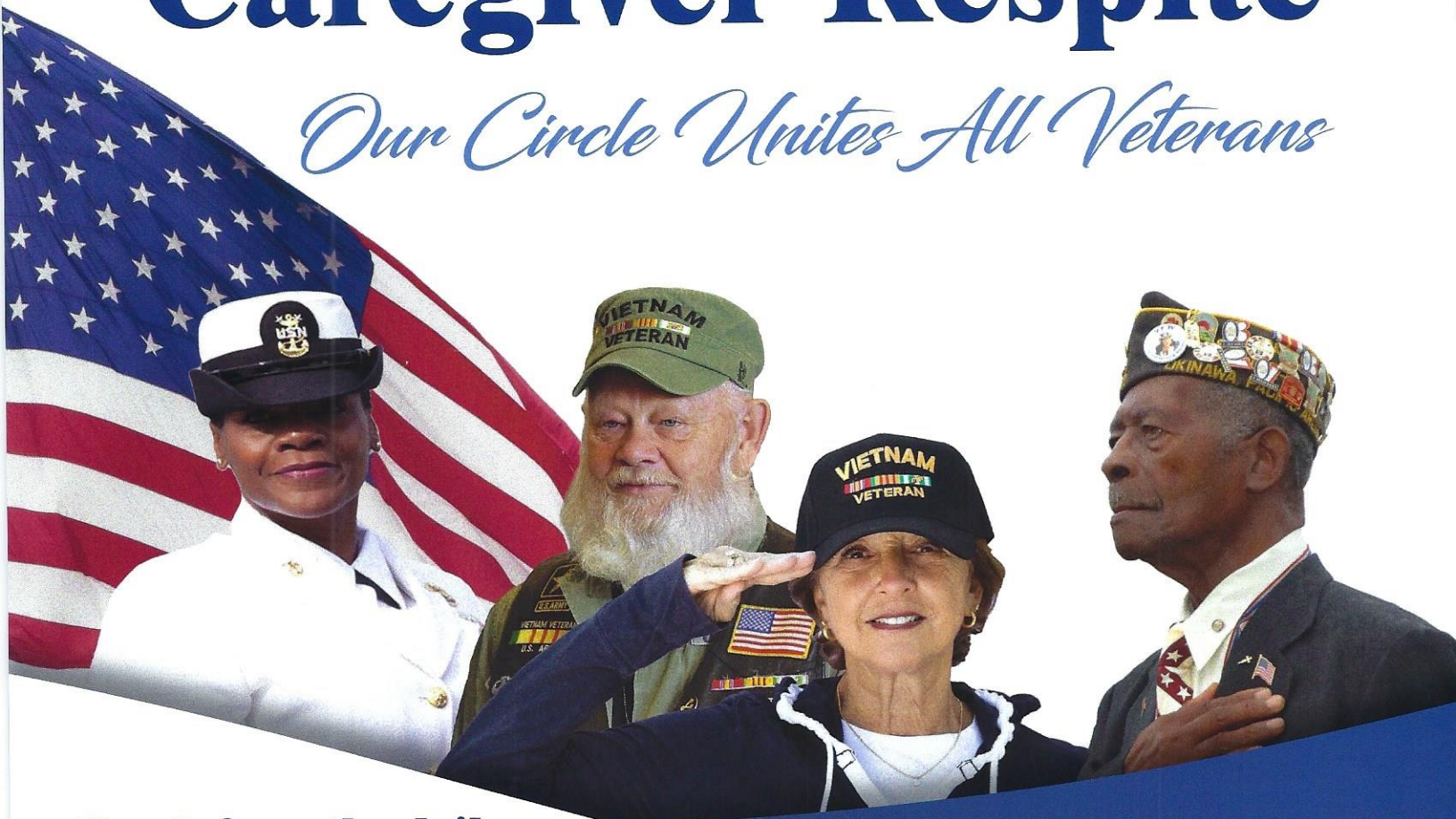
**SEPULVEDA – Between 9:00 – 10:00 AM (bus leaves at 10:00)
16111 Plummer Street – Building #20 Parking Lot**

**OJAI – at the Community Assistance Program – Catch 7:17 or 8:17 am bus
500 E. Ojai Ave. & Fox St. - Gold Coast Rte. 16 to Pacific View Mall**

**ON SUNDAY, JULY 29, AT 11:30 A.M., FREE TRANSPORTATION WILL BE PROVIDED FROM THE
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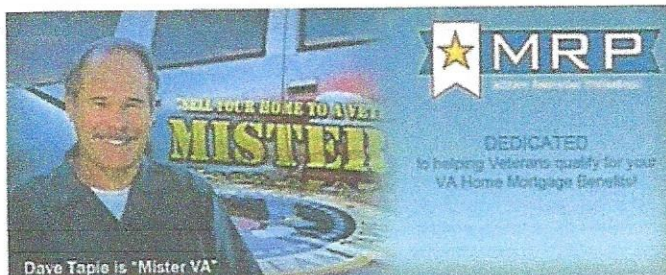
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Vietnam Veterans of Ventura County, Inc.
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This letter is intended to be used to introduce us, the Vietnam Veterans of Ventura County, and to assist us in our effort to solicit subscription/donations 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