



Listening Post

March 2026

Vietnam Veterans of Ventura County, Inc.
P.O. Box 3218 Ventura, CA 93006-3218

Executive Officers

President, Howard Tench
(805) 312-1977
V.P., Donald 'Skip' Thomas
(805) 815-5378
Secretary, Joe Richardson
(805) 207-1670
Treasurer, Kay Gray
(805) 890-7645
POA., Richard Camacho
(805) 384-9138

Board of Directors

Wally Terry
(805)650-1592
Irene Hoff
(805) 794-6243
Bud Gray
(805) 890-7645
Chris Sopko
(805) 907-8368
Debor Ehrich
(805) 775-9987

Committees

Chaplain

Jesse Echevarria

Merchandise

Howard Tench

Parades/Events

vacant

Fund-raising

Irene Hoff

POW/MIA

Richard Camacho

LP Editor

Joe Richardson

James Ray Scholarship

Joe Richardson

Membership

Joe Richardson

Presidents Message

The following opinions expressed in this message are solely mine and does not reflect the official position of the VVVC.

Many people have been involved, however some are no longer with us to see the finish line. On that note let's each of us take a little time to contact our fellow veterans and let them know we still care about what's is happening to them and if there's anything we can do to help. I ask each one of you to make at least two phone calls to see if they are doing OK. See ya next month

Respectfully Pres. Howard Tench

VVVC – Jan meeting 2026

Barry Jenkins
David Wilson

Richard 'Dickie' Pena
Chris Sopko

Sick Call

John Walker
Irene Hoff
Manuel Gonzales

Tommy Moore

February General Meeting Notes:

Joe: Scholarship notices to all the Ventura County schools and is also posted at VVVC.org website

The issue of supporters Congresswoman Julia Brownley and teacher Abbe Curtis are both retiring this year, it is desired that the VVVC provide recognition to these two wonderful women, asking for suggestions or ideas.

Kay: reported our current funds started at \$42, 524.08 ended \$40,808.59

Richard: reminded all, the Color Guard at the **Reagan Library “For the Troops Gala”** on Saturday February 28, 2026

President Howard Tench along with John Cabrera and others are at the Ira Hayes event in Arizona this weekend.

Richard: we are entered in the Ojai 4th Parade (no color guard this year, van and trailer only)

Richard: school presentations no for Camarillo, Moorpark, Newberry Park are set

Kay: shared the VFW sponsored “Purple Heart” memorial at the government center is being installed

We meet with the county to get updated now that soils report was provided as required.

POW/MIA REPORT

WORLD WAR II

Army Cpl. Byron F. Beard Jr. 23

Who was captured and died as a prisoner of war during World War II, was accounted for Jan. 13, 2026.

Army Air Forces Pfc. Weber S. Underwood 25

Who was captured and died as a prisoner of war during World War II, was accounted for Nov. 21, 2025

KOREA

Army Sgt. 1st. Class Charles D. Eason 32

Killed during the Korean War was accounted for Dec. 15, 2025

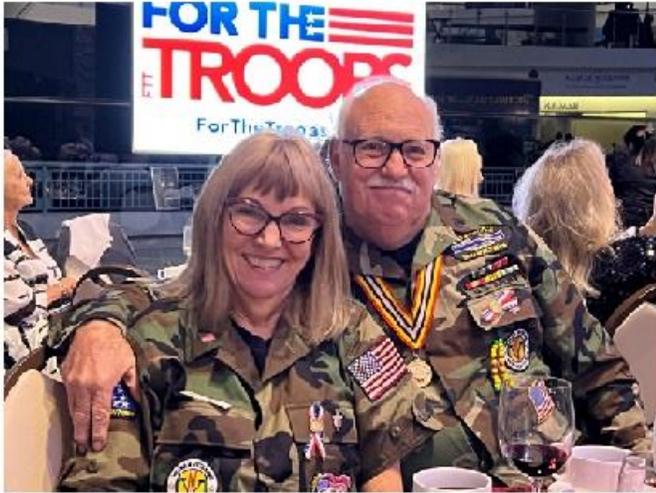


Honoring Vietnam Veterans Gala Ronald Reagan Presidential Library



Members honored onstage introduced by Capt. Gorell







**Gary Sinise Concert
Naval Base Ventura
Hueneme**



**Gov. Center Military Memorial
Statue meeting
Onsite inspection**



VVVC at Ira Hayes Memorial Celebration

