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President's Message:

I think it most appropriate that we are bringing the Wall to Ventura in June, shortly after celebrating Memorial Day on May 28th. We must not forget, nor allow others who benefit from the sacrifices of the fallen to forget, the "full measure of devotion" shown by those whose names are on the Wall. I have been to the Vietnam Memorial in Washington as well as the memorial to WWI, II and Korea. There is one memorial at the Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia that represents the fallen from all our wars. We know it as the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. President Warren G. Harding presided over the dedication of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier on November 11, 1921. It was an emotion filled day. President Harding addressed the large crowd in attendance stating that the memorial was not just about one man. "He might have come from any one of millions of American homes... hundreds of mothers are wondering today, finding a touch of solace in the possibility that the nation bows in grief over the body of one she bore." [1]

One writer for the Washington Post, George Roithwell Brown wrote: "No man had ever given more...youth, fortune, love and fame, his very identity flung away for the country's sake at the cannon's mouth, and in exchange an immeasurable immortality, the laurels of the victor, the veneration of the world the homage of civilization." [2] He went on to describe the two days of dedication as: "An overwhelming manifestation of love and adoration such as this republic has never seen before." [2]

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Since 1921 three more crypts were added to include unidentified dead from the Second World War, the Korean War and the Vietnam War. Thanks to DNA testing, the Vietnam soldier was identified as United States Air Force First Lieutenant Michael Joseph Blassie and his remains were returned to his family in 1998.[3]

It is my hope that all who attend our presentation of the Vietnam Wall Memorial would have the same experience of "an overwhelming manifestation of love and adoration" for those whose name we know and recognize.

[1]^ "President Harding's Address at Grave of Unknown Soldier". *The Washington Post*. November 12, 1921 (Accessed 11/7/2012 on ProQuest Historical Newspapers)

[2]^ Brown, George Rothwell. "Nation Bows at Bier of Unknown Soldier" *The Washington Post*, November 10, 1921 (Accessed 11/7/2012 on ProQuest Historical Newspapers)

[3] Boundary Stones web site.

Dave Wilson

Membership Chairperson's Message:

VVVC April 2018 Membership Report

Annual members	46
Life Members	100
Total members	146

Memberships expiring in May 2018:

Joseph Sabeda 4/15/2018
Helen Gonzales 4/27/2018

LTC (retired) David Boostrom passed away 3/9/2018.
Marie Pounds
Membership Chair

POW/MIA REPORT Apr – 2018

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

World War II: 8

Army Air Forces 1st Lt. Frank A. Fazekas, 22, of Trenton, New Jersey, was buried March 28 in Arlington National Cemetery

Army Air Forces 2nd Lt. William H. Harth, Jr., 22, of Columbia, South Carolina, was buried April 6 in his hometown

Marine Corps Pvt. John M. Tillman, 21, of Reno, Nevada, was buried April 6, in the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific in Honolulu

Marine Corps Pfc. Lyle E. Charpiloz, 17, of Silverton, Oregon, was buried April 7, in Salem, Oregon

Navy Reserve Aviation Ordnanceman 2nd Class Ora H. Sharninghouse, Jr., 22, of McComb, Ohio, was buried April 7 in Findlay, Ohio

Marine Corps Pvt. Edwin W. Jordan, 17, of Pittsburgh, was buried April 9, in Arlington National Cemetery

Navy Reserve Lt. j.g. Irvin E. Rink, 25, of Wichita, Kansas, was buried April 16 in his hometown

POW at Cabanatuan Army Pvt. Raymond Sinowitz, 25, of Bronx, New York, will be buried April 23 in Arlington National Cemetery

USS Oklahoma: 3

Navy Water Tender 2nd Class Porter L. Rich, 27, of Lake Preston, South Dakota, was buried March 31 in his hometown

Navy Seaman 2nd Class Frank Wood, 25, of Jackson, Ohio, was buried April 14 in Franklin, North Carolina

Navy Fireman 2nd Class John D. Wheeler, 26, of Gaither, Arkansas, will be buried April 28 in Harrison, Arkansas

Currently there are 72,934 (approximately 26,000 are assessed as possibly-recoverable) still unaccounted for from World War II

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Korean War: 10

Army Cpl. Dow F. Worden, 20, of Boardman, Oregon, was buried March 27 in Arlington National Cemetery
POW Army Cpl. Thomas H. Mullins, 18, of Harriman, Tennessee, was buried March 29 in St. Petersburg, Florida
Army Sgt. 1st Class Pete W. Simon, 34, of Grindstone, Pennsylvania, was buried March 31 in Northfield, Ohio
Army Cpl. William C. McDowell, 20, of Stuttgart, Arkansas, was buried April 4 in Arlington National Cemetery

Army Cpl. Roy J. Hopper, 21, of Miami, Ohio was buried April 6 in Dayton, Ohio

Army Master Sgt. George R. Housekeeper, Jr., 28, of Lansdale, Pennsylvania, was buried April 11, in Arlington National Cemetery

POW Army Master Sgt. Finley J. Davis, 39, of Pittsburgh, was buried April 19 in North Charleston, South Carolina

POW Army Sgt. 1st Class Lester R. Walker, 19, of Ferriday, Louisiana, was buried April 18 in Downs ville, Louisiana

POW Army Sgt. 1st Class Milton M. Beed, 30, of Meadow Grove, Nebraska, will be buried April 25 in Norfolk, Nebraska

Army Cpl. Leonard V. Purkapile, 26, of Potosi, Wisconsin, will be buried April 26, in Lancaster, Wisconsin

Today, 7,704 Americans remain unaccounted for from the Korean War.

Vietnam: 4

Air Force Chief Master Sgt. Donald J. Hall, 29, of Stroud, Oklahoma, was buried March 26 in Arlington National Cemetery.

Air Force Col. Edgar F. Davis, 32, of Goldsboro, North Carolina, was buried April 6 in his hometown

Air Force Col. Roosevelt Hestle, Jr., 38, of Orlando, was buried April 13 in Arlington National Cemetery

Air Force Reserve 1st Lt. David T. Dinan, III, 25, of Nutley, New Jersey, will be buried April 25 in Arlington National Cemetery

Today there are 1,598 American servicemen and civilians that are still 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 Fitzgarrald
POW/MIA Chairman

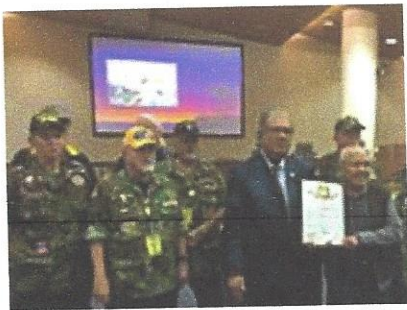
Sick Call...

Please keep the following members and families in your thoughts and prayers:

Charlie Foote
Barry Jenkins
Larry's son Daniel
Joe Catrambone
Vic Shuey
Bobbi Vickroy-Mills
Simon Camarillo
Dwayne Usanio
John Smiley
Manny Gonzales
And, of course, your Editor Laurie Richardson who really hates being in a cast!

Frank Carranza Finally Gets Recognized –

Frank Carranza finally gets recognized since coming home in around 1964. There to support him are his beloved brothers in arms the Vietnam Veterans of Ventura County. Thanks to John Zaragoza, who's brother Danny is a 100% S/C Vietnam Veteran and his Dad a WWII veteran, deceased. Thank you for continued support.



FOR SALE

2 Grave Plots, at Westlake Pierce Bros. Cemetery's Garden of Valor.
This exclusive veteran area is approximately 20 ft from the 'External Flame.'
Plot #259, C & D (includes Bronze Markers and 2 vantage Black Vaults.
Please call Nancy (541) 207-8440

Charlie Foote shared that travel pay can be done at CBOC Oxnard. He also gave to the Listening Post An extensive listing of extension phone numbers For all the clinics-VERY important and helpful information allowing you to make calls directly to the desk at a clinic at WLA or Sepulveda. See the flyers attached.

VCMilc

The mission of the Ventura County Collaborative (VCMilC) is to inspire, strengthen, support, as well as promote the Military and Veteran community of Ventura County through collaboration, programs, and direct assistance.

A network of over 190 government and non-profit agencies that meet monthly, working together to assist the military and veteran community. One to three speakers is present at each meeting to ensure that all agencies are aware of services provided.

For additional information please contact us at (805) 983-4850 or info@vcmilc.org.

The next meeting is May 10, 2018 at 9:30 am – 11:00 am at the National University, 1000 Town Center Dr., Ste 502, Oxnard, CA.

SPECIALTY CLINICS

- Allergy/Immunology
83752- 83237
- Anticoagulation (Rm1612) 48372
- Audiology/Speech 88701
- Cardiology 44037
- Cardiothoracic Surgery 34543
- Colonoscopy Scheduling
41003 or 42485
- Dental -Walk In, Ground Floor
Rm 0041
- Dermatology 83753 - 41030
- Diabetes 83210
- Endocrinology 83210
- ENT 83748
- Eye 83396
- Gastrointestinal 44117 - 42485
- General/Vascular Surgery 83122
- Geriatrics 83474
- Gynecology 83487
- Hematology/Oncology 83622
- Infectious Disease 83763
- Mental Health (PACC) 84037
- Mental Health 84449
- Neurology 83116
- Neurosurgery 40923 - 83122
- Orthopedics/Hand 83114
- Pain Clinic 83337
- Palliative Care 83500
- Plastics 83122
- Physical Medication & Rehab 83337
- Podiatry 84579
- Pre-Op 83104
- Pulmonary 83116
- Radiation Therapy 83390
- Renal 83116 - 40929
- Rheumatology 83116
- Sleep 83116
- Urology 48254
- Veterans Transition Center 83754
- Women's Health 83487

PROCEDURES AND STUDIES

- Bone Marrow Biopsy 83091
- Echocardiogram 83643
- EEG 83643
- EMG/NCS 83337
- Event Monitor 83649 - 83750
- Fine Needle Aspiration 83748
- Holter Monitor 83643
- Nuclear Medicine 83748
- PET Scan 83583
- Pulmonary Function Test 44404
- Radiology 41641
 - CT Scan & US
(310) 268-3458
 - MRI
(310) 268-4505
 - Mammogram
(310) 268-3297
 - Interventional 43789
 - Nuclear Med
(310) 268-3853
- Stress Test
 - Treadmill Thru Cardiology 83643
 - Thru Nuclear Medicine 83583
- Schedule Shingles Vacc 42692

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Lancaster	661.729.8655
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Santa Maria	805.354.6000
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DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS	39145
DENTAL	39615
DERM	32782
ELIGIBILITY	1-800-516-4567 #3
ENDO	32824
EYE	32360 ROOM 3300 3RD FLOOR
FEE BASIS	38100, 38101
GERI	
GI	32787
HEAD & NECK:	32297 ROOM 3400 3RD FLOOR
LAB	33036
LOBBY	5152
MENTAL HEALTH	32989
NEPHROLOGY	32779
NEURO	32786
NURSING VA PROCEDURE ROOM	32786
PLASTICS/VASCULAR	32031 or 32032
PM & RS	32664, 32795, 32784
PODIATRY	32031 or 32032
PROSTEHTICS	Alfonso 32981, Larry 39298, Danielle 32975 Ronald 32977
PROSTEHTICS Supervisor Sherita Lawrence	32980 - for HISA forms
PULMONARY/SLEEP	32591
RHEUMATOLOGY	32774
SURGICAL	32031 or 32032
UROLOGY	32031 or 32032
WOMEN'S HEALTH	1-818-891-7711 ext 9555
WOUND CLINIC	32786
X-RAY/RADIOLOGY	32965
MRI, US	32965
TIM MURPHY: MED RECORDS	39113

VVVC 2018 Event Calendar

MAY

- 9 CBOC Open House – VVVC will have easy-up & Monday Club will serve food
- 10 VCMilC Meeting
- 11 2nd Friday Free Lunch at Goleta Elk's Club – 10:30 am
- 11 Veteran Book Club
- 12 DAV Car Show Moose Lodge
- 17 Wall meeting
- 19 VVVC Meeting
- 28 Memorial Day
- 29 National Vietnam War Veteran's Day - noon
- 30 5th Wednesday Dinner at American Legion in Oak View

JUNE

- 5 Docent Training
- 8 2nd Friday Free Lunch at Goleta Elk's club – 10:30 am
- 9 Docent Training
- 16 VVVC Meeting
- 20 Set up Wall
- 20-25 Moving Wall
- 26 Break Down Wall

JULY

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

AUGUST

- 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

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

OCTOBER

- 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

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

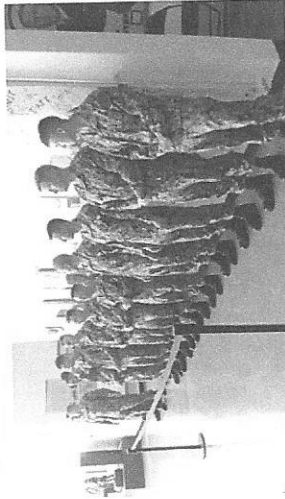
DECEMBER

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

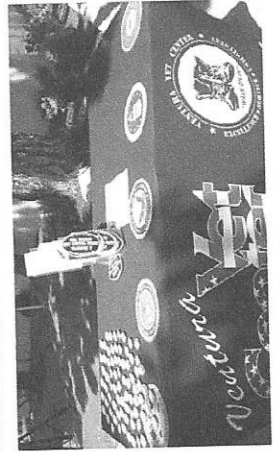
Just a few of the things and places we have gone this month



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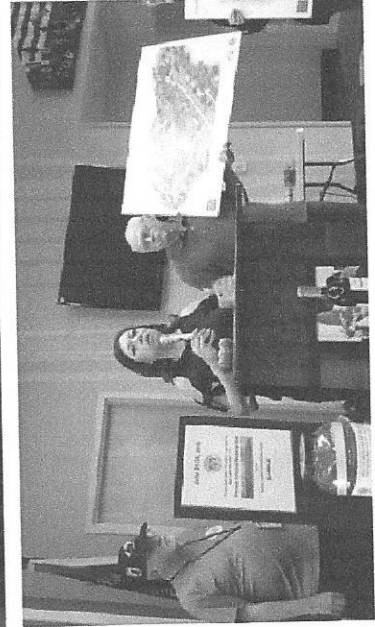
VetCenter Open House



Seabee Grads
County Board
Of Supervisors



Big Crowd for monthly Meeting





Inaugural

VETERANS PICNIC IN THE PARK

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Faster VA claims decisions. **VA**



U.S. Department
of Veterans Affairs

If your service-connected condition has gotten worse and you're planning to file an increased disability claim for that condition, there's a better way to file. Get the fastest decision on your claim for an increase by filing it as a Decision Ready Claim (DRC). Filing as a DRC means you can get a decision within 30 days after your claim is submitted.

Work with an accredited Veterans Service Organization (VSO) or other accredited representative to determine if the DRC program is right for you and your claim for an increase. Your VSO can then help you gather and submit all relevant and required evidence so your claim is ready for VA to make a decision when you submit it.

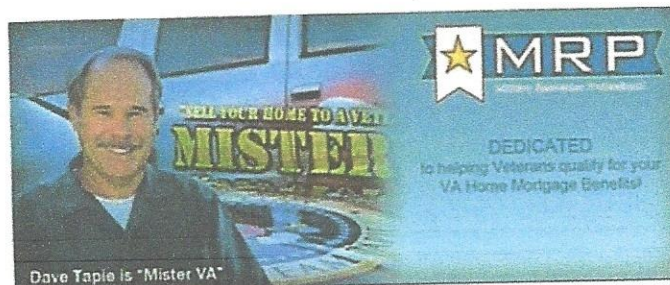
Don't need to file a claim for an increase? You can also file these other types of compensation claims through the DRC program:

- Direct Service Connection Claims
- Presumptive Service Connection Claims
- Secondary Service Connection Claims
- Dependency and Indemnity Compensation for surviving spouses

Learn more about the DRC program, including eligibility requirements, what medical evidence you need to submit, and how to find an accredited VSO at www.benefits.va.gov/drc.

Thank you for your service!

Veterans Benefits Administration



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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