

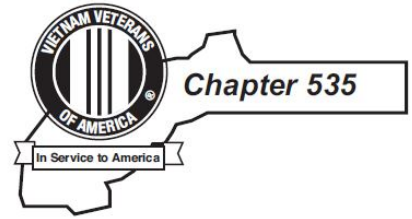


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VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA

## CHAPTER 535

Website: [www.vva535.org](http://www.vva535.org)



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### President's Message

Good day everyone,

We will have our second meeting of the year on February 2<sup>nd</sup>. Coming up is the Mardi Gras Parade, which we have decided to skip this year. However, we do have a very important election coming up in April. We need to have members step up and speak up about their willingness to serve as a Board Member or Officer. A new President is necessary and everyone knows why. In my experience the job is not as hard to do as you may assume. All it takes is the support of a few other members and it's just not that hard. I will be one of those members to support our new President as long as I can. Think about it and contact Dick Corn or me if you have any questions or have a suggestion on who you might recommend. I look forward to seeing you on the 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Harold K. Graves  
President

### Matters of interest as outlined at Board Meeting of January 19, 2017:

Five booth Captains are needed for organizing our VVA-535 display at the Nevada County Fair. Application to the fair district must be submitted by March 15, 2017. The fair is scheduled for August 9-13, 2017.

There have been no recent requests for Meals On Wheels or Christmas Year Round

assistance but these remain viable VVA-535 programs.

A donation to Friends of Vinh Son Orphanage was discussed. Details will follow at a later time.

### Upcoming Events

Unveiling of VVA-535's bronze plaque, and others, at the Auburn Veterans Pavilion on Saturday, Feb. 18, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. **This is a change from a previously posted date.** All riders, veterans and families invited. A potluck luncheon will follow the unveiling. For information, contact The Forgotten Soldier Program at 530-889-2300. The Veterans Pavilion is located adjacent to 991 Lincoln Way, Auburn, CA – just west of the State Theater.

Nevada County Fair – August 9 – 13, 2017.

### Chapter 535 Officers

President  
Harold Graves ..... 470-8507

Vice-President  
Al Hernandez ..... 864-2480

Treasurer  
Ralph Remick .....559-7716

Secretary  
Dave Johnson .....887-8297

Past President  
Pete Burelle ..... (deceased)

## ELECTIONS – APRIL 2017

### Directors

Al Hernandez ..... 864-2480  
Dave Johnson ..... 887-8297  
Ralph Remick ..... 559-7716  
Ric Sheridan ..... 274-1413  
Dave Chaix ..... 269-1431  
Bill Holman ..... 265-8387  
Kent Hawley ..... 432-3551  
Bart Ruud ..... 823-1368  
Dale Epps ..... 368-6156  
Harold Graves ..... 470-8507  
Dick Corn ..... 277-8856

### Committee Chairs

Finance ..... Ralph Remick & Dave Johnson  
Parade and Honor Guard ..... (vacant)  
Membership Affairs ..... Ric Sheridan  
Newsletter ..... Interim editor Bart Ruud  
Nominations ..... Dick Corn  
Christmas Year Round ..... Harold Graves  
NCCVC ..... Ken Farmer  
Web Master ..... Ralph Remick  
  
Quartermaster ..... Kent Hawley

### Nevada County Veterans Affairs Rep.

Kevin Edwards ..... (530) 273-3396

[ncvso@co.nevada,ca.us](mailto:ncvso@co.nevada,ca.us)

### VVA 535 Jacket Embroidery

Should anyone acquire a VVA 535 jacket and find the need for the sewing of patches, the following business could be considered:

**Alterations by Melody**  
**609 High Street**  
**Auburn, CA 95603**  
**Phone: 530-888-8935**

President Harold Graves announced he would not be available for a second term as an officer or as President of VVA-535. Elections will be held in April, 2017 and Dick Corn will again serve as the Nominations Chair. Contact Dick with your commitment to serve and to submit your name to the Nominations Committee.

### CALSTAR Air Medical Services

REACH Air Ambulance has acquired CALSTAR but the air shock and trauma air rescue services continue. The unit located closest to our area flies out of the CalFire station located off I-80 east of Auburn, CA. Reciprocity with other air rescue units reaches 32 states with services provided from more than 222 locations. Membership rates as low as \$65 a year can provide family peace of mind and no out-of-pocket expenses your air rescue flight. The annual cost of membership can be reduced if a group of sufficient size can be formed. For membership information, phone 800-793-0010 or email [Membership@AirMedCareNetwork.com](mailto:Membership@AirMedCareNetwork.com)

### **Bike Raffle and BBQ**

In Auburn, The Forgotten Soldier Program has extended a public invitation to join at Auburn Honda for a bicycle raffle and BBQ that will benefit the organization's efforts to serve veterans and their family members in their recovery from emotional, physical, and spiritual injuries. Raffle tickets are \$1,00 per ticket or six tickets for \$5. Auburn Honda is located at 1801 Grass Valley Hwy. The event will be staged from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 25, 2016. For information about The Forgotten Soldier Program, check the web at <http://www.theforgottensoldierprogram.org>

## Yountville Veterans Home

Located in the heart of scenic Napa Valley, the Veterans Home of California-Yountville (VHC-Yountville) is a community of and for veterans. Founded in 1884, VHC Yountville is the largest veterans' home in the United States, offering residential accommodations with a wealth of recreational, social, and therapeutic activities for independent living. Some 1,000 aged or disabled veterans (both men and women) or World War II, Korean War, Vietnam War, Desert Storm, and Operation Enduring Freedom/Operation Iraqi Freedom now live at the home. Future health care needs of veterans admitted to the Yountville Home at the Residential Care level are met by on-grounds facilities for Residential Care for the Elderly (RCFE), intermediate Care, Skilled Nursing Care, and a "Memory Care Center" for residents with various forms of dementia. General acute care is provided at Queen of the Valley Hospital in Napa, St. Helena Hospital in St. Helena, and the U.S. Department of

Veterans Affairs Medical Center in San Francisco. The Yountville Home is also a focal point for the Napa Valley Community with the 1,200 seat Lincoln Theater, a 9-hole golf course, Borman Field baseball stadium, bowling lanes, a swimming pool, and a military Base Exchange branch store. All of these facilities are available for use by resident veterans at no additional cost. Additionally, the home offers services specifically for residents including a fitness center, a resident operated television station, auto hobby shop, a 35,000 volume library, creative arts center, and a multi-faith chapel.

Go to <https://www.calvet.ca.gov/VetHomes/Pages/Yountville.aspx> for features and amenities, admission and eligibility, FAQ, and contact info.

## Writing Your Story for INCOMING

### Ongoing repeat solicitation

Ideas for your story:

- Think about what you appreciated about the Vietnam experience. There is surely a means to segue into that with very little reflection on the negative aspects of war.
- What did you appreciate about the Vietnamese people during your deployment?
- Can you steer away from the bad stuff and reflect on the best experience you had in the Nam?
- Surely you had a close buddy and you supported each other. Maybe there is a story in that.
- What really got you through the day-to-day anxieties and fears? There

might be a positive recollection in that regard.

- How did your experience instill in you a sense of patriotism that you possibly express every day of your life.

So far we have heard from Ruud, Epps, Chaix, Hamer & current Marine LCpl. Jesse Hernandez. (Thank you!)

No writer needs to dwell on the negatives of war. Each of us who was there lived the negatives, and all of us are better people for having served, especially when we look at how we matured as a result of our experiences. Each of us has derived a sense of being and an energy that is different from what it might have been had we not gone across the pond.

Do share with us, in your own words,  
something of that chapter of your life.  
And, thank you for your service.

Forward your story to Bart Ruud at  
[bruud45@gmail.com](mailto:bruud45@gmail.com) or hand deliver to  
Bart.

### **Vietnam War Chronological Dates in History for February: Were you there?**

- Feb 01 1964 – Vietnam: U.S. and South Vietnamese naval forces initiate Operation Plan (Oplan) 34A, which calls for raids by South Vietnamese commandos, operating under American orders, against North Vietnamese coastal and island installations.
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- Feb 01 1968 – Vietnam: U.S. troops drive the North Vietnamese out of Tan Son Nhut airport in Saigon.
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- Feb 01 1968 – Vietnam: The execution of Viet Cong officer Nguyen Van Lem by South Vietnamese National Police Chief Nguyen Ngoc Loan is videotaped and photographed by Eddie Adams. This image helped build opposition to the Vietnam War.
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- Feb 02 1962 – Vietnam: The first U.S. Air Force plane is lost in South Vietnam. The C-123 aircraft crashed while spraying defoliant on a Viet Cong ambush site.
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- Feb 04 1962 – Vietnam: The first U.S. helicopter is shot down in Vietnam. It was one of 15 helicopters ferrying South Vietnamese Army troops into battle near the village of Hong My in the Mekong Delta.
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- Feb 05 1960 – Vietnam: The South Vietnamese government requests that Washington double U.S. Military Assistance and Advisory Group (MAAG-Vietnam) strength from 342 to 685.
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- Feb 05 1968 – Vietnam: Battle of Khe Sanh begins.
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- Feb 05 1975 – Vietnam: North Vietnamese Gen. Van Tien Dung departs for South Vietnam to take command of communist forces in preparation for a new offensive. In December 1974, the North Vietnamese 7th Division and the newly formed 3rd Division attacked Phuoc Long Province, north of Saigon. This attack represented an escalation in the “cease-fire war” that started shortly after the Paris Peace Accords were signed in 1973.
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- Feb 06 1966 – Vietnam: Accompanied by his leading political and military advisers, U.S. President Lyndon B. Johnson meets with South Vietnamese Premier Nguyen Cao Ky in Honolulu. The talks concluded with issuance of a joint declaration in which the United States promised to help South Vietnam “prevent aggression,” develop its economy, and establish “the principles of self-determination of peoples and government by the consent of the governed.”

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- Feb 06 1973 – Vietnam: Supervisors from the International Commission of Control and Supervision (ICCS), delegated to oversee the cease-fire, start to take up their positions. The cease-fire had gone into effect as a provision of the Paris Peace Accords.
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- Feb 07 1965 – Vietnam: As part of Operation Flaming Dart, 49 U.S. Navy jets from the 7th Fleet carriers Coral Sea and Hancock drop bombs and rockets on the barracks and staging areas at Dong Hoi, a guerrilla training camp in North Vietnam. Escorted by U.S. jets, a follow-up raid by South Vietnamese planes bombed a North Vietnamese military communications center.
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- Feb 07 1968 – Vietnam: North Vietnamese use 11 Soviet–built light tanks to overrun the U.S. Special Forces camp at Lang Vei at the end of an 18–hour long siege. Casualties and losses: NVA 310 - US/ARVN/KOL 534.
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- Feb 07 1971 – Vietnam: Operation Dewey Canyon II ends, but U.S. units continue to provide support for South Vietnamese army operations in Laos. Operation Dewey Canyon II began on 30 JAN as the initial phase of Lam Son 719, the South Vietnamese invasion of Laos that was to commence on 8 FEB. The purpose of the South Vietnamese operation was to interdict the Ho Chi Minh Trail, advance to Tchepone in Laos, and destroy the North Vietnamese supply dumps in the area.
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- Feb 08 1962 – Vietnam: The Military Assistance Command Vietnam (MACV), headed by Gen. Paul D. Harkins, former U.S. Army Deputy Commander-in-Chief in the Pacific, is installed in Saigon as the United States reorganizes its military command in South Vietnam.
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- Feb 08 1971 – Vietnam: South Vietnamese ground forces, backed by American air power, begin Operation Lam Son 719, a 17,000 man incursion into Laos that ends three weeks later in a disaster. Casualties and losses: ARVN/US/KOL 22,121 - NVA/PLO 8339
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- Feb 09 1965 – Vietnam: President Lyndon Johnson ordered a U.S. Marine Corps Hawk air defense missile battalion deployed to Da Nang, South Vietnam, to provide protection for the key U.S. air base there. American military advisers had been in country since the defeat and withdrawal of the French in 1954, but this was the first commitment of combat troops to South Vietnam.
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- Feb 09 1972 – The aircraft carrier USS Constellation joins aircraft carriers Coral Sea and Hancock off the coast of Vietnam. From 1964 to 1975, there were usually three U.S. carriers stationed in the water near Vietnam at any given time. Carrier aircraft participated in the bombing of North Vietnam and also provided close air support for U.S. and South Vietnamese forces in South Vietnam. In 1972, the number of U.S. carriers off Vietnam increased to seven as part of the U.S. reaction to the North Vietnamese Easter Offensive that was launched on 30 MAR.
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- Feb 10 1965 – Vietnam: Viet Cong guerrillas blow up the U.S. barracks at Qui Nhon, 75 miles east of Pleiku on the central coast, with a 100-pound explosive charge under the building. A total of 23 U.S. personnel were killed, as well as two Viet Cong. In response to the attack, President Lyndon B. Johnson ordered a retaliatory air strike operation on North Vietnam called Flaming Dart II.
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- Feb 11 1962 – Vietnam: Nine U.S. and South Vietnamese crewmen are killed in a SC-47 crash about 70 miles north of Saigon. The aircraft was part of Operation Farm Gate, a mission that had initially been designed to provide advisory support in assisting the South Vietnamese Air Force to increase its capability.
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- Feb 11 1973 – Vietnam: First release of American prisoners of war from Vietnam takes place.
- Feb 12 1972 – Vietnam: About 6,000 Cambodian troops launch a major operation to wrestle the religious center of Angkor Wat from 4,000 North Vietnamese troops entrenched around the famous Buddhist temple complex, which had been seized in June 1970. Fighting continued throughout the month. Even with the addition of 4,000 more troops, the Cambodians were unsuccessful, and eventually abandoned their efforts to expel the North Vietnamese.
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- Feb 12 1973 – Vietnam: The release of U.S. POWs begins in Hanoi as part of the Paris peace settlement. The return of U.S. POWs began when North Vietnam released 142 of 591 U.S. prisoners at Hanoi's Gia Lam Airport. Part of what was called Operation Homecoming, the first 20 POWs arrived to a hero's welcome at Travis Air Force Base in California on February 14. Operation Homecoming was completed on March 29, 1973, when the last of 591 U.S. prisoners were released and returned to the United States.
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- Feb 13 1965 – Vietnam: Operation Rolling Thunder - President Lyndon B. Johnson decides to undertake the sustained bombing of North Vietnam that he and his advisers have been contemplating for a year.
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- Feb 13 1968 – Vietnam: As an emergency measure in response to the 1968 communist Tet Offensive, Secretary of Defense Robert McNamara approves the deployment of 10,500 troops to cope with threats of a second offensive. The Joint Chiefs of Staff, who had argued against dispatching any reinforcements at the time because it would seriously deplete the strategic reserve, immediately sent McNamara a memorandum asking that 46,300 reservists and former servicemen be activated.

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- Feb 13 1971 – Vietnam: Backed by American air and artillery support, South Vietnamese troops invade Laos.
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- Feb 14 1962 – Vietnam: President John F. Kennedy authorizes U.S. military advisors in Vietnam to return fire if fired upon.
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- Feb 14 1970 – Vietnam: Despite an increasingly active antiwar movement, a Gallup Poll shows that a majority of those polled (55 percent) oppose an immediate withdrawal of U.S. troops from Vietnam. Those that favored American withdrawal had risen from 21 percent, in a November poll, to 35 percent.
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- Feb 15 1966 – Vietnam: In response to a letter from Ho Chi Minh asking that French President Charles De Gaulle use his influence to “prevent perfidious new maneuvers” by the United States in Southeast Asia, De Gaulle states that France is willing to do all that it could to end the war.
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- Feb 15 1967 – Vietnam: Thirteen U.S. helicopters are shot down in one day in Vietnam.
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- Feb 16 1968 – Vietnam: U.S. officials report that, in addition to the 800,000 people listed as refugees prior to January 30, the fighting during the Tet Offensive has created 350,000 new refugees.
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- Feb 17 1966 – Vietnam: Operation Rolling Thunder - In testimony before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Gen. Maxwell Taylor states that a major U.S. objective in Vietnam is to demonstrate that “wars of liberation” are “costly, dangerous and doomed to failure.” Discussing the American air campaign against North Vietnam, Taylor declared that its primary purpose was “to change the will of the enemy leadership.”
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- Feb 17 1968 – Vietnam: American officials in Saigon report an all-time high weekly rate of U.S. casualties—543 killed in action and 2,547 wounded in the previous seven days. These losses were a result of the heavy fighting during the communist Tet Offensive.
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- Feb 18 1965 – Vietnam: The State Department sends secret cables to U.S. ambassadors in nine friendly nations advising of forthcoming bombing operations over North Vietnam, and instructs them to inform their host governments “in strictest confidence” and to report reactions. President Lyndon Johnson wanted these governments to be aware of what he was planning to do in the upcoming bombing campaign.
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- Feb 19 1965 – Vietnam: Dissident officers in an attempted coup move several battalions of troops into Saigon with the intention of ousting Gen. Nguyen Khanh from leadership.
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- Feb 20 1968 – Vietnam: The U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee begins hearings to investigate American policy in Vietnam. This was a direct result of the Tet Offensive, in which Viet Cong forces, supported by large numbers of North Vietnamese troops, launched the largest and best-coordinated offensive of the war. During the attack, the Viet Cong drove into the center of South Vietnam's seven largest cities and attacked 30 provincial capitals ranging from the Delta to the DMZ.
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- Feb 21 1970 – Vietnam: National Security Advisor Henry Kissinger begins secret peace talks with North Vietnamese representative Le Duc Tho, the fifth-ranking member of the Hanoi Politburo, at a villa outside Paris.
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- Feb 22 1965 – Vietnam: General William Westmoreland, commander of Military Assistance Command Vietnam, cables Washington, D.C., to request that two battalions of U.S. Marines be sent to protect the U.S. airbase at Da Nang.
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- Feb 22 1967 – Vietnam: Operation Junction City is launched to ease pressure on Saigon. It was an effort to smash the Viet Cong's stronghold in Tay Ninh Province and surrounding areas along the Cambodian border northwest of Saigon.
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- Feb 22 1968 – Vietnam: The American war effort was hit hard by the North Vietnamese Tet Offensive, which ended on this day. Claims by President Lyndon Johnson that the offensive was a complete failure were misleading. Though the North Vietnamese death toll was 20 times that of its enemies, strongholds previously thought impenetrable had been shaken. The prospect of increasing American forces added substantial strength to the anti-war movement and led to Johnson's announcement that he would not seek re-election.
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- Feb 23 1966 – Vietnam: According to the U.S. military headquarters in Saigon, 90,000 South Vietnamese deserted in 1965. This number was almost 14% of total South Vietnamese army strength and was twice the number of those that deserted in 1964. By contrast, the best estimates showed that fewer than 20,000 Viet Cong defected during the previous year.
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- Feb 23 1967 – Vietnam: U.S. troops begin the largest offensive of the war, near the Cambodian border.
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- Feb 24 1968 – Vietnam: The Imperial Palace in Hue is recaptured by South Vietnamese troops. Although the Battle of Hue was not officially declared over for another week, it was the last major engagement of the Tet Offensive.
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- Feb 25 1971 – Vietnam: In both houses of Congress, legislation is initiated to forbid U.S. military support of any South Vietnamese invasion of North Vietnam without congressional approval. This legislation was a result of the controversy that arose after the invasion of Laos by South Vietnamese forces in Operation Lam Son 719. On February 8, South Vietnamese forces had launched a major cross-border operation into Laos to interdict the Ho Chi Minh Trail and destroy the North Vietnamese supply dumps in the area.



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- Feb 25 1972 – Vietnam: U.S. troops clash with North Vietnamese forces in a major battle 42 miles east of Saigon, the biggest single U.S. engagement with an enemy force in nearly a year. The five-hour action around a communist bunker line resulted in four dead and 47 wounded, almost half the U.S. weekly casualties.
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- Feb 26 1965 – Vietnam: The first contingent of South Korean troops arrives in Saigon. Although assigned to non-combat duties, they came under fire on April 3. The South Korean contingent was part of the Free World Military Forces, an effort by President Lyndon B. Johnson to enlist allies for the United States and South Vietnam. By securing support from other nations, Johnson hoped to build an international consensus behind his policies in Vietnam. The effort was also known as the “many flags” program. By the close of 1969, there were over 47,800 Korean soldiers actively involved in combat operations in South Vietnam. Seoul began to withdraw its troops in February 1972.
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- Feb 26 1966 – Vietnam: The ROK Capital Division of the South Korean Army massacres 380 unarmed civilians in South Vietnam.
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- Feb 26 1968 – Vietnam: Allied troops who had recaptured the imperial capital of Hue from the North Vietnamese during the Tet Offensive discover the first mass graves in Hue. It was determined that communist troops who had held the city for 25 days had massacred about 2,800 civilians whom they had identified as sympathizers with the government in Saigon. One authority estimated that communists might have killed as many as 5,700 people in Hue.
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- Feb 27 1962 – Vietnam: South Vietnamese President Ngo Dinh Diem survives another coup attempt when Republic of Vietnam Air Force pilots Lieutenants Pham Phu Quoc and Nguyen Van Cu try to kill him and his brother Ngo Dinh Nhu by bombing and strafing the presidential palace.
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- Feb 27 1965 – Vietnam: The U.S. State Department releases a 14,000-word report entitled “Aggression from the North—The Record of North Vietnam’s Campaign to Conquer South Vietnam.” Citing “massive evidence,” including testimony of North Vietnamese soldiers who had defected or been captured in South Vietnam, the document claimed that nearly 20,000 Viet Cong military and technical personnel had entered South Vietnam through the “infiltration pipeline” from the North. The report maintained that the infiltrators remained under military command from Hanoi.
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- Feb 27 1969 – Vietnam: Communist forces shell 30 military installations and nine towns in South Vietnam, in what becomes known as the “Post-Tet Offensive.” U.S. sources in Saigon put American losses in this latest offensive at between 250 and 300, compared with enemy casualties totaling 5,300. South Vietnamese officials report 200 civilians killed and 12,700 made homeless.
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- Feb 28 1968 – Vietnam: Gen. Earle Wheeler, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, returns from his recent round of talks with Gen. William Westmoreland in Saigon and

immediately delivers a written report to President Lyndon B. Johnson. Wheeler stated that despite the heavy casualties incurred during the Tet Offensive, North Vietnam and Viet Cong forces had the initiative and were “operating with relative freedom in the countryside.” Gen. William Westmoreland needed more troops.

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- Feb 29 1972 – Vietnam War: Vietnamization – South Korea pulls 11,000 troops out of Vietnam as part of its program to withdraw all of its 48,000 troops from the country.

### VVA-535 Elections – April 2017

The success of any organization, and VVA-535 is no exception, can be directly attributed to the strength and dedication of its leaders. Good leadership attracts, inspires and helps an organization retain membership and retain a cadre of Officers and Board Members.

VVA-535 is some 70 members strong. Among the membership are many known for their leadership skills and equally important, there are many with latent and strong leadership skills that just don't recognize it in themselves. Each member knows leadership skills because he served in one or another branch of our military. In that tenure, he witnessed leadership, and the chances are great that he served in a leadership capacity. Beyond the military experience, many have observed or have actively been involved with supervision and leadership in their post-military lives. That prior training and experience is something we of VVA-535 can capitalize upon to our great benefit.

VVA-535 is at a juncture where it needs to cultivate and grow its leadership. It's easily seen that leadership of VVA-535 is a team effort with the Officers and Board members working together to coordinate meetings and activities such as participation in local parades, Victorian Christmas, fundraisers, and organizing and staffing the VVA-535 booth at our local fair.

Past leaders are in the wings to nurture new leadership. Many know our organization's traditions and possess real time experience in creating success of projects undertaken over the years. Networking and involvement simplifies many undertakings, and it is mentorship that simplifies tasks undertaken by those who step up and have fun with the challenges of maintaining an inspired and viable organization.

A slate of Officers for 2017-18 is a part of succession. Take a chance; this is your opportunity to volunteer and lead VVA-535 into the future. Your contribution will reap rewards impossible to perceive without involvement!

## Wrap-Up - Victorian Christmas – 2016

The VVA-535 Victorian Christmas project concluded with the greatest success in the history of the project. At least two factors can be deemed responsible for this achievement: The overall management extended by Harold and Patricia Graves, Chuck Holmes, Dale Epps, Dick Corn and numerous volunteers who staffed the booth; and, good weather, meaning that large numbers of visitors turned out to enjoy the event.

### Sales and Donations – Submitted by Harold Graves

Sunday, December 4 <sup>th</sup>		
Sales	\$833.00	
Donations	\$183.00	\$1,016.00
Sunday, December 11 <sup>th</sup>		
Sales	\$1,098.00	
Donations	\$ 124.85	\$1,222.85
Wednesday, December 14 <sup>th</sup>		
Sales	\$669.00	
Donations	\$152.00	\$ 821.00
Sunday, December 18 <sup>th</sup>		
Sales	\$1,441.00	
Donations	\$ 82.70	\$1,523.70
Wednesday December 21 <sup>st</sup>		
Sales	\$1,002.00	
Donations	\$ 75.00	<u>\$1,080.00</u>
		\$5,663.55
Plus donations from Ryan Wealth Management (Check was for \$210. 48 tickets redeemed for \$96. Difference of \$114 is considered a donation)		\$ 114.00
		<u>\$5,777.55</u>
Less Expenses		<u>&lt;1,352.21&gt;</u>
<b>Total Net Sales/Donations</b>		<b>\$4,425.34</b>

## February 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Space shuttle Columbia broke apart in flames over Texas (2003)	2 VVA 535 General Meeting 6:00 p.m. F-16 flies for the 1 <sup>st</sup> time (1974)	3 19-year trade embargo against Vietnam lifted (1994)	4 Roosevelt authorized the Bronze Star Medal (1944)
5 Super Bowl LI (51)	6	7	8 Boy Scouts founded (1910)	9	10	11
12 Abraham Lincoln (1809)	13 Chuck Yeager born (1923)	14 Valentine's Day	15	16 VVA 535 Board Meeting 6:00 p.m.	17	18
19 Marines landed on Iwo Jima (1945)	20 President's Day	21	22 George Washington born (1732)	23	24	25
26	27	28				

Application For Membership  
VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA, INC., CHAPTER 535  
P.O. Box 37, Grass Valley, CA 95945

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.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Apt. \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

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, \$25/mo Until paid in full

Select Age Group ■ Ages 56-60 \$200 ■ Ages 61-65 \$175 Ages 66 and over \$150  
■ Ages 72+ \$100

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

◆ Card Number \_\_\_\_\_

Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_