



Vietnam Veterans of Ventura County, Inc.

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Objectives and Purposes

The Vietnam Veterans of Ventura County, Inc. is a 501(c) (19) non-profit corporation founded in 1985 and dedicated to:

- Providing a support system for Veterans and their families, too promote emotional and physical well- being.
- The VVVC sponsored the display of the Original Moving Wall (half-scale replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial) in 1985, 1989, 1991, 1994, 1997, 2010, and summer 2019 and in 2026 will add two statues to the Ventura County Government Center's Military Memorial.
- Eliminating discrimination suffered by Vietnam Veterans and their families by defending and promoting veteran's rights and providing education through the veteran's perspective on the Vietnam Conflict and its effects.
- Assisting in obtaining a full accounting of all American POW/MIA's.
- The Veteran's Administration reports that some 50,000 Veterans make their home in Ventura County. One of our chief concerns is that each veteran receives the benefits and assistance that they deserve.
- Some reports hold that upwards of 20% of the homeless in this county are Vietnam Combat Veterans.
- Over the past years we were instrumental in the yearly Stand-Down, EXPO, and POW/MIA events in Ventura.
- For 39 years, about a dozen members each year speak to students in the Ventura County School Districts Middle and High Schools during the months of April and May. Lately, we've added speaking to grade school students about the difference between Veterans Day and Memorial Day.
- As donations and fund raising have allowed we have provided college scholarships to Ventura County H.S. seniors and JC students (6 units minimum)
- The VVVC offers the S/SGT James Ray Scholarship for continuing education to Ventura County High School and Junior College students. The Scholarship is named for S/SGT James M, Ray, who was captured on 18 March 1968 in Lam Dong Province, South Vietnam and is still unaccounted for.
- The VVVC partners with local Veterans Associations and government agencies and representatives to ensure that all local Veterans are receiving their earned benefits and services.
- The VVVC is an active party of the Veteran's Advisory Committees for Congresswoman Julia Brownley and State Assemblywoman Jacqui Irwin.
- Two members (Richard Camacho & Joe Richardson) currently serve as the Selective Service Representatives for Ventura County.
- The VVVC proudly provides color and honor guards and full military funeral honors when requested, and we love a parade.

If you would like more information about the VVVC, please visit our web page:

www.vvvc.org

**We meet at 6:00 PM the third Saturday of each month at the Oxnard Family Circle
2100 Outlet Center Drive (the Palms) Suite 380
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