



Listening Post

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President's Message:

So far 2018 has been a busy year for the VVVC. The biggest event was the Moving Wall this summer. There is a tendency after such a big event to "let down" and sit back. Well, we are not done yet in remembering our fallen heroes or helping all veterans and active service personnel. As I write, we are preparing to perform the Missing Man Table ceremony at the Veteran's Home in Saticoy and the POW/MIA Day ceremony at the Government Center with the Missing Man Table ceremony. As with the Wall, these too are emotionally charged. We also have Veterans Day coming up next month with parades and other activities as well as Operation Snowflake in December where we help the families of deployed service personnel with toys and other sundries for Christmas.

Coming up in December we also have our elections for our Executive Officers and Board members.

So catch your breath because we still have so much to yet accomplish. Check your emails and the calendar here in the Listening Post for the events in October.

David Wilson

POW/MIA REPORT Sept - 2018

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

World War II: 7

Army Air Forces Sgt. Alfonso O. Duran, 22, of El Rito, New Mexico, was buried August 22 in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Navy Reserve Ensign Harold P. DeMoss, 21, of Nashville, Tennessee, accounted for on May 9, was buried today September 15 in his hometown.

The remains of the following U.S. servicemen, killed during World War II have been identified as those of:

Marine Corps Sgt. Millard Odom, 26, born in Batesville, Arkansas

Army Air Forces Staff Sgt. Herbert W. Harms, 28, born in Rutland, Illinois

Army Air Forces 1st Lt. John D. Crouchley, Jr., 26, born in Providence, Rhode Island

Marine Corps Reserve Pfc. Leonard A. Tyma, 21, born in Dyer, Indiana

Army Tech. Sgt. Robert J. Fitzgerald, 32, born in Tulsa, Oklahoma

Navy Seaman 1st Class Earl P. Baum, 19, born in Chicago

Navy Seaman 1st Class George E. Naegle, 22, born in LaCrosse, Wisconsin

Navy Water Tender 2nd Class Edgar D. Gross, 39, born in Athens, Alabama

Navy Seaman 1st Class James W. Holzhauer, 23, of Virginia

Navy Radioman 3rd Class Bruce H. Ellison, 21, born in Poulsbo, Washington

Currently there are 72,876 (approximately 26,000 are assessed as possibly-recoverable) still unaccounted for from World War II

Korean War: 5

Army Master Sgt. Leonard K. Chinn, 34, of Idaho Falls, Idaho, will be buried Sept. 19, 2018 in Silver Creek, Nebraska.

The remains of the following U.S. servicemen, killed during the Korean War, have been identified as those of:

Army 1st Lt. Herman L. Falk, 22, of New York, New York

Army Sgt. 1st Class James S. Streetman, Jr., 20, of Columbus, Georgia

There are 7,682 Americans remaining unaccounted for from the Korean War.

Vietnam: 1

The remains of a U.S. serviceman, killed during the Vietnam War, have been identified as those of **Navy Cmdr. James B. Mills**. Mills was accounted for on August 20.

There are 1,594 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, 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 September 2018 Membership Report

Annual members	108
Life members	64
Total members	172

Memberships expiring in October 2018:

Joe Diaz	Oct. 15
Johnny Mills	Oct. 15

Marie Pounds
Membership Chair

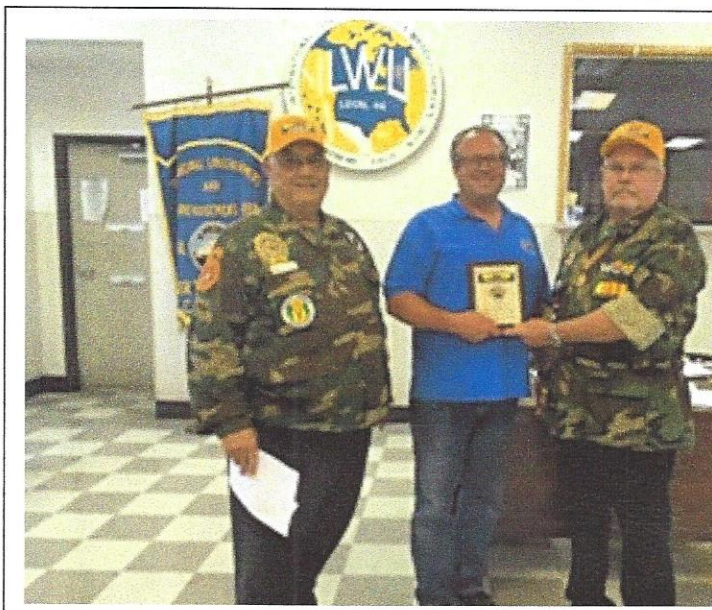
Once again, Charlie Foote is providing the following information:

Your Rights Regarding Advance Directives;
A Treating Doctors Professional Opinion Form;
VA Expands Choice Program Eligibility

These documents are attached to this Listening Post.

Thanks Charlie!

Also in this LP are the contact sheets with phone numbers for the West LA Medical Center and the Sepulveda Center.



Manny Gonzales and Ron Fitzgarrald presenting a plaque to The International Longshoremen and Warehousemen Union Local 46 chairman Warren Shelton for their support of The Moving Wall.

Here is the updated Air Force "A" School Graduation Schedule

TTAV – Oct. 4, Oct. 18
TTAA – Oct. 16, Nov. 13, Dec. 5
TTAC – Oct. 10



HONORING THE HONOR/COLOR GUARD

WHEN: Friday, OCTOBER 26TH

TIME: 10AM

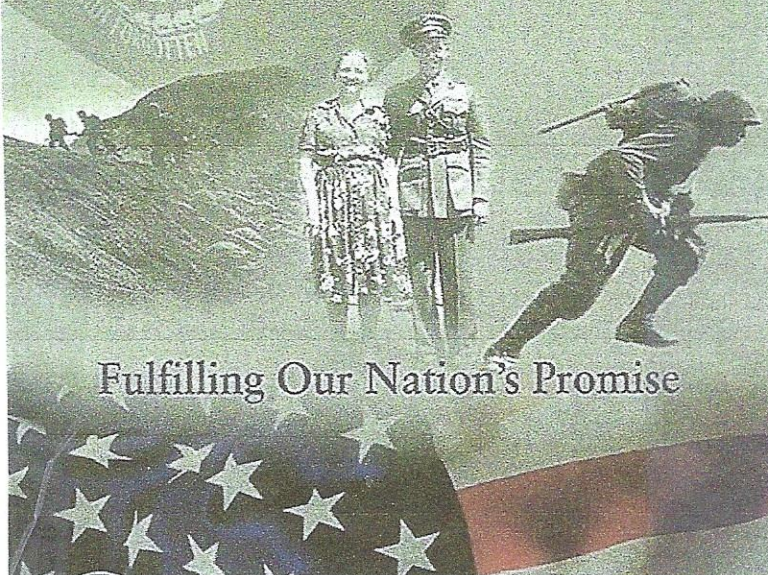
WHERE: POINSETTIA PAVILION
(Ventura Room/Auditorium)

3451 Foothill Rd, Ventura

Refreshments will be served, please
RSVP with Dinah (805) 642-0239, Ext 739



NATIONAL POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY



Fulfilling Our Nation's Promise

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 21, 2018 7:00 PM

VENTURA COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER
CORNER OF VICTORIA AND TELEPHONE RD.

READING THE NAMES OF THE 161
CALIFORNIANS STILL MISSING IN ACTION
FROM VIETNAM

PRESENTED BY THE VIETNAM VETERANS OF

NAMI Walks
National Alliance on Mental Illness

Ventura County

#IAmStigmaFree

Join the NAMI Ventura County mental health walk to raise funds and awareness to help change perceptions about mental illness.

JOIN THE MOVEMENT

Saturday, Oct. 13, 2018

San Buenaventura State Beach Parking Lot (pier lot)

Register and Donate Today!

Namiwalks.org/venturacounty

For more information contact: Roberta Griego, roberta@namiventura.org (805) 641-2426

#NAMIWalksVENTURA COUNTY

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818-891-7711

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CARDIO/HEMATOLOGY/ONCOLOGY	32787
DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS	39145
DENTAL	39615, 31008, 31009
DERM	32782
ELIGIBILITY	1-800-516-4567 #3
ENDO	32824
EYE	39001, 32360
FEE BASIS	38100, 38101
GI	32787
HEAD & NECK	32297
LAB	33036
LOBBY	5152
MEDICAL RECORDS (TIM MURPHY)	818-895-9477
MENTAL HEALTH	32989
NEURO	32786 for scheduling or 39473
NURSING PROCEDURE ROOM	32786
PLASTICS/VASCULAR	32033
PM & RS	32795, 32784 (Blue team) Call 1st 32664, 32795 (Chiropractor, EMG, PT evaluation)
PODIATRY	32031 or 32032
PRESCRIPTION REFILL	1-800-952-4852
AUTOMATED LINE	
PROSTHETICS	32981, Alfonso 32981, Larry 39258, Danielle 32975
PULMONARY	39388
SURGICAL	32030
UROLOGY	39888, 32032
WOMEN'S HEALTH	9555, 32313
X-RAY/RADIOLOGY	32965
MRI, US	32965
VA RELEASE OF INFORMATION/ TIM MURPHY:	39113

West Los Angeles VA Medical Center (Main Numbers): 310.478.3711

SPECIALTY CLINICS

- Allergy/Immunology 83752-83237
- Anticoagulation (Rm 1612) 48372
- Audiology/Speech 88701
- Cardiology 44037
- Cardiothoracic Surgery 34543
- Colonoscopy Scheduling 41003 or 42485
- Dental -Walk In, Ground Floor Rm 0041
- Dermatology 65755 - 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

ACC/CBOC

Bakersfield	663.635.1837
Gardena	310.851.4705
Los Angeles ACC	213.253.2677
Lancaster	661.729.8655
Oxnard	805.204.9135
Pasadena	626.289.5973
San Luis Obispo	805.543.1233
Santa Barbara	805.683.1491
Santa Maria	805.354.6000
Sepulveda	818.891.7711

If you have been diagnosed with or care for someone with Parkinson's Disease, please know that you are not alone and are welcome to join us anytime

At The

Ventura Parkinson's Disease Support Group

**Our meetings are from 1PM to 3PM
every second Wednesday of each month
at the**

**Lexington Assisted Living
5440 Ralston Street, Ventura, CA**



We alternate throughout the year with round table meetings where we get to know each other and share our common challenges, along with a variety of speakers and presenters with helpful topics of interest including Movement Disorder Specialists, medical professionals and other professionals who educate us in many aspects about the resources available to help us organize and improve the quality of our lives that are suddenly confronted and changed by Parkinson's Disease.

For more information please call Patty at 805-766-6070

We are an independent and volunteer-organized group not affiliated with or a part of any other organization or group.

VVVC 2018 Event Calendar

SEPTEMBER

21 POW/MIA Remembrance

OCTOBER

5 VCVC Free Legal Clinic
9 VVVC's Semi Annual CPK Semi Annual CPK Fundraiser
11 Collaborative Meeting
12 2nd Friday Free Lunch at Goleta Elk's Club – 10:30 am
20 VVVC Meeting
20 Rings of Hope – Color Guard 2 pm
31 5th Wednesday Dinner at American Legion in Oak View

NOVEMBER

2 VCVC Free Legal Clinic
8 Collaborative Meeting
9 2nd Friday Free Lunch at Goleta Elk's Club – 10:30 am
11 Veteran's Day – Oxnard Color Guard
11 Las Vegas Veteran's Parade
17 VVVC Meeting

DECEMBER

7 VCVC Free Legal Clinic
12 Snowflake
13 Collaborative Meeting
14 2nd Friday Free Lunch at Goleta Elk's Club – 10:30 am
15 VVVC Meeting - Elections
? Santa Paula Christmas Parade

Pizza with a purpose

Bring in this flyer, present it to your server
and we'll donate 20% of your check to the organization listed
below. Purchases include dine-in, takeout, catering and
all beverages.

Fundraiser in support of:
Vietnam Veterans of Ventura County Semi Annual
CPK Fundraiser

Tuesday, October 9th

Valid at the following location:

California Pizza Kitchen

Ventura

Pacific View Mall

3301 E. Main St.

805.639.5060

Join the **Pizza Dough® Rewards** program and receive
a free **Small Plate** on your next visit after registering.
Register today at cpk.com or download our new app today!



california
PIZZA KITCHEN

Fundraiser offer valid only on the date(s) and at the CPK location identified on the flyer. Only 501c organizations and non-profit schools are eligible to participate in CPK's fundraiser program. CPK will donate 20% (twenty percent) of all food and beverage sales to the organization. Tax, gratuity, gift card and retail sales are excluded from the donation. Offer valid for dine-in, takeout, online, catering, curbside or delivery orders placed directly with CPK. Not valid for third-party delivery. Offer void if flyer is distributed in or near restaurant. For more information about the 501c organization participating in the fundraiser, please contact the organization directly.



Advance Directives. Advance directives are legal forms that state your preferences about your future medical and mental health care. If you become too ill to make decisions about your care, an advance directive can help your doctors and family members understand what you want.

It is up to you to decide if you want an advance directive. Your decision will not affect your access to health care or other VHA services.

There are two types of advance directives. In the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), the two types are in one form. You may complete neither, one, or both of the following:

Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care. In this type of advance directive, you name a person as your Health Care Agent who is to make health care decisions for you if you are not able to do so. Your Health Care Agent is the first person your health care team contacts for decisions about your care.

Living Will. In this type of advance directive, you state your preferences about treatments you want, or don't want, in different situations when you cannot make treatment decisions yourself. A living will helps your Health Care Agent or others know what treatments you would choose.

Your Rights:

1. You have the **right to accept or refuse any medical treatment.**
2. You have the **right to complete a durable power of attorney for health care.**
3. You have the **right to complete a living will.**

Your Responsibilities:

1. If you have an advance directive, it's important to give the Veterans Health Administration (VHA) a copy for your health record.
2. If you'd like more information about advance directives, or help filling out the forms, please call Social Worker at (805) 204-9135 to schedule an appointment.

A TREATING DOCTORS PROFESSIONAL OPINION FORM

For Veteran: _____

Please provide the rationale for your opinion.

NOTE TO EXAMINER – In your Response for ONE SPECIFIC ISSUE PER FORM please:

1. Identify the specific evidence you reviewed and considered in forming your opinion.

2. Please provide a rationale (explain/basis) for the opinion presented.

3. Have you reviewed all current records? _____ Yes _____ No

4. Have you reviewed Vets Service Medical Records? (If Necessary) _____ Yes _____ No

5. State your conclusion using **ONLY ONE** of the following legally recognized phrases per Diagnosis:

a) _____ is caused by or a result of _____

b) _____ is most likely caused by or a result of _____

c) _____ is at least as likely as not (50/50 probability) caused by or a result of _____

d) _____ is less likely as not (less than 50/50 probability) caused by or a result of _____

e) _____ is not caused by or a result of _____

f) _____ I cannot resolve this issue without resort to mere speculation.

Signature of Physician

Date

Printed name



U.S. Department
of Veterans Affairs

Fact Sheet

Office of Public Affairs
Media Relations

Washington, DC 20420
(202) 461-7600
www.va.gov

April 24, 2015

VA Expands Choice Program Eligibility

Background

On August 7, 2014, President Obama signed into law the Veterans Access, Choice, and Accountability Act of 2014 (Public Law 113-146) (Choice Act). Technical revisions to the Choice Act were made on September 26, 2014, when the President signed into law the Department of Veterans Affairs Expiring Authorities Act of 2014 (Public Law 113-175) and on December 16, 2014, when the President signed into law the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015 (Public Law 113-235).

The Choice Act required VA to implement the Veterans Choice Program through an interim final rule, and on November 5, 2014, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) published an interim final rulemaking. In that rulemaking, VA adopted a straight-line method for determining eligibility for the Program based on the distance between a Veteran's place of residence and the closest VA medical facility.

On April 24, 2015, VA published a second interim final rule that changed the way VA measures distance for purposes of determining eligibility. VA now considers the distance a Veteran must drive to the nearest VA medical facility, rather than the straight-line or geodesic distance to such a facility. This results in an expansion of eligibility for the Choice Program.

VA is pleased to announce this expansion effective today.

Effective immediately, VA is also changing the mileage calculation for beneficiary travel. The change will ensure consistency in VA's mileage calculations. The beneficiary travel mileage calculation will now be made using the fastest route instead of the shortest route.

Summary

A Veteran who meets threshold eligibility criteria may be eligible for the Choice Program based on the distance from his or her place of residence to the closest VA medical facility. VA previously determined eligibility based on place of residence using a straight-line measure of distance. VA is now using a driving distance measure.

For example: Under the new distance calculation, a Veteran who lives 40 miles or less, measured using a straight-line distance, from the nearest VA medical facility, but who needs to physically drive more than 40 miles to get there would be eligible for the Veterans Choice Program. Under the previous straight-line distance calculation, this Veteran would not have been eligible for the Program unless he or she was required to

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Lunch
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Breakfast
*** New ***
Burger
Menu

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7 Days
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6am-2pm
Sat-Sun
7am-1pm

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CAMARILLO, C.A. in Old Town

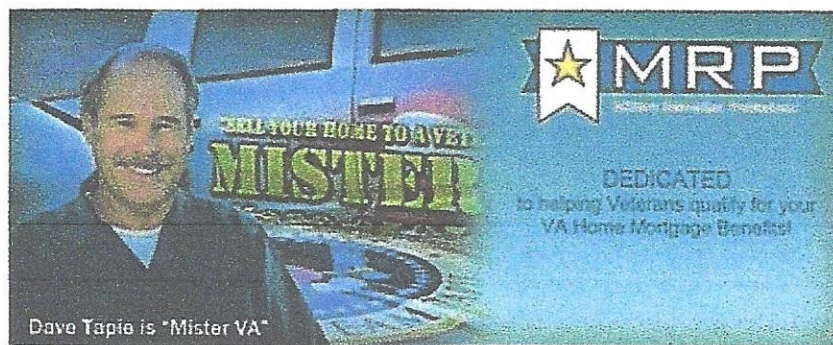
• TRY OUR
OMELETS!

• HOT
LUNCH
SPECIALS

• DAILY
SPECIALS

• TAKE -
OUT
ORDERS!





Veteran Homes & Home Loans

Veterans may I help you with any lending or real estate benefit questions?

Free: Credit Report for any VVC Member

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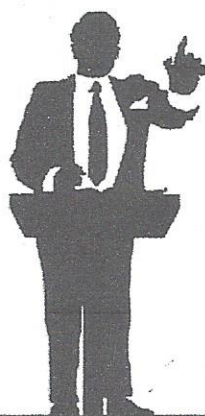
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Vietnam Veterans of Ventura County, Inc.
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This letter is intended to be used to introduce us, the Vietnam Veterans of Ventura County, and to assist us in our effort to solicit subscription/donations 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 | |

Your 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 VVC Post editor