



# Listening Post

Vietnam Veterans of Ventura County, Inc.

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September 2019

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## President's Message:

September 2019

"I Quit!" Not me but working with volunteers since 1977 I have heard this exclamation too many times. There are several reasons for people to quit something they have started. Some quit because they are offended by another volunteer or are offended that a leader did not use their idea. Some quit because they become "weary in well doing", forgetting that their commitment was a marathon, not a sprint. Others quit because they feel no one appreciates what they are doing or that no one else volunteers to help them. Some quit because they just don't have the motivation they had at the beginning. Other feel the task is just too tough and feel over their heads.

One lesson I learned from being in the Army and Airborne in particular, is that of "staying on mission". So, things don't go as planned or things get tough. You just can't quit. To do so you would become a deserter. You quit, the job doesn't get done or someone else must do it for you. Often in battle, especially if things are going south, a unit can retreat. Those of us who served in Vietnam knew no retreat. We were constantly surrounded and unless Hueys were sent in, we had to fight our way out. We could not say, "Wait a minute! Stop! This isn't going according to plan". Our sacrifices were not always appreciated. We did not get the best food. We did not have the best working conditions. Yet we knew to quit might mean the life of a brother or even ourselves.

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Our mission in Vietnam was completed when we were sent home. Even those who had multiple deployments, your commitment to Vietnam was over when you came home. You did not quit.

I am afraid only other veterans really appreciate the service we rendered.

But the need for volunteers has not ended for us. The Vietnam Veterans of Ventura County is a service organization. I appreciate all our members who still volunteer to serve each other and any veteran we see in need. Without naming names [lest I forget someone] I want to thank all those who serve and have served as Executive Officers and Executive Board Members. All those who serve and have served as Committee Chairs and volunteers. All those who serve and have served as Color and Honor Guards. All those who support with their generosity the Scholarship Fund and other special needs as they arise. All those who participate in the School Presentations and interviews. All those who worked on the "Wall".

Having said this, it does not mean we are finished. There are no "short timer sticks" being given out. Our mission to serve each other is far from over. There are plenty of tasks ahead of us. There is something each and every one of us can do.

**Dave Wilson**

Received this from Dorothy Barber and Ann-Marie Baehner, daughters of John David Cimino.

Ron, I am still in awe of the generosity and spirit of those who volunteered their time yesterday to give our dad a proper military sendoff. Words cannot fully express our gratitude. We will be sending a small donation to the Vietnam Veterans of Ventura County, c/o the PO Box address on Debora Ehrich's card. Also, I'd like to use that challenge coin so that we can buy everyone a round of drinks in appreciation. I will need your help on the "when" and "where" of it. My sister Ann Marie is leaving to go back to Colorado, but she will be with me in spirit. Speak to you soon,

Dorothy Barber  
818-312-1410

## **VVVC August 2019 Membership Report**

Annual members        53  
Life members        113  
Total members 166

### **3 Annual memberships expired:**

Roy Villa

Richard Carlander

Gary Kraft

1 membership renewal due for July will expire this month:

Jeff Berry

### **13 Annual memberships due in August:**

David Moodie

Kenneth Mayer

Sharonda Bolen

Theresa Miller

Leo & Debbie Howery

Jes Sandoval

Richard Cabrera

Mark Savala

John Lopez

Tom Dotson

Diane Miller

Paul Lamar

### **Sec/Membership Chair**

**Joe Richardson**

### **Sick call....**

Please continue to think about and/or say a prayer for our members:

John Smiley recently took a bad fall,

Dave Wilson has back problems,

Our Den Mother Jan Camacho is still hanging in there,

Brenda Seguin is waiting for her hip replacement,

Leonard Urquidez has back problems, and

Laurie Richardson still has hip and back problems.

I know there are a lot of us having issues with our health, so I'm sorry if I didn't mention you here.

Please everyone get well so you can attend VVVC's 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary BBQ on September 14, 2019!



## **POW/MIA REPORT Aug - 2019**

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

### **World War II: 32**

The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) announced today the remains of at least 22 servicemen, killed during the battle of Tarawa in World War II, are being returned to the United States in an Honorable Carry Ceremony at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii, July 17, 2019.

**Army Pvt. Charlie M. Waid**, killed during World War II, was accounted for on July 24, 2019. (Official DoD release will be updated following Primary Next of Kin briefing.)

**Army Pfc. Eugene E. Lochowicz**, killed during World War II, was accounted for on July 24, 2019. (Official DoD release will be updated following Primary Next of Kin briefing.)

**Marine Corps Pfc. Joseph R. Livermore**, killed during World War II, was accounted for on June 24, 2019. (Official DoD release will be updated following Primary Next of Kin briefing.)

**Army Air Forces 1st Lt. Herschel H. Mattes**, killed during World War II, was accounted for July 29, 2019. (Official DoD release will be updated following Primary Next of Kin briefing.)

**POW Army Air Forces Cpl. Walter J. Kellett**, killed during World War II, died in captivity at Cabanatuan POW camp, was accounted for July 23, 2019. (Official DoD release will be updated following Primary Next of Kin briefing.)

**Army Pfc. Donald E. Mangan**, killed during World War II, was accounted for on July 30, 2019. (Official DoD release will be updated following Primary Next of Kin briefing.)

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**Marine Corps Pvt. Edwin F. Benson**, killed during World War II, was accounted for June 24, 2019. (Official DoD release will be updated following Primary Next of Kin briefing.)

**Army Air Forces 1st Lt. Joseph E. Finneran**, killed during World War II, was accounted for Aug. 9, 2019. (Official DoD release will be updated following Primary Next of Kin briefing.)

**Army Pvt. Penn Franks Jr.**, 20, of San Antonio, killed during World War II, was accounted for on June 24, 2019.

### **USS Oklahoma: 3**

**Navy Seaman 1st Class Lyal J. Savage**, killed during World War II, was accounted for July 29, 2019. (Official DoD release will be updated following Primary Next of Kin briefing.)

**Navy Seaman 2nd Class Hubert P. Hall**, killed during World War II, was accounted for Aug. 14, 2018. (Official DoD release will be updated following Primary Next of Kin briefing.)

**Navy Fire Controlman 1st Class Robert L. Corn**, killed during World War II, was accounted for Jan. 29, 2019. (Official DoD release will be updated following Primary Next of Kin briefing.)

**Currently there are 72,670 (approximately 26,000 are assessed as possibly-recoverable) still unaccounted**

### **Korean War: 14**

**Army Cpl. Herman R. Phy**, killed during the Korean War, was accounted for July 23, 2019. (Official DoD release will be updated following Primary Next of Kin briefing.)

**Army Maj. Harvey H. Storms**, killed during the Korean War, was accounted for July 29, 2019. (Official DoD release will be updated following



**Army Pfc. Daniel W. Gerrity**, killed during the Korean War, was accounted for July 29, 2019. (Official DoD release will be updated following Primary Next of Kin briefing.)

**Army Cpl. Harold Pearce**, killed during the Korean War, was accounted for on July 29, 2019. (Official DoD release will be updated following Primary Next of Kin briefing.)

**Army Sgt. Willie V. Galvan**, killed during the Korean War, was accounted for on July 30, 2019. (Official DoD release will be updated following Primary Next Kin briefing.)

**Army Cpl. Norvin D. Brockett**, killed during the Korean War, was accounted for on Aug. 5, 2019. (Official DoD release will be updated following Primary Next of Kin briefing.)

**Army Sgt. Billy J. Maxwell**, killed during the Korean War, was accounted for on Aug. 7, 2019. (Official DoD release will be updated following Primary Next of Kin briefing.)

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**Army Cpl. Ysabel A. Ortiz**, killed during the Korean War, was accounted for Aug. 9, 2019. (Official DoD release will be updated following Primary Next of Kin briefing.)

**Army Pfc. Wilbur T. Tackett**, killed during the Korean War, was accounted for Aug. 9, 2019. (Official DoD release will be updated following Primary Next of Kin briefing.)

**Army Cpl. Ralph L. Cale**, killed during the Korean War, was accounted for Aug. 7, 2019. (Official DoD release will be updated following Primary Next of Kin briefing.)

**POW Army Pfc. Jasper V. Marquez**, killed during the Korean War, was accounted for Aug. 9, 2019. (Official DoD release will be updated following Primary Next of Kin briefing.)

**Army Cpl. Jerry M. Garrison**, killed during the Korean War, was accounted for Aug. 7, 2019. (Official DoD release will be updated following Primary Next of Kin briefing.)

#### **There are 7,622 Americans remaining unaccounted for from the Korean War**

##### **Vietnam: 1**

**Air Force Maj. Neal C. Ward**, killed during the Vietnam War, was accounted for July 19, 2019. (Official DoD release will be updated following Primary Next of Kin briefing.)

#### **There are 1,574 American servicemen and civilians remaining unaccounted for from the Vietnam War**

##### **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**



**Update on the VVVC's 30 Anniversary BBQ**

Hello Everyone,

**Just a reminder, the deadline for getting your reservations in, is just slightly over 2 weeks away.**

Mark your calendar for **Saturday Sept 14th, 2019 noon to 6p**. The time is rapidly approaching. We are finally having a 30th Anniversary party and you're all invited. (it's only been 5 yrs in the making). A refundable deposit of \$10 per plate **by check, made payable to the VVVC. Your check will be returned upon arrival** at the event. If you do not show, your deposit is forfeited.

Each person in attendance (young or younger) will be given a door prize ticket. 50/50 tickets will also be available.

Mail your check to:

**VVVC**

**P.O. Box 3218**

**Ventura, CA 93006-3218**

Please mark on the envelope: **PICNIC**

It will be held at the Piru Petroleum Club (Britt Park in Fillmore on Google maps) from noon to 6p.

Don Smith, Joe Boles and his brother will be providing the musical entertainment.

Drive east on Hwy 126 to Torrey Rd in Piru. turn rt onto Torrey Rd. turn left at intersection of Torrey Rd and Howe Rd. Follow Torrey Rd to intersection of Torrey Rd and Guiberson Rd. Go **straight** across Guiberson Rd and you'll see the yellow VVVC E-Z up.

For those of you coming from Simi, Moorpark or Camarillo, you could traverse Grimes Canyon (Hwy 23) to Guiberson Rd. and turn right onto Guiberson Rd. and

follow it to the intersection of Torrey Rd. and Guiberson Rd. (approx. 7mi)

Catering is provided by DV's Mexican Grill in Ventura

Menu is:

Street Tacos w/ cilantro & onions, & Hard shell tacos with lettuce, tomatoes, cheese, enchiladas, rice, both refried and whole beans, 3 kinds of meat, chicken, asada and carnitas.

Quesadilla's, chips and salsa, also Horchata and Agua de Pepino. If you want something else to drink, you're on your own.

**We request that if you plan on attending please RSVP by no later than Friday Sept 6th for a final head count.**

Door prizes are needed and are greatly appreciated. (i.e. gift cards, bottle of adult beverage, "T" shirt, cap etc....)

Volunteers and help will be greatly appreciated. After all, it's your party! Let's have a great turnout.

Thank you for your support,

Ron Fitzgarrald

Public Affairs Officer VVVC

[publicaffairs@vvvc.org](mailto:publicaffairs@vvvc.org)

## **Understanding PTSD and PTSD Treatment**

This is a very informative booklet that Charlie Foote gave me to put in the Listening Post, but it's too long so I'm just putting in a few highlights and if you want a copy please get ahold of Charlie at (805) 649-3754.

**What is PTSD?** PTSD (posttraumatic stress disorder) is a mental health problem that some people develop after experiencing or witnessing a life-threatening event, like combat, a natural disaster, a car accident or sexual assault.

**What are the symptoms of PTSD?** 1. Reliving the event. 2. Avoiding things that remind you of the event. 3. Having more negative thoughts and feelings than before. 4. Feeling on edge.

**How do I know if I have PTSD?** The only way to know for sure is to talk to a mental health care provider. He will ask you about your trauma, your symptoms, and any other problems you have.

**What do I do if I have symptoms of PTSD?** Talk to a doctor of mental health care provider (like a psychiatrist, psychologist, or social worker) if your symptoms last longer than a few months, are very upsetting or disrupt your daily life.

The booklet goes on and talks about treatments, where you can get help, etc.

You can also go to [www.ptsd.va.gov](http://www.ptsd.va.gov) for more information.

**Happenings** - We have a lot of activities coming up – here is a list of those activities:

**VVVC Anniversary BBQ – 9/14**

**Color Guard for the Suicide Prevention Walk – 9/14**

**POW/MIA Remembrance – 9/20 at 7pm at The Veterans Memorial Gov't Center**

**Booth at Banana Festival – 9/28  
9a-4p at the Hueneme Harbor**

**Color Guard Many Mamnsions – 10/3 9-10a  
At the Ormand Beach Project**

**Expo – 10/24**

**Veteran's Parade in Las Vegas – 11/11**

**Operation Snowflake – 12/21**

**Also check the VVVC Events Calendar**



Jennifer's  
A Seabee



Seabee Graduation



TTA Graduation



2019 Ventura County Stand-Down





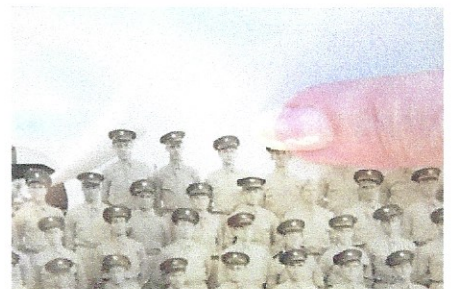
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## John Cimino Honors @Ventura Harbor

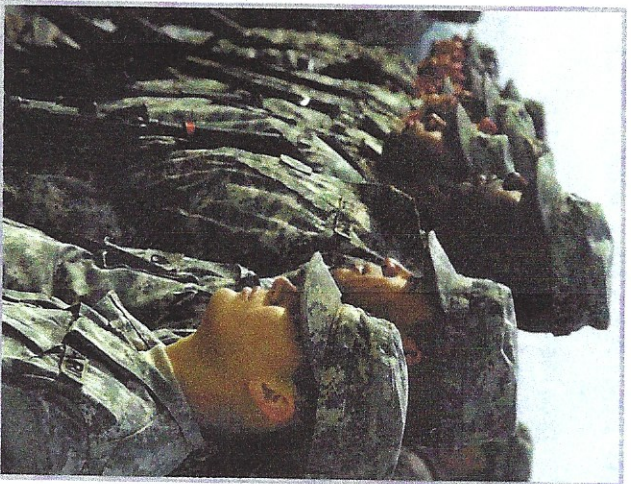


## VVVC Patriot Guard





## Military Sexual Trauma



For more information, male and female veterans can speak with their existing VA healthcare provider, contact the MST Coordinator at their nearest VA Medical Center, or contact their local Vet Center.

A list of VA and Vet Center facilities can be found online at  
[www.va.gov](http://www.va.gov) and  
[www.vetcenter.va.gov](http://www.vetcenter.va.gov).

You can also call VA's general information hotline at 1-800-827-1000 or visit [www.mentalhealth.va.gov/msthome.asp](http://www.mentalhealth.va.gov/msthome.asp)

Both women and men can experience military sexual trauma (MST) during their service. All veterans seen at Veterans Health Administration facilities are asked about experiences of sexual trauma because we know that any type of trauma can affect a person's physical and mental health, even many years later. We also know that people can recover from trauma. VA has services to help veterans do this.



### VETERANS:

Did you experience any unwanted sexual attention, uninvited sexual advances, or forced sex while in the military?

Does this experience continue to affect your life today?



June, 2012



## WHAT IS MILITARY SEXUAL TRAUMA?

Military sexual trauma (MST) is the term that the Department of Veterans Affairs uses to refer to sexual assault or sexual harassment that occurred while the veteran was in the military. It includes any sexual activity where someone is involved against his or her will - he or she may have been pressured into sexual activities (for example, with threats of negative consequences for refusing to be sexually cooperative or with implied faster promotions or better treatment in exchange for sex), may have been unable to consent to sexual activities (for example, when intoxicated), or may have been physically forced into sexual activities. Other experiences that fall into the category of MST include unwanted sexual touching or grabbing; threatening, offensive remarks about a person's body or sexual activities; and/or threatening and unwelcome sexual advances.



**MST** can affect a person's mental and physical health, even many years later. Some of the difficulties both female and male survivors of MST may have include:

- **Strong emotions:** feeling depressed; having intense, sudden emotional reactions to things; feeling angry or irritable all the time
- **Feelings of numbness:** feeling emotionally 'flat'; difficulty experiencing emotions like love or happiness
- **Trouble sleeping:** trouble falling or staying asleep; disturbing nightmares
- **Difficulties with attention, concentration, and memory:** trouble staying focused; frequently finding their mind wandering; having a hard time remembering things
- **Problems with alcohol or other drugs**
- **Difficulty with things that remind them of their experiences of sexual trauma:** feeling on edge or 'jumpy' all the time; difficulty feeling safe; going out of their way to avoid reminders of their experiences; difficulty trusting others
- **Difficulties in relationships:** feeling isolated or disconnected from others; abusive relationships; trouble with employers or authority figures
- **Physical health problems:** sexual difficulties; chronic pain; weight or eating problems; gastrointestinal problems

## WHAT SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE?

The VA provides free, confidential counseling and treatment to male and female veterans for mental and physical health conditions related to experiences of MST. You do not need to be service connected and may be able to receive this benefit even if you are not eligible for other VA care. You do not need to have reported the incident when it happened or have other documentation that it occurred.



### CAN I APPLY FOR DISABILITY

#### COMPENSATION FOR CONDITIONS

#### RELATED TO MY EXPERIENCES OF MST?

Veterans can receive compensation for disabilities that began or got worse in the line of duty, including disabilities or injuries resulting from MST. When a veteran applies for disability compensation, VA must first determine whether there are current disabilities related to his or her military service. If there are, compensation is based on the current level of impairment.

A Veterans Service Representative at the Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA) can explain the compensation program in greater detail and assist you in filing a claim. For more information, call the VA's general information hotline at 1-800-827-1000.



## Delta Dental's Veterans Affairs Dental Insurance Plan (VADIP):

### Good Dental Health Is Vital To Good Overall Health

Research shows that more than 90 percent of all systemic diseases have oral manifestations, including swollen gums, mouth ulcers, dry mouth and excessive gum problems. Did you know that more than 120 different diseases are first detected in the mouth? And that going for your annual dental exams can actually help in detecting heart disease, diabetes, pancreatic cancer and more? The good news is that most dental diseases are actually preventable.

**Delta Dental's Veterans Affairs Dental Insurance Plan (VADIP)** was created for Veterans enrolled in the VA health care system and eligible beneficiaries of the Civilian Health and Medical Program of the VA (CHAMPVA) and was designed with all of these things in mind. When seeing a network PPO dentist, Delta Dental VADIP enrollees have the peace of mind of knowing that they get their 2 annual exams, 2 cleanings and an x-ray covered at 100% with no out-of-pocket costs. This not only allows enrollees to pretty much recoup all of their annual premiums, but more importantly, it makes sure that their dental and overall health is being well cared for.

Here are the three Delta Dental VADIP Plan options from which to choose and some of the other reasons why enrolling in Delta Dental's VADIP is such an important decision:

- **Enhanced Plan** – a basic level of coverage at a lower premium and a \$1000 annual max
- **Comprehensive Plan** – greater level of coverage for procedures and a \$1500 annual max
- **Prime Plan (New!)** – our highest level of coverage for major procedures with a \$3000 annual maximum
- Seeing a network dentist helps you save on your covered dental care. With the VADIP, there is a large nationwide network of dentists from which to choose. To find a network dentist near you, use the "Find a Dentist" link at <http://www.providers4you.com/vadip>
- Network dentists accept the VADIP allowed fee for covered services, so there are no surprise costs beyond your expected cost share and deductible, where applicable.
- The VADIP coordinates benefits with other dental plans, allowing you to maximize your coverage under both plans.

To enroll in Delta Dental's VADIP plan, visit our website: <https://feds.deltadentalins.com/vadip/>  
Enrolling online is quick and easy. You can also print an application from the website and mail it to Delta Dental along with your prepayment amount.

Your oral health plays a big role in your overall well-being and quality of life. Enroll in Delta Dental's VADIP today—and enjoy regular, affordable dental care that's essential for your lifelong health and peace of mind. If you have any questions or need additional information about enrolling, please feel free to contact your local

<https://feds.deltadentalins.com/vadip/downloads/fgp-marketing-representative-regions-map.pdf>

# Ormond Beach Villas Apartments



**2 and 3 bedroom  
units are still available**



## FIRST PERMANENT HOUSING FOR VETERANS IN VENTURA COUNTY

Ormond Beach Villas Apartments, under construction at 5527 - 5557 S. Saviers Rd., is a new affordable community of 40 apartments opening in Summer 2019 in Oxnard, California. Ormond Beach Villas Apartments is located within easy walking distance of shopping, public parks and schools, including Southwinds Park, Art Haycox Elementary School and Perkins/Hueneme Bus Stop. Each apartment has many "green" features designed to save residents money, improve air quality and protect the environment. The community is "Smoke-Free."

The Oxnard Housing Authority (OHA) is only accepting online applications. In order to apply, you must have a valid e-mail address. For further details, please visit the OHA website at <https://www.oxnard.org/city-department/housing/> where you can complete an application for the "Project Based Ormond Beach Villas" waitlist. Potential residents must be income qualified and approved by both OHA and Many Mansions, the management company.

Do you qualify?

Income Limits and Monthly rates are subject to change

Bedrooms	Monthly Rent
1	approx. 30% of income
2	approx. 30% of income
3	approx. 30% of income

Household Size	Maximum Income
1	\$ 21,300
2	\$ 41,850
3	\$ 47,100
4	\$ 52,300
5	\$ 56,500
6	\$ 60,700
7	\$ 64,900
8	\$ 69,050

### RESIDENTS WILL ENJOY THE FOLLOWING AMENITIES!

- Energy Star Appliances
- Own Garage
- On-Site Laundry Facilities
- Community Room with Computers
- Veteran's/family/children Services



If you require a special accommodation, please contact the OHA office at (805) 385-8014 or TDD (805) 285-7210



# PREVENTING SUICIDE HELP & HOPE

4<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CONFERENCE • FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2019  
8:00 AM – 12:30 PM • MOORPARK COLLEGE • FREE

KEYNOTE

**LISA HAMP**

Active Minds

**Suicide Prevention  
After Traumatic  
Events**

With suicide on the rise nationwide, how can we make a difference in our community?

## Workshops in English and Spanish:

- Latino Mental Health and Suicide Prevention
- Critical Role of Family Support in Suicide Prevention for LGBTQ Youth
- Preventing Military Veteran Suicide
- QPR Training: Question. Persuade. Refer.
- "Talk Saves Lives" Training by the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention

Community Resource Tables

**REGISTER NOW!**  
[HelpAndHope2019.eventbrite.com](http://HelpAndHope2019.eventbrite.com)



WELLNESS • RECOVERY • RESILIENCE

For more information, email [mhsa@ventura.org](mailto:mhsa@ventura.org).

This conference is made possible through funding from Ventura County Behavioral Health through the Mental Health Services Act, in partnership with Moorpark College.



# VVVC 2019 Event Calendar

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## SEPTEMBER

- 3 NCTC "CM" Graduation
- 6 VCMC Free Legal Clinic
- 10 NCTC "CM" Graduation
- 12 Collaborative Meeting
- 14 VVVC's Anniversary BBQ at Piru Petroleum Club Facility
- 14 Color Guard for the Suicide Prevention Walk
- 16 AFTS "TTAC" Graduation
- 17 NCTC "CM" Graduation
- 18 AFTS "TTAC" Graduation
- 20 POW/MIA Remembrance at the Veterans Memorial – 7p
- 21 VVVC Meeting
- 28 Booth at Banana Festival at the Huemene Harbor 9a-4p

## OCTOBER

- 3 Color Guard Many Mansions at Ormond Project – 9-10a
- 4 VCMC Free Legal Clinic
- 4 NCTC "CM" Graduation
- 8 AFTS "TTAC" Graduation
- 10 AFTS "TTAA" Graduation
- 10 Collaborative Meeting
- 11 NCTC "CM" Graduation
- 19 VVVC Meeting
- 21 NCTC "CM" Graduation
- 24 Latino Business Expo
- 28 AFTS "TTAC" Graduation
- 28 NCTC "CM" Graduation
- 30 AFTS "TTAA" Graduation

## NOVEMBER

- 1 VCMC Free Legal Clinic
- 4 NCTC "CM" Graduation
- 11 Color Guard at Oxnard Veteran's Ceremony
- 11 Las Vegas Veteran's Parade
- 12 NCTC "CM" Graduation
- 12 AFTS "TTAC" Graduation
- 14 Collaborative Meeting
- 16 VVVC Meeting
- 19 NCTC "CM" Graduation
- 26 AFTS "TTAC" Graduation
- 29 AFTS "TTAA" Graduation

## DECEMBER

- 3 NCTC "CM" Graduation
- 6 VCMC Free Legal Clinic
- 7 Color Guard at Camarillo Christmas Parade
- 12 Collaborative Meeting
- 19 NCTC "CM" Graduation
- 21 VVVC Meeting
- 21 Snow Flake
- 20 AFTS "TTAA" Graduation
- 23 AFTS "TTAC" Graduation



★ ★ ★  
Home Style  
Breakfast &

Lunch

~ ~ ~  
Mexican Food  
Breakfast

★ New ★  
Burger  
Menu

★ ★ ★  
Open  
7 Days  
Mon-Fri  
6am-2pm  
Sat-Sun  
7am-1pm

# Dorothy's Cafe

2344 VENTURA  
BLVD.  
CAMARILLO, C.A. in Old Town

987-2167

• TRY OUR  
OMELETS!

• HOT  
LUNCH  
SPECIALS

• DAILY  
SPECIALS

• TAKE-  
OUT  
ORDERS!







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