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President's Message:

On August 18th I had the honor of working the VVVC table at the Wings Over Camarillo air show. On that Saturday Ed Evans, David Ha, Howard Tench, Debora Ehrich and I met with a number of veterans. I want to thank Howard and Manuel Gonzales for setting up the tables and providing cold water for us. I was not able to attend on Sunday but I want to thank those who participated. One of the highlights for me on Saturday was the static line jump of the nine paratroopers. It brought back some good memories. I really enjoyed jumping when I was stationed at Fort Campbell, KY in 1967. While there I jumped out of C-119s, C-130s and C-141s. The best jump I had was a night jump from a C-141. I tell the students we get to share with each year, "Being a paratrooper is the best thing you can do with your pants on".

At our September 15th meeting we will begin our nomination process as per our bylaws. A nomination **does not** need to be seconded. Our election will be held in our December 15th meeting.

Nominations and Salutations for Votes

[A] All nominations of qualified candidates for election to the Executive Board shall be taken from the floor of the general meeting at least 90 days before the date of any election.

[B] Nominees must confirm willingness to serve.

[C] Subject to the time frame established in Article VII, Section 1 (A), any member, in person or by proxy, may place names in nomination.
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Qualifications

[A] Must be a current member of the corporation in good standing.

[B] Must present a professional attitude and positive image at all times when representing the corporation.

[C] Other special membership requirements are as follows:

(1) Up to, but not to exceed 40% of the Executive Board may be Informal members.

(2) A minimum of 60% of the Executive Board shall be Formal members.

(a) The President must be a War Zone Veteran.

Membership Qualifications

There shall be two (2) classes of membership in this corporation; Informal Individual and Formal Individual. Application with payment of dues shall be presented to the Executive Board by the membership chair for review and approval.

[A] Any person eighteen years of age or older, of good moral character and dedicated to the purposes of this corporation shall be eligible for Informal Individual membership.

[B] Any person shall be eligible for Formal membership provided that he or she is a Vietnam War/Era Veteran (with active service between January 1, 1959 and May 7, 1975). A copy of discharge form DD-214 is required for proof of service.

[C] Any applicant under question may be asked to submit reasons for acceptance to the Executive Board.

Dave Wilson

POW/MIA REPORT Aug - 2018 12 brothers-in-arms have returned home & 6 remain MIA

World War II: 4

Marine Corps Reserve Pvt. Emil F. Ragucci, 19, of Philadelphia, was buried August 14, in his hometown.

Army Air Forces Flight Officer Richard W. Lane, 21, of Beatrice, Nebraska, will be buried Aug. 9 in Gage, Nebraska

Army Air Forces Capt. George Van Vleet, Jr., 35, of Fresno, California, was buried today August 18 in his hometown.

Marine Corps Reserve Pfc. Herman W. Mulligan, Jr., 21, of West Greenville, South Carolina, will be buried August 21 in Arlington National Cemetery.

USS Oklahoma: 4

Navy Seaman 1st Class Eugene W. Wicker, 20, of Coweta, Oklahoma, was buried August 4 in Fort Gibson, Oklahoma

Navy Fireman 1st Class Chester E. Seaton, 20, of Omaha, Nebraska, was buried August 8 in Tacoma, Washington

Marine Corps Pfc. Robert K. Holmes, 19, of Wichita, Kansas, will be buried August 20 in Salt Lake City Utah.

Navy Machinist's Mate 1st Class Arthur Glenn, 43, of Fort Wayne, Indiana, will be buried August 21 in the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific in Honolulu.

Currently there are 72,896 (approximately 26,000 are assessed as possibly-recoverable) still unaccounted for from World War II

Korean War: 4

POW Army Sgt. William A. Larkins, 20, of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, was buried Aug. 10 in Bridgeville, Pennsylvania.

POW Army Cpl. Terrell J. Fuller, 20, of Toccoa, Georgia, was buried Aug. 11 in his hometown.

POW Army Sgt. 1st Class Rufus L. Ketchum, 38, of Superior, Wisconsin, was buried August 14 in his hometown.

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Army Pfc. Joe S. Elmore, 20, of Seminary, Kentucky, was buried today August 18 in Albany, Kentucky.

There are 7,687 Americans remaining unaccounted for from the Korean War.

Vietnam: 0

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 Fitzgarrald
POW/MIA Chairman

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Helen Gonzales and Albert Cabral

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VVVC August 2018 Membership Report

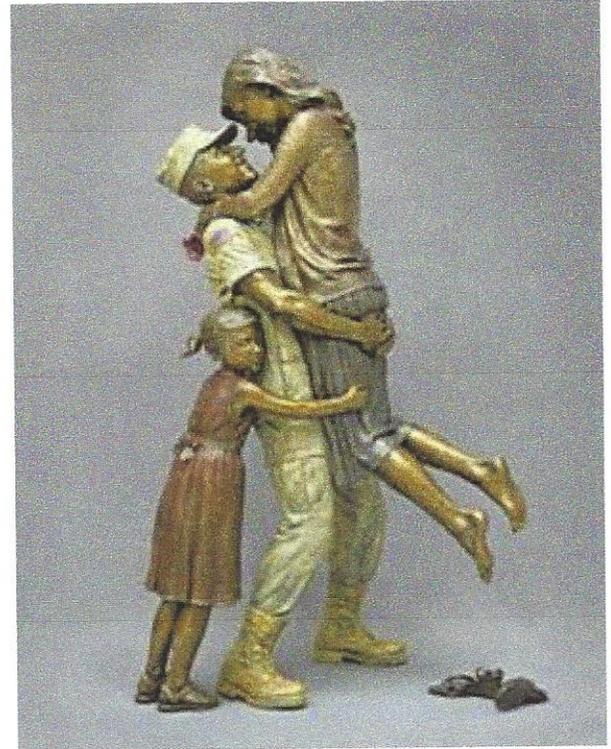
Annual members	104
Life members	62
Total members	166

Memberships expiring in September 2018:

Stuart Berman 9/8/2018
Kenneth Price 9/8/2018
Rick Romero 9/16/2018
Calvin Youngblood 9/17/2018
Michael Capone 9/17/2018
Kenneth Rice 9/17/2018

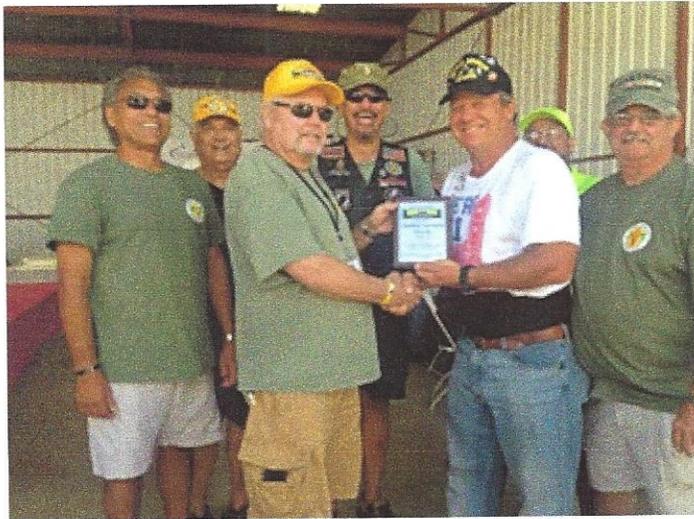
Marie Pounds
Membership Chair

This beautiful sculpture was done by Sutton Betti, Dave Betti's son. Isn't it awesome!



One of the most challenging sculptures I've made is now complete and ready for installation. The sculpture is of a US Coast Guard coming home from war and hugging his family. The shoes below the woman's feet help give a sense of movement, but it is also an important compositional element.

Sutton Betti



Presenting a plaque to Charlie Foote for the donation for The Wall from DAV.

Sick call . . .

It appears that the majority of our members that have been listed on sick call have been attending our meetings, albeit in wheelchairs, walkers and canes. They all seem to be getting better every day.

Please everyone be safe and take care.

VVVC 2018 Event Calendar

AUGUST

29 5th Wednesday Dinner at American Legion in Oak View

SEPTEMBER

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

OCTOBER

5 VCVC Free Legal Clinic
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

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
17 VVVC Meeting

DECEMBER

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

Scanning of Important Documents

Because of various life changing events, i.e. fires, death of veterans, misplacing of important papers, etc., it has become evident to me that the need to scan important documents have become very important. Therefore, I have begun to start this task. The following are some of the requirements. On the back of this sheet is an index outlining the sections with suggested documents. NOTE: Section 7 is a listing of various VA Forms that are fillable and may or may not pertain to you, but will be provided to you.

Ensure that all documents are free from staples, paper clips and binders. Also that they are removed from plastic sleeves or other sheet protectors.

I can come to your place or if this is not possible, I can meet you at a local library near you. This process should take approximately 1 hour depending how many documents you have. Those individuals that are not here locally (Ventura County), you can possibly send me your documents(not originals) to me, I can scan them and then return them back to you with you providing a self-addressed stamped mailing envelope. Please do not fold papers, it makes it difficult to scan.

You must provide a thumb drive or external hard drive to capture these electronic document scans.

All documents will be scanned to PDF format.

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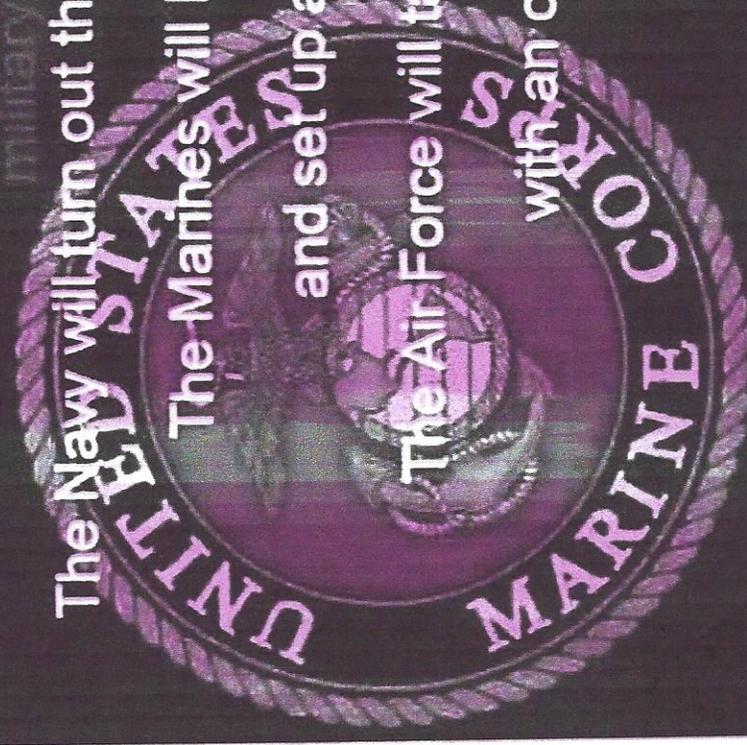
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	VETERANS HEALTH BENEFITS HANDBOOK SEPT 2012
	FEDERAL BENEFITS FOR VETERANS, DEPENDENTS AND SURVIVORS 2017 EDITION
	HEALTH CARE BENEFITS OVERVIEW 2017 EDITION, VOLUME 1



The reason the Air Force, Army, Navy and Marines bicker amongst themselves... is that they don't speak the same language. For instance, Take the simple phrase "secure the building". The Army will post guards around the place.



The Navy will turn out the lights and lock the doors. The Marines will kill everybody inside and set up a headquarters. The Air Force will take out a 5 year lease with an option to buy.

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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 VVVC Post editor