



# Listening Post

Vietnam Veterans of Ventura County, Inc.

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May & June, 2021

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### Parades/Work Party

None

### Fundraising

Manny Gonzales  
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## President's Message



David H. Wilson

Admin · Yesterday at 10:40 AM · 0

To all my brothers and sisters of the VVVC,  
Due to my declining health issue which are preventing me from  
fulfilling my responsibilities as President of the VVVC, I have resigned  
from that position.

So as of now we have changed a few  
officer positions until it is time to do  
nominations again.

President	Howard Tench
VP	Richard Camacho
Sec	Joe Richardson
Treasurer	Toni Morris – we are looking for a replacement for Toni
Public Affairs	Ron Fitzgarrald
Housing Improvements	– David Ha has moved.
POW/MIA	Ron Fitzgarrald
Listening Post	Laurie Richardson
James Ray Scholarship	Joe Richardson
Parades/Work Party	–
Fundraising	Manny Gonzales



## VVVC June Meeting

### To All members and guests,

With much assistance from our brothers and sisters, the board has secured a meeting place for Saturday, June 19, 2021. It will be at:

Oxnard Family Circle  
2100 Outlet Center Drive  
Oxnard.

In the shopping center, formerly known as The Oxnard Outlet Mall, where the old VA clinic used to be.

The hours will be from 4:30 pm to 8:00 pm with the hours from 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm reserved for the executive board.

Katy Krul, the Director of Operations, has graciously opened the facility to us providing we clean up afterwards. She will provide the garbage bags. We remove all trash and will take it with us. We are not to use their dumpsters in the back.

Remember, this is Her house, and we will abide by her rules;

The following rules will apply until the state and county board of health lift said mandates:

Until the indoor mask restrictions are lifted, we will be required to wear masks, (unless eating or drinking), which she has so graciously provided.

Temperatures will be taken.  
Proof of vaccination will be required. (photocopy, picture or original)  
**No vaccination, no entry!**

The potluck suppers are suspended for the time being. (Probably only 2 or 3 meetings)  
If you want to bring something to snack on or eat, that's ok. Just remember it is for you and your family members, no sharing with others. The room is much more spacious than the previous meeting location and Veteran decorated to boot!

Thanks to all who helped! Soon, we'll be back to normal.  
Thank you Katy for your kind generosity!

Ron Fitzgarrald

## VVVC June 2021 Membership Report

For those on this list you still owe back dues. This June will be the last opportunity to pay and be current thus remaining on the membership role

Annual members	42	.... non receipt of dues will lower this to 23
Life Members	108	
Total members	150	.... And drop this to 131

### These members dues need to be renewed

**Annual membership dues are (\$15 to renew) or \$150 Life membership (can be done in three \$50 payments) ....**

1392	John Mills
1468	Debbie Howery
1469	'Bobbi' Vickroy/Mills
1488	Bruce Miller
1490	Ron Perkovich
1493	Edwin Luth
1506	John Gonzales
1513	Ken Mayer
1523	Donald Hindsman
1524	James Connors
1525	Aurthur Ingram
1526	John Haigh
1527	Richard Weiche
1529	William Bahr
1530	Peter Schultz
1532	Bud Grey
1539	Harold Abernathy
1543	Frank McCarthy
1544	Charles Killingsworth

**All members dues will now renew on January 1, 2022**

Sec/Membership Chair



## **POW/MIA REPORT May - June - 2021**

**17 Brothers-in-arms have been accounted for and/or returned home &**

**6 remain MIA and unaccounted for**

### **European & Pacific Theaters: 1**

Army 1st Lt. **Myles W. Esmay**, 21, of Merrill's Marauders, was accounted for on May 25, 2021.

### **USS West Virginia: 1**

Navy Electrician's Mate 3rd Class **Charles D. Brown**, 22, was accounted for on March 22, 2021.

### **USS Oklahoma: 13**

Navy Musician 2nd Class **Lloyd P. Wiegand**, 19, was accounted for on Dec. 14, 2020.

Navy Fireman 3rd Class **Harry R. Holmes**, 19, was accounted for on Feb. 11, 2021.

Navy Lt. Cmdr. **Hugh R. Alexander**, 43, was accounted for on Feb. 17, 2021.

Navy Seaman 2nd Class **Charles L. Saunders**, 18, was accounted for on Feb. 11, 2021.

Navy Fireman 2nd Class **Ralph C. Battles**, 25, was accounted for on Feb. 12, 2021.

Navy Seaman 2nd Class **Russell O. Ufford**, 17, was accounted for on Feb. 11, 2021.

Navy Fireman 1st Class **Robert J. Harr**, 25, was accounted for on Feb. 12, 2021.

Navy Fireman 2nd Class **William K. Shafer**, 20, was accounted for on Dec. 16, 2020.

Navy Fireman 1st Class **Everett C. Titterington**, 21, was accounted for on March 23, 2021.

Navy Electrician's Mate 2nd Class **Leaman R. Dill**, 25, was accounted for on Jan. 4, 2021.

Navy Seaman 2nd Class **Raymond D. Boynton**, 19, was accounted for on Dec. 22, 2020.

Navy Musician 2nd Class **Charlton H. Ferguson**, 19, of Kosciusko, Mississippi, was accounted for on Dec. 17, 2020.

\*Navy Seaman 2nd Class **Walter R. Pentico**, 17, was accounted for on Feb. 24, 2021.

The identification of 338 individuals, to date, represents the first successful completion of a project of such scope and complexity. Nearly 86% of unknowns from the USS Oklahoma have been individually identified and it is expected that 90% will be identified by the end of the project,

surpassing the original projected estimate of 80%.

"Even more remarkable than the collective success of this project are all the families who were able to receive the remains of their loved one, whose last measure of devotion was made aboard the Oklahoma," said Kelly McKeague, DPAA's Director.

### **Total from World War II: 15**

**Currently there are 72,458 Americans (approximately 26,000 are assessed as possibly-recoverable) still unaccounted for from World War II**

### **Korean War: 1**

Army Cpl. **Clifford S. Johnson**, 20, of Valatie, New York, was accounted for April 16, 2020.

**Currently there are 7,542 Americans still unaccounted for from the Korean War.**

### **Vietnam: 1**

U.S. Naval Reserve Cmdr. **Paul C. Charvet**, 26, was accounted for March 1, 2021.

**Currently there are 1,571 American servicemen and civilians still 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.

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**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 Fitzgerald**  
**POW/MIA Chairman**

**SICK CALL.....**

It's been a really hard year for all of us. We all know of several people who have gotten the Covid Virus, some that fought the battle and won and some that did not. Besides that it seems like there are a lot of us with physical issues just trying to keep going. So please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.  
Thanks, Laurie Richardson, Editor

**CAPT. R. MIRAND CHANGE OF COMMAND**  
All members,

The Commanding Officer of Amphibious Construction Battalion One request the pleasure of your viewership of the Change of Command of Capt. Daniel Cook to Capt. Rafael Miranda assuming command of Amphibious Construction Battalion One.

This is taking place on Friday July 16 @ 10am via Facebook Live @

<https://www.facebook.com/PHIBCBONE>

Those of you that have base access are welcome to attend in person.

Address is

NAB Coronado  
2524 Eniwetok Rd.  
San Diego, Ca 92155-5200

**MISSING MAN TABLE**

The missing man table consists of the following elements:

**A small table set for one, symbolising the isolation of the absent service member.**

**The table is round to represent the everlasting concern the survivors have for the missing.**

**A white tablecloth to symbolise the pure intentions of the service members who responded to the country's call to arms.**

**A single rose in the vase symbolising the blood that service members have shed in sacrifice to ensure the freedom of the United States of America.**

**The yellow ribbon represents the family and friends who keep the faith while awaiting the return of the missing service members.**

**A slice of lemon on the bread plate that represents the bitter fate of the missing.**

**Salt sprinkled on the bread plate that symbolises the tears shed by waiting families.**

**An inverted glass to represent the fact that the missing and fallen cannot partake.**

**A Bible represents the spiritual strength and faith to sustain the lost.**

**A lit candle symbolises a light of hope that lives in hearts to illuminate the missing's way home.**

**An empty chair to represent the absence of the missing and fallen.**

**Vietnam Veterans of Ventura County Honor Guard**

Have been busy presenting the Presentation of POW/MIA Missing Man Table Ceremonies as well as attending several funerals.

Upcoming – We have a booth at the Wings Over Camarillo





Eboard Meeting



## POW/MIA Missing Man Table Oxnard Republican Womens Club







## Memorial Day

### Oxnard Plaza Park







39TH ANNUAL  
**WINGS OVER  
CAMARILLO**

AIR SHOW  
CAR SHOW  
STEM

**SAT AND SUN**  
21 22 2021  
**AUGUST 17 & 18 2019**  
CAMARILLO AIRPORT

Wings Over Camarillo is presented by Camarillo Wings Association (CWA), a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation (EIN #27-1789245). CWA promotes aviation and its heritage, while inspiring youth with aviation related programs, education and leadership opportunities.

WVVC will have a booth at the air show  
Details on the work party coming soon

EVENT HOURS

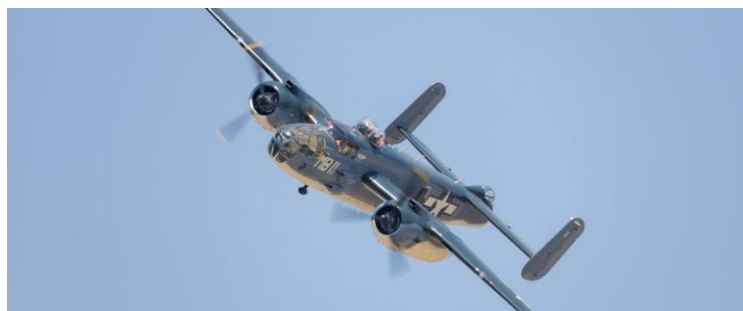
Saturday, August 21st &  
Sunday, August 22nd, 2021  
Gates Open: 9:00am  
Air Demonstration: Starts at Noon



**KIDS**  
**SEMA**

And  
Lots of Food

**PLANES**



**CARS**

