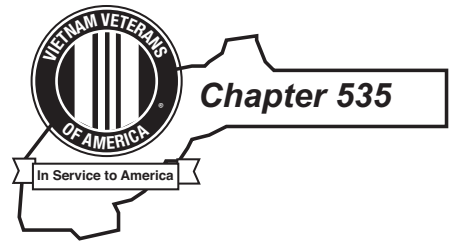




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President's Message

Hello fellow vets. Looks like August will be busy with the convention and the Nevada County Fair. I am sure Jerry will need help manning the booth, so give him a call to see where you can do to help.

Well I am sorry to say that Bill Hald will not be able to be our vice president going forward. Hope to see if someone else would be interested in taking his position. Call me at 273-1048. He will still be able to get us the belt buckles as needed. Thanks Bill.

Looks like there will be grants available for stand down events next year. Contact JP Tremblay at Legislation and Public Affairs 916 653-2192

Thanks to all the members for a wonderful turn out at 4th. Of July... Craig kudos for the 2 ½ ton truck. Seems like everyone enjoyed the parade. Next year it looks like we can get the truck again! Thank you all the ladies for supporting us at this time of the year.

The Airfest went o.k. . . . Seems like we could of seen more planes fly, but the ride and buy plane flew a lot. Looks like who was there was having a good time. Where are the flying machines?

We are looking at creating a house cleaning committee and doing more for the book case in the veteran building. May be in September?

Looks like we will have pick -up for small electric appliances at the vet building. Margie and Fred will be a part of that stuff. This will help us get double pane windows for the building.

Well time for a nap. See you all soon.

Gary Tanaka, President
garytanaka@att.net 272-2317

2011 Annual BBQ

by Jose Gonzales

The following remarks were inadvertently left off , 2011 BBQ article.

Welcome to you the new attendees, names to follow as we remember. I rung the school bell as we do sometimes and Hap Pugh, a neighbor came running to see what (Es) happening, I thing he has an Amish tie. I knew Hap, and explained the VVA thing. Surprisingly he said he was a Vietnam Veteran (engineers 1968), I ask him to break bread with us, which he did and will come and check us out at the next meeting.

Thank you for helping clean up and return items to the storage shed. Our President was the last to leave after he vacuum the carpet and washed the BBQ area down, in doing so, he demonstrated a hose coiling technique, which I challenge the readers to compete with him.

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Check Off On DMV Application Gives Veterans Choice

California Department of Veterans Affairs

Sacramento - A new program initiated by the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) and the California Department of Veterans Affairs (CalVet) will help connect veterans in California with the services and benefits they have earned through their prior or current service in the U.S. Military.

When a Californian applies for a new driver's license or renewal, or if they apply for an identification card, they will notice on the new application forms a check-off box that will permit the DMV to share the applicants contact information with CalVet. The veterans will then be sent information that gives a brief outline of services and benefits and includes a postage-paid reply card that the veteran fills out and returns to CalVet. Once the card is received the veteran will automatically begin receiving information about services like education benefits, employment assistance, disability and compensation payments, health care benefits and much more.

"The most challenging thing we have to do in this department is to ensure that veterans in California are educated about the benefits and services that they have earned through their honorable service in the military," said CalVet Secretary Peter J. Gravett. "This partnership has the potential to help our department connect with nearly every one of the nearly 2 million veterans living in this state."

Under the program initiated on July 1, U.S. veterans residing in California can simply check a box on the form to approve having benefit information sent to them by CalVet. Once the customer affirms their military service on the driver license application, the DMV will send the mailing address of the customer to CalVet for distribution of information relative to important services and benefits available to all veterans who served honorably in the military.

CalVet Services, through its "CalVet Connect" initiative has as its guiding philosophy that programs of benefits to veterans fulfill necessary, proper, and valid public purposes by promoting patriotism, by recognizing and rewarding sacrifice and service to country and by providing needed readjustment assistance to returning veterans and their families, whose lives were interrupted when they responded to their country's call to military service.

The CalVet Services initiative has as its goal to help returning service members and their families with the sometimes difficult task of reentering civilian life. By utilizing online tools like its Reintegration form, the Department links returning veterans with service providers and resources. This program offers CalVet the opportunity to inform veterans and their dependents about veterans benefits and how to obtain these benefits through the

process of application and representations of claims. CalVet's partnership with DMV augments this program by allowing many military and service members who may not have been reached before, with the opportunity to share their contact information with CalVet so that appropriate benefits information can be provided to them.

Veterans wishing to contact CalVet's reintegration program directly can do so by going to the following link: <https://my.calvet.ca.gov/Pages/Intake/ReintegrationForm.aspx>

Placer County Stand Down

Placer County Supervisors Support Event To Help Veterans

July 13, 2011 - The Placer County Board of Supervisors voiced its support Tuesday for a three-day event being organized to assist residents who are veterans or active-duty military personnel.

The event's primary goal is assisting homeless veterans and their families, but all veterans and active-duty personnel are invited. Experts estimate there are approximately 107,000 homeless veterans in the United States.

The Placer County Stand Down is scheduled to be held Sept. 27-29 at the Placer County Fairgrounds in Roseville. The event is being sponsored by the Gold Country Chaplaincy.

The board approved a resolution supporting the event and commending the Chaplaincy at the urging of 1st District Supervisor Jack Duran.

In times of war, a Stand Down is an opportunity for exhausted combat units to leave battlefields and stay in secure base camps while they take care of personal hygiene, get clean uniforms, enjoy warm meals, receive medical and dental care, receive and mail letters, and enjoy the camaraderie of friends.

"In the military, Stand Down afforded battle-weary soldiers the opportunity to renew their spirit, health and overall sense of well-being," Supervisor Duran explained in a report to his board colleagues, noting that the Placer County Stand Down will extend the same opportunity to both veterans and active-duty military personnel. Stand Down events are part of a grassroots, community-based intervention program.

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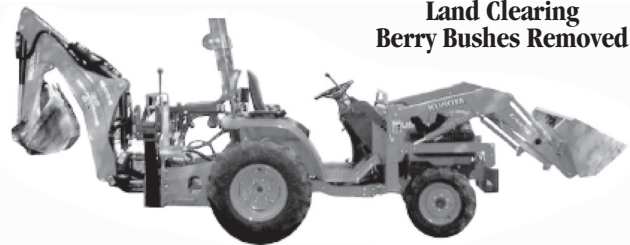
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 Office of Management and Budget Veterans Affairs.202-395-4500
 Small Business Administration Office of Veterans
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Locator & Reunion Services

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 Service Reunions703-998-7035
 Vietnam Veterans Locator.....319-388-9023
 Veteran's Locator Service 800-449-VETS

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Vietnam Women's Memorial Project202-328-7253
 Sons & Daughters In Touch CA805-872-4035
 Retired Pay - Cleveland DFAS.....800-321-1080
 Navy Lodging..... 800-NAVY INN
 Army Lodging 800-GO ARMY

Membership Facts Chapter 535

VVA	
Individual members	34
Applications waiting for (DD214)	
Life members	34
AVVA	
Individual members	2
Life member	1
Total	71



Upcoming Dates and Events

August 4 Chapter 535 Meeting 6 pm



Newsletter Submissions

Please ensure that submissions for the newsletter reach us no-later-than the 15th of the month before the meeting. They may be mailed to:

VVA Chapter 535

Attn: Newsletter Editor

18455 Augustine Rd, Nevada City, CA 95959

e-mail to bholman@succeed.net or

call Bill Holman at (530) 265-8387

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Vacant Committee Chairs

There are four vacant committee chairs that need to be filled and the position of secretary for the Chapter. This is a good opportunity for a member to become more active in the Chapter. Anyone interested should contact:

Pete Burelle (howling_wolf28@yahoo.com) 274-3787.

Chapter Vice President Vacant

Chapter Secretary Vacant

Chairs

Constitution/Bylaws Vacant

Nominations Vacant

Public Relations Vacant

BBQ Continued from Page 1

I specifically ask only four friends to bring the side dishes, as you, notice the quantity was perfect. A lovely thank you to you, who said, you could have brought something. (There is a next time).

My apologies, to Margie Buhler, whom I inadvertently failed to mention of her offer to help me on this BBQ. Thank you, Margie.

At the Placer County Stand Down, participants will be offered a broad range of assistance, including food, clothing, haircuts, health care services, benefits counseling, substance abuse assistance, job counseling and referrals, housing services and camaraderie.

The resolution approved by the board Tuesday notes that many veterans suffer from depression, anxiety and other difficulties readjusting after they return home, and get frustrated coping with the red tape they encounter while trying to get the benefits they earned.

Stand Down events are organized to offer participants one-stop shopping for the resources, materials and contacts they need.

The resolution emphasizes that the Placer County Stand Down will assist veterans and active-duty personnel from Placer County and neighboring counties.

The resolution concludes by thanking "all Veterans for their service and sacrifice for the freedoms of this great Nation."

Note From Vva Chapter 535 Delegate To Nccvc

from Margie Buhler

An E-Waste Drop Off Event is planned by the Nevada County Consolidated Veterans' Council to raise funds to replace the 1930's single-paned, leaky windows in the Remembrance Room with an average replacement cost per window between \$800 and \$900. We ask our members to support this event by donating electronic/electrical items. This no-cost event to fund Veterans Remembrance Room Project will benefit all who use the GVVMB. Margie Buhler, VVA delegate, and Sue Gill, DAVA and DAR representative, agreed to facilitate scheduling this event. Set aside any old, unwanted, unusable or unneeded electronic and/or electrical items for the E-Waste Drop Off. Seniors and veterans physically unable to drop off items on the date below, call Margie 265-4878 or Sue 273-1612 for information.

September 10, 2011 has been reserved for this FREE DRIVE THROUGH DROP OFF, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the parking lot of the GV Veterans Memorial Building, 255 S. Auburn Street, Grass Valley

ACCEPTABLE ITEMS: Monitors, televisions, desktop and notebook PCs, VCRs, stereo equipment speakers, keyboards, mice, PDAs digital cameras, zip drives, telephones,

cell phones, printers, copiers, laser and multifunction scanners and fax machines as well as small, electrical household appliances.

NO LARGE HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCES, NO BATTERIES, NO FURNITURE, NO HAZARDOUS WASTE OF ANY TYPE

California Electronic Assets Recovery (CEAR) (www.cearinc.com) in conjunction with the NCCVC has reserved September 10, 2011 for the E-Waste Drop Off in the parking lot of the GVVMB.

For optimal security, CEAR INC shreds all computer hard drives. The secure facility is monitored 24/7 by surveillance cameras. CEAR is a proud member of the Basel Action Network's responsible e-steward recyclers www.e-stewards.org.

Margie Buhler, VVA Delegate to NC Consolidated Veterans Council (NCCVC)



Harold Graves selling flags during the 4th of July parade in Grass Valley.

Nevada County Fair

August 10th Thru August 14th, 2011

DUTY ROSTER - Write Name and Phone Number
 We need two volunteers per shift
 Contact Jerry Molloy 273-4804 or Harold Graves 470-8507

Time:	10:00 to 2:30	2:30 to 7:00	7:00 to Close
8/10 Wednesday	Pete Burelle 274-3787	Fred Buhler 432-2681	_____
	Jerry Molloy 273-4804	Margie Buhler 432-2681	_____
8/11 Thursday	Pete Burelle 274-3787	Dave Johnson _____	_____
	Rich Stallman 263-4497	Ric Sheridan 274-1413	_____
8/12 Friday	Pete Burelle 274-3787	Dave Chaix 269-1431	_____
	Rich Stallman 263-4497	Gary Wright 272-8179	_____
8/13 Saturday	Dick Corn 271-3858	Jerry Molloy 273-4804	Jerry Molloy 273-4804
	Tom Reeves 559-9483	Tom Reeves 559-9483	Tom Reeves 559-9483
8/14 Sunday	Pete Burelle 274-3787	Ralph Rennick _____	Kent Hawley 432-3551
	Jose Gonzales 274-3559	Jose Gonzales 274-3559	_____

Booth Set-Up / Tuesday 8/90 @ 4:00pm GV Vets Bldg: Pete Burelle Dick Corn

Booth Take-Down / Monday 8/11 8:00 am @ Fairgrounds: Jerry Molloy Gary Tanaka

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				General Membership Meeting 6 pm		
	1	2	3	4	5	6
		Fair Booth set-up				
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	Fair Booth take down					
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
		Dave Chaix			Howard Hamer	
	21	22	23	24	25	26
Gary Simpson						
28	29	30	31			27

Application For Membership
VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA, INC., CHAPTER 535

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Individual membership is open to all Vietnam-era veterans who served on active duty for other than training purposes between August 5, 1964 – May 7, 1975 and In-Country Veterans: February 28, 1961 – May 7, 1975.

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Marital Status _____ Spouse's Name _____
Chapter No. **535** Sponsor _____ ID No. _____

◆ **Membership Type:** Individual – 1 year @ \$20 annual Individual – 3 years @ \$50
(select one) Life Member **Payment Plan** \$50 down, 8 monthly payments of \$25
Select Age Group Ages 49 and under \$250 Ages 50-55 \$225
 Ages 56-60 \$200 Ages 61-65 \$175 Ages 66 and over \$150

◆ **Payment Method:** Check Money Order Visa MasterCard
(select one)

◆ **Card Number** _____ Exp. Date _____
Signature _____

Individual members **must** submit a copy of their DD-214 along with this application and dues payment. Associate participation is open to family, friends, all veterans, and other interested persons.

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