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President's Message:

Esprit de corps is a French expression meaning literally "Spirit of Corps" or "Spirit of Body" in English language. It denotes a strong shared team spirit, mutual solidarity and fellowship, sense of duty, and devotion to a cause among the members of a group. *Esprit de corps* is tied very closely with the French Foreign Legion and other military units worldwide. In the United States Marine Corps, it is a phrase that sits along side the core values Honor, Courage, and Commitment as a living, breathing, entity that is not only the fighting spirit but the pride for the unit, service branch, and country, and the devotion and loyalty to the other members of the unit that the men and women fight and serve with. *Esprit de corps* is also meaning morale which is the capacity of a group of people to pull together persistently and consistently in pursuit of a common purpose especially due to their training and their pride in their unit. In the military, morale begins with a soldiers' attitude toward duty and his confidence and pride in himself, his comrades and his leaders. [1]

Often this pride in our units spills over into some friendly competition where we express how our unit or branch of service is "superior" to others. For instance, airborne troops feel superior to "leg" troops. Members of the 82nd Airborne, the All-American Division consider members of the 101st Airborne to be the "puking buzzards" or "screaming chickens" where the 101st considers the 82nd to be "almost airborne" or "airborne anonymous". The United States Marine Corps know they are the best of all the branches of service.

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Though I wear with pride the Screaming Eagle patch of the 101st Airborne and my jump wings, there is another “unit” patch I wear with equal pride: the patch of the Vietnam Veterans of Ventura County. That is my “active” service now. We share “a team spirit, mutual solidarity and fellowship, sense of duty, and devotion” as a group. There are groups like the American Legion, the DAV, and VFW to name a few which are doing a good work for all our vets, but the one group I identify the most with, the one I have the most in common with is the VVVC. Regardless of our branch of service we have one thing in common: Vietnam [whether “boots on the ground” or “era”]. We work for each other and work to keep the memory of our sacrifice alive with “honor, courage and commitment”. Whether it is attending our monthly meetings, participating in parades, our scholarships, doing presentations in our schools, advocating for veteran’s concerns and issues with our political leaders, etc., we are active in changing the culture of our country towards all those who serve that we will never again be treated the way we were when we came home and most important of all; we are there for each other.

[1] Wikipedia: Esprit de Corps

Dave Wilson

POW/MIA REPORT Feb – 2019

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

World War II: 2

Army Pvt. Floyd A. Fulmer, 20, of Newberry, South Carolina, killed during World War II, was accounted for on Nov. 27, 2018.

Army Air Forces 2nd Lt. Lynn W. Hadfield, 26, of Salt Lake City, killed during World War II, was accounted for on Dec. 13, 2018.

USS Oklahoma: 5

Machinist’s Mate 1st Class Eugene K. Eberhardt, 29, of Newark, New Jersey, killed during World War II, was accounted for on July 3, 2018.

Fire Controlman 1st Class Edward J. Shelden, 29, of Indianapolis, killed during World War II, was accounted for on July 26, 2018.

Seaman 1st Class Kirby R. Stapleton, 24, of Chillicothe, Missouri, killed during World War II, was accounted for on Aug. 27, 2018.

Seaman 1st Class John A. Karli, 19, of San Marino, California, killed during World War II, was accounted for on Sept. 10, 2018.

Seaman 1st Class Kenneth H. Sampson, 20, of Kansas City, Missouri, killed during World War II, was accounted for on Oct. 16, 2018.

Currently there are 72,775 (approximately 26,000 are assessed as possibly-recoverable) still unaccounted for from World War II

Korean War: 1

Army Pvt. Winfred L. Reynolds, 20, of High Point, North Carolina, killed during the Korean War, was accounted for on Jan. 16, 2019.

There are 7,658 Americans remaining unaccounted for from the Korean War.

Vietnam: 0

There are 1,580 American servicemen and civilians remaining unaccounted for from the Vietnam War

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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 February 2019 Membership Report

Annual members	60
Life members	110
Total members	170

Sec/Membership Chair
Joe Richardson

Happenings:

Here is a list of the events VVVC has been asked to participate in this year:

April 13 & 14, 2019 10a-7p (Color Guard)
Oxnard's First Annual Native American Peoples Intertribal
Pow Wow, Oxnard Beach Park, 1601 S. Harbor Blvd.,
Oxnard, CA 93035

Open House: May 8, 2019 10a-1p (09:00 need volunteers
for setup) Booth??

VA Oxnard Community-Based Outpatient Clinic
1690 Universe Circle
Oxnard, Ca 93033

July 7, 2019 11a-3p (Color Guard) Booth?? Set up 10a-11a
they provide table and chairs
Annual Ed Hunt Rehab Point Picnic Project
Oxnard Beach Park
1601 South Harbor Blvd
Oxnard, Ca 93032

Wings Over Camarillo
August 17 - 18, 2019 (exact time & dates to follow)
Booth & E-Z up

November 11, 2019 11a-1p (Color Guard and Booth)
Oxnard Veterans Day Ceremony

December 7, 2019 9a-11a (Color Guard)
Camarillo Christmas Day Parade

Thanks,
Ron

Also check out the dates and times for Air Force Tech
School and Naval Construction Training Center's
Graduations on the VVVC 2019 Event Calendar.

Sick call.....

Please keep the following members in your thoughts and prayers:

Charlie Foote – Knee surgery

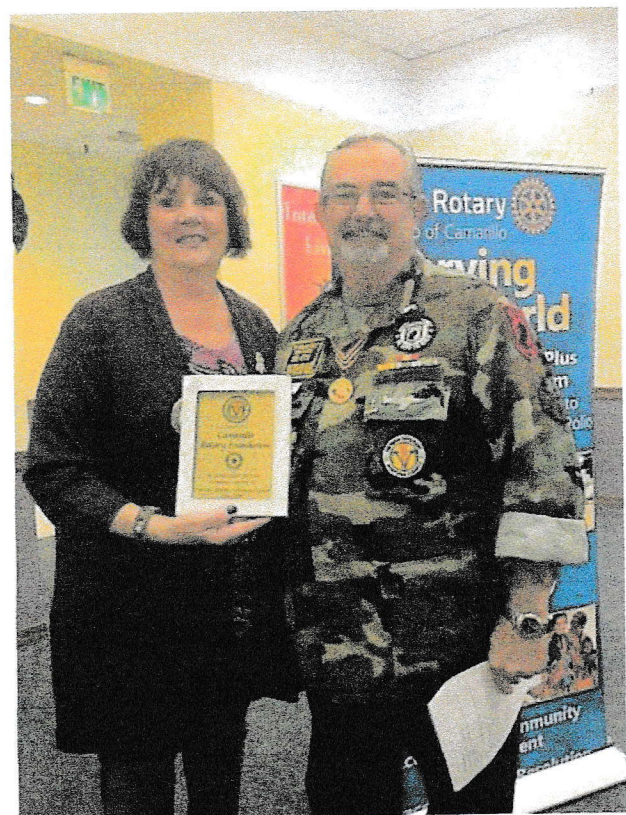
Dale Dean – Ear surgery

Jim Hensley - Heart issues

One of our members, Mike Capone, passed away recently. There was a gathering on Feb. 19th at the Veteran's Home to remember Mike. On March 1st there will be a graveside service with military honors at 11 am in Santa Maria. Several of our members will be attending this service. For more information you can contact any of the executive board members.



On behalf of the VVVC, Ron Fitzgarrald presented an LZ Ventura Moving Wall cap and one of our new VVVC challenge coins to the most senior enlisted person of the Navy, Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy Russell Smith.



Vice President, Howard Tench is presenting a plaque to Kathy Long, President of the Camarillo Rotary Foundation in appreciation of their generous support of the VVVC in 2018 in bringing the Vietnam Memorial Wall to Ventura County. Fund raising is a constant and ongoing process.



VVVC as the Color Guard for the fundraiser at the Borderline.



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.

VCVC event notice: Reminder: Join us at the State of Many Mansions!

McManus, Mike <Mike.McManus@ventura.org>

Sat 2/16/2019 9:59 AM



Please see below for event details and link.

Mike McManus
County of Ventura, Veteran Services Officer
Senior Master Sergeant, USAF (ret)
5740 Ralston St, Suite 304, Ventura, CA 93003
(805) 477-5480 (desk number)
(805) 477-5155 (main office number)
(805) 477-5418 (fax)
Website: www.vchsa.org/veterans

Veteran in crisis? Call 1 800 273-8255, press 1



From: Many Mansions [mailto:rick@manymansions.org]
Sent: Saturday, February 16, 2019 9:00 AM
To: McManus, Mike <Mike.McManus@ventura.org>
Subject: Reminder: Join us at the State of Many Mansions!



**Are you coming to
Thousand Oaks?**

**Are you coming to
the Oxnard event?**

LOCATION
Thousand Oaks Inn

LOCATION
Residence Inn Oxnard River Ridge

DATE AND TIME
03/05/19 7:30am - 03/05/19 9:30am

DATE AND TIME
03/07/19 7:30am - 03/07/19 9:30am

[I will be there](#)

[I will be there](#)

[Maybe](#)

[Maybe](#)

[I cannot make it](#)

[I cannot make it](#)



Many Mansions | 1259 E. Thousand Oaks Blvd., Thousand Oaks, CA 91362

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VVVC 2019 Event Calendar

FEBRUARY

25 AFTS "TTAV" Graduation
28 AFTS "TTAC" Graduation

MARCH

1 VCMC Free Legal Clinic
4 AFTS "TTAA" Graduation
5 NCTC "CM" Graduation
8 2nd Friday Free Lunch at Goleta Elk's Club-10:30 am
12 NCTC "CM" Graduation
14 Collaborative Meeting
16 St. Patrick's Day Parade in Ventura
16 VVVC Meeting
19 NCTC "CM" Graduation
20 AFTS "TTAV" Graduation
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
12 2nd Friday Free Lunch at Goleta Elk's Club - 10:30 am
15 NCTC "CM" Graduation
17 AFTS "TTAV" Graduation
19 NCTC "CM" Graduation
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
9 Collaborative Meeting
10 2nd Friday Free Lunch at Goleta Elk's Club-10:30
14 AFTS "TTAA" Graduation
14 AFTS "TTAV" Graduation
17 AFTS "TTAC" Graduation
18 VVVC Meeting
29 5th Wednesday Dinner at American Legion in Oak View

JUNE

7 VCMC Free Legal Clinic
13 Collaborative Meeting
14 2nd Friday Free Lunch at Goleta Elk's Club-10:30
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
9 AFTS "TTAA" Graduation
11 Collaborative Meeting
12 2nd Friday Free Lunch at Goleta Elk's Club-10:30
16 NCTC "CM" Graduation
20 VVVC Meeting
29 AFTS "TTAC" Graduation
30 NCTC "CM" Graduation
31 5th Wednesday Dinner at American Legion in Oak View
31 AFTS "TTAA" Graduation

AUGUST

2 VCMC Free Legal Clinic
6 NCTC "CM" Graduation
8 Collaborative Meeting
9 2nd Friday Free Lunch at Goleta Elk's Club-10:30
13 NCTC "CM" Graduation
17 VVVC Meeting
23 NCTC "CM" Graduation

SEPTEMBER

3 NCTC "CM" Graduation
6 VCMC Free Legal Clinic
10 NCTC "CM" Graduation
12 Collaborative Meeting
13 2nd Friday Free Lunch at Goleta Elk's Club 10:30 am
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
11 2nd Friday Free Lunch at Goleta Elk's Club 10:30 am
19 VVVC Meeting
21 NCTC "CM" Graduation
28 AFTS "TTAC" Graduation
28 NCTC "CM" Graduation
30 5th Wednesday Dinner at American Legion in Oak View
30 AFTS "TTAA" Graduation

NOVEMBER

1 VCMC Free Legal Clinic
4 NCTC "CM" Graduation
8 2nd Friday Free Lunch at Goleta Elk's Club 10:30 am
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
12 Collaborative Meeting
13 2nd Friday Free Lunch at Goleta Elk's Club 10:30 am
19 NCTC "CM" Graduation
20 VVVC Meeting
20 AFTS "TTAA" Graduation
23 AFTS "TTAC" Graduation

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Sat-Sun
7am-1pm

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Vietnam Veterans of Ventura County, Inc.
P.O. Box 3218
Ventura, CA 93006-3218

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