

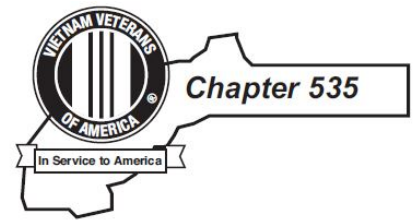


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Gentleman and Ladies,

With July waning and August fast approaching, we are on the cusp of a major project, our booth at the Nevada County Fair, August 8 -12, 2018. At our General Membership meeting of August 2, we'll finalize plans.

But, before delving deeper into the days ahead, let me extend thanks to **VP Dale Epps** for chairing the July meeting in my absence. Thanks too, to our Board of Directors for finalizing a **Mission Statement** that will be boldly placed on a banner that we will hang at the fair.

As some know, I've returned from a solo motorbike ride across 12 western and mid-western states, plus a piece of Manitoba, Canada. Over the course of 20 days I covered 6,064 miles and what I saw left me enthused about America. Our country, despite economic inequality, some political strife, a changing climatic regime, and a growing population is a land to cherish. You would agree had you been with me as I rode through parts of CA, OR, WA, ID, MT, ND, MN, IA, NE, WY, UT and NV.

In my absence, **Dave Middleton**, with assistance from **Ralph Remick**, has dedicated many hours to coordinating and organizing for a **Texas Hold 'Em** poker tournament to be staged **Oct. 20, 2018**. Thank you, Dave and Ralph.

Hopefully there has been some voluntary participation with two challenges – one being a self-monitored walking program, and the second being saving pop-tabs for the Ronald McDonald house program.

The **50:50 Raffle** initiated on May 3, 2018 currently has \$83 in the can. If you choose to participate, the Raffle will continue at the meeting of August 2, 2018.

### Guest Speaker August 2, 2018

Tom Woollard has worked diligently to engage a guest speaker for our meeting of August 2. At this juncture, July 30, nothing is finalized so this missile goes out without a firm commitment. But, stand by for developments.

### July 4 Independence Day Parade Report

Submitted by Dick Corn

The Independence Day Parade in Nevada City was a great event. It was cooler than most years, so the crowd was much larger. We had some guests on our military truck entry who were also Vietnam Veterans. They enjoyed the parade and were amazed at how receptive the crowd was toward Vietnam Veterans. I think we may have at least one new member because of his enjoyable experience.

## Attention

If you do not drive and need a ride to a meeting or any VVA-535 function, please contact Bart Ruud or any local VVA -535 member and we will do our best to arrange transportation for you.

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### Upcoming Events

VVA Leadership Conference, Palm Springs, CA  
July 22 – 30, 2018 – No attendee

General Meeting ..... August 2, 2018  
Director's Meeting ..... August 2, 2018  
NCCVC meeting: Suspended for summer months  
Nevada County Fair – August 8 – 12, 2018  
CSC Full Council - August 24 – 26, 2018, Fresno  
Nevada County Veterans Stand Down – October  
19 & 20, 2018  
Texas Hold 'Em tournament – October 20, 2018  
Victorian Christmas... Dec 2, 9, 12, 16, 19, 2018

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Christmas Year Round ..... Bart Ruud  
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[ncvso@co.nevada.ca.us](mailto:ncvso@co.nevada.ca.us) Thursday, 9:00 to 12:00 and 1:00 – 4:00 is a “Walk-In” day.

### **Placer County Veterans Service Officer**

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1000 Sunset Blvd, Suite 115, Rocklin, CA  
Monday – Friday, 8:00 – 12:00 and 1:00 – 5:00 p.m.

### **Matters of interest as outlined at Board Meeting of July 5, 2018**

Three additional volunteers are needed to fill timeslot at the Nevada County Fair.

- Thursday, Aug. 9: 6:00 – 10:00 p.m.
- Saturday, August 11, 2018: 6:00 – 10:00
- Sunday, Aug. 12: 2:00 – 6:00
- Thanks are extended to those who have already committed.

The Board has finalized its development of a **Mission Statement** specific to VVA Chapter 535. That statement will be printed on a banner that will be displayed at the Nevada County Fair. Thanks are extended to all for their diligence in helping us meet this presidential goal. Special thanks are extended to **Dave Middleton** for working with a print shop on this matter.

The Board continues to research a fitting legacy project for expenditure of at least \$2,900 that has been contributed in memory of Past-President Harold Graves. When research is completed, a report will be shared with the membership for its consideration.

**Dick Corn**, serving as our voluntary Sunshine Committee chair to send good wishes, condolences or other benevolent thoughts to those we learn of who may be ill or otherwise in need of our recognition.. Thank you, Dick.

### **Native American Veterans Memorial Update**

### **“Warriors’ Circle of Honor” Chosen**

The jury for the Smithsonian’s National Museum of the American Indian, National Native American Veterans Memorial has unanimously selected the design concept submitted by Harvey Pratt titled, “Warriors’ Circle of Honor.” Groundbreaking for the memorial is slated for September 21, 2019. It is slated to open late 2020. “Through meeting thousands of Native American Veterans, I learned most of all about the commitment these Veterans have to the well-being of the United States,” said Kevin Gover, director of the museum. “These Veterans are perfectly aware that they are serving a country that had not kept its commitments to Native people, and yet they chose—and are still choosing— to serve. This reflects a very deep kind of patriotism. I can think of no finer example of service to the United States and the promise it holds.”

### **Designer Henry Platt’s Concept**

Native Americans serve at a higher rate per capita than any other population group. Few outside the military and American Indian Nations know that Native people have served in the U.S. Armed Forces since the American Revolution and continue to serve today. The nation’s capital is known for its grand monuments and solemn memorials, including many honoring the nation’s Veterans. Yet no national landmark in Washington, D.C., focuses on the contributions of American Indians, Alaska Natives and Native Hawaiians who have served in the military since colonial times. Harvey Pratt, who is Cheyenne and Arapaho, is a multimedia artist and recently retired forensic artist, as well as a Marine Corps Vietnam Veteran. His design concept is a multisensory memorial. An elevated stainless steel circle rests on an intricately carved stone drum. You can Listen to Pratt describe his design concept in detail. The selected design will undergo further development in partnership with the museum.

VA's director of tribal government relations, Stephanie Birdwell, was a juror on the panel selecting the final design. "The National Native American Veterans Memorial is both personally and professionally meaningful to me as the daughter, granddaughter and niece of Native American Veterans," Birdwell shared. "In my professional role with VA, I've been fortunate to meet, serve and work with Native American Veterans from across the country and I understand how important this memorial is to the Veterans, their families and to our country.

Congress commissioned the museum to build a memorial that gives "all Americans the opportunity to learn of the proud and courageous tradition of service of Native Americans in the Armed Forces of the United States." "This memorial will be an enduring tribute to the sacrifice, service, stories and experiences of Native American Veterans," Birdwell said. "As jurors, we carefully reviewed a competitive applicant pool of design submissions and by unanimous consent, agreed that Harvey Pratt's design will achieve these goals and will serve to honor the generations of Native American men and women who served our country in the past, present and future." [Source: Vantage Point | Megan Moloney | June 28, 2018 ++]

## **USS Fitzgerald (DDG-62) Update**

### **Former CO Pleads Not Guilty to Collision Charges**

Nearly 13 months after the fatal collision between the destroyer Fitzgerald and the merchant vessel ACX Crystal, the Fitz's former commanding officer, Cmdr. Bryce Benson, stood at attention 10 JUL in the Washington Navy Yard courtroom as the prosecution read the charges levied against him. Benson pleaded not guilty to charges of dereliction of duty and neglect resulting in death, and negligence in the improper handling of a vessel for his role in the

June 17, 2017, collision off the coast of Japan that claimed the lives of seven sailors.

Gunner's Mate Seaman Dakota Kyle Rigsby, Yeoman 3rd Class Shingo Alexander Douglass, Sonar Technician 3rd Class Ngoc T. Truong Huynh, Gunner's Mate 1st Class Noe Hernandez, Fire Controlman 1st Class Carlos Victor Ganzon Sibayan, Personnel Specialist 1st Class Xavier Alec Martin and Chief Petty Officer Fire Controlman Gary Leo Rehm Jr. were killed when the 730-foot, 29,060-ton merchant vessel punched a gaping hole into their berthing. Benson was asleep during the early morning hours when the Fitz was rocked. When sailors pried apart twisted metal to gain access to Benson's crushed quarters, they found the confused CO clinging to the side of the ship. He suffered a traumatic brain injury as a result of the accident.

The general court-martial to determine the former CO's fate will begin 28 JAN 2019, according to the presiding military judge, Cmdr. Jonathan Stephens. Both Benson and Cmdr. Alfredo J. Sanchez, who commanded the destroyer McCain at the time of its Aug. 21 fatal collision, were originally charged with negligent homicide. Those charges were dropped in both cases. Sanchez pleaded guilty back in May, as part of a pretrial agreement, to dereliction of duty for his role in the collision off the coast of Singapore. Exactly why Benson's negligent homicide charge was dropped remains unclear. The former Fitz skipper waived his right to an Article 32 hearing in May. [Source: Navy Times | J.D. Simkins | July 9, 2018 ++]

## **Military Immigrant Enlistment Update**

### **Some Being Abruptly Discharged by Army**

Some immigrant U.S. Army reservists and recruits who enlisted in the military with a promised path to citizenship are being abruptly discharged, the Associated Press has learned.

The AP was unable to quantify how many men and women who enlisted through the special recruitment program have been booted from the Army, but immigration attorneys say they know of more than 40 who have been discharged or whose status has become questionable, jeopardizing their futures. "It was my dream to serve in the military," said reservist Lucas Calixto, a Brazilian immigrant who filed a lawsuit against the Army last week. "Since this country has been so good to me, I thought it was the least I could do to give back to my adopted country and serve in the United States military."

Some of the service members say they were not told why they were being discharged. Others who pressed for answers said the Army informed them they'd been labeled as security risks because they have relatives abroad or because the Defense Department had not completed background checks on them. Spokespeople for the Pentagon and the Army said that, due to the pending litigation, they were unable to explain the discharges or respond to questions about whether there have been policy changes in any of the military branches.

Eligible recruits are required to have legal status in the U.S., such as a student visa, before enlisting. More than 5,000 immigrants were recruited into the program in 2016, and an estimated 10,000 are currently serving. Most go Army, but some also go to the other military branches. To become citizens, the service members need an honorable service designation, which can come after even just a few days at boot camp. But the recently discharged service members have had their basic training delayed, so they can't be naturalized.

Margaret Stock, an Alaska-based immigration attorney and a retired Army Reserve lieutenant colonel who helped create the immigrant

recruitment program, said she's been inundated over the past several days by recruits who have been abruptly discharged. All had signed enlistment contracts and taken an Army oath, Stock said. Many were reservists who had been attending unit drills, receiving pay and undergoing training, while others had been in a "delayed entry" program, she said. "Immigrants have been serving in the Army since 1775," Stock said. "We wouldn't have won the revolution without immigrants. And we're not going to win the global war on terrorism today without immigrants." Stock said the service members she's heard from had been told the Defense Department had not managed to put them through extensive background checks, which include CIA, FBI and National Intelligence Agency screenings and counterintelligence interviews. Therefore, by default, they do not meet the background check requirement. "It's a vicious cycle," she said.

It's unclear how the service members' discharges could affect their status as legal immigrants. In a statement, the Defense Department said: "All service members (i.e. contracted recruits, active duty, Guard and Reserve) and those with an honorable discharge are protected from deportation." However, immigration attorneys told the AP that many immigrants let go in recent weeks were an "uncharacterized discharge," neither dishonorable nor honorable. The service members affected by the recent discharges all enlisted in recent years under a special program aimed at bringing medical specialists and fluent speakers of 44 sought-after languages into the military. The idea, according to the Defense Department, was to "recognize their contribution and sacrifice."

President George W. Bush ordered "expedited naturalization" for immigrant soldiers in 2002 in an effort to swell military ranks. Seven years later the Military Accessions Vital to the National Interest program, known as MAVNI,

became an official recruiting program. It came under fire from conservatives when President Barack Obama added DACA recipients — young immigrants who were brought to the U.S. illegally — to the list of eligible enlistees. In response, the military layered on additional security clearances for recruits to pass before heading to boot camp. The Trump Administration added even more hurdles, creating a backlog within the Defense Department. Last fall, hundreds of recruits still in the enlistment process had their contracts canceled. A few months later, the military suspended MAVNI. Republican Congressman Andy Harris of Maryland, who has supported legislation to limit the program, told the AP that MAVNI was established by executive order and never properly authorized by Congress. “Our military must prioritize enlisting American citizens, and restore the MAVNI program to its specialized, limited scope,” he said.

Non-U.S. citizens have served in the military since the Revolutionary War, when Continental soldiers included Irish, French and Germans. The U.S. recruited Filipino nationals to serve in the Navy in the 1940s, and worked to enlist Eastern Europeans in the military over the next decade, according to the Defense Department. Since Sept. 11, 2001, nearly 110,000 members of the Armed Forces have gained citizenship by serving in the U.S. military, according to the Defense Department. Many service members recruited through the program have proven to be exemplary. In 2012, then-Sgt. Saral K. Shrestha, originally from Nepal, was named U.S. Army Soldier of the Year. In general, the immigrant recruits have been more cost-effective, outperforming their fellow soldiers in the areas of attrition, performance, education and promotions, according to a recently released review by the RAND Corporation, a nonprofit research institution.

The AP spoke with a 26-year-old woman from Dominica who said she proudly enlisted in the

immigrant recruitment program in 2016 while earning her nursing degree. She said she drilled each month with her reserve unit, which gave her an award, and had been awaiting a date to start basic training. But in March, she said she looked up her profile on an Army portal and saw that the section about her security eligibility was marked “loss of jurisdiction,” with no further explanation. The next month, her attorney said she found the reservist’s name listed as “unsuitable” on a spreadsheet created by the Defense Department. The reservist, who spoke on condition of anonymity because of concerns about her legal standing, said she received additional paperwork last month that indicated her case is awaiting a final decision. “I have always been a good soldier and have always done what they ask me to do,” she said. “I got into debt when I joined the Army because I can’t work legally but, financially, I can’t survive anymore. I don’t want to give up because I genuinely like being in the Army. But I don’t know who to turn to.”

In recent years, a group of attorneys have been fighting to keep their recruited immigrant clients eligible for naturalization as delays have mounted. Some have been successful, including nearly 50 recruits who were granted a type of temporary status while their background investigations are being completed. “Some of our clients have finally emerged through the system and at least are doing basic training,” said Donald Friedman, a Washington attorney with Perkins Coie. [Source: The Associated Press | Martha Mendoza & Garance Burke | July 5, 2018 ++]

## **Military Immigrant Enlistment Update**

### **USMC Delayed-Entry Program**

More than 800 foreign-born prospective Marines will soon ship off to boot camp, despite reports that the Army is discharging immigrant soldiers who'd followed a similar path to

military service in hopes of becoming U.S. citizens. The Marine Corps is still processing applicants with lawful permanent resident status, Gunnery Sgt. Justin Kronenberg, a spokesman for Marine Corps Recruiting Command, told Military.com. There are currently about 830 men and women born outside the U.S. in the Corps' delayed-entry program. "The Marine Corps has not discharged any of them due to excessive time in the pool awaiting suitability determinations," Kronenberg said.

Those in the delayed-entry program have signed enlistment agreements and train for boot camp with their recruiters and other prospective Marines. They're typically in the program for several weeks or months. Last week, The Associated Press reported the Army was quietly booting dozens of soldiers who'd joined the military and completed entry-level training with the promise that they'd qualify for U.S. citizenship. The story added new fuel to a heated ongoing debate over immigration. Those soldiers joined as part of the Military Accessions Vital to the National Interest program, or MAVNI, which started under President George W. Bush and was designed to help the military attract health care professionals or personnel with specific language skills.

An estimated 10,400 troops signed up to serve through the MAVNI program, but none were Marines. The Marine Corps opted not to participate in the program, Kronenberg said. "The Marine Corps does not have any medical occupational field and we do not have the type of shortfalls in language proficiencies that would necessitate participation in MAVNI," he said. The Marine Corps isn't the only service to have opted out of the program. Regarding the other services:

- The **Coast Guard** continues to admit immigrants who read, write and speak English fluently; are admitted to the U.S.

as lawful permanent residents; and have no prior military service, said Chief Warrant Officer 3 Chad Saylor with Coast Guard media relations. The service has no plans to review that policy, he said. "However, in order to re-enlist in the Coast Guard or Coast Guard Reserve, the member must become a U.S. citizen," Saylor added.

- The **Navy** didn't respond to questions about its program and whether any sailors are facing discharge before press time.
- The **Air Force** doesn't currently participate in MAVNI, according to a service spokeswoman, and "the issue highlighted by the AP story doesn't affect us." That's true, she said, even though the Air Force did participate in the program until 2016.

Members of the Marine Corps' delayed-entry program must complete all security and suitability screening requirements before they can ship off to boot camp. After 180 consecutive days on active duty, they can qualify for honorable service, which allows them to expedite the naturalization process. That's a Defense Department policy, Kronenberg said. Some new Marines qualify to take the Oath of Allegiance to become U.S. citizens immediately following the end of boot camp. Officials with Marine Corps Recruiting Command take steps to ensure lawful permanent residents have enough time in the delayed-entry program to meet all of the determinations for military service before they ship off to boot camp, Kronenberg said. "[We] work closely with DoD to ensure we keep faith with those who meet enlistment eligibility requirements and share our fighting spirit," he said. "We continuously evaluate our policies to ensure they are

fair and equitable." Over the past 17 years, nearly 110,000 men and women have gained American citizenship by serving in the U.S. military. [Source: Military.com | Gina Harkins | July 9, 2018 ++]

## **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, Chuck Holmes, current Marine LCpl. Jesse Hernandez, Kent Hawley, and Mike Laborico. (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 been sent 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.



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

P.O. Box 37, Grass Valley, CA 95945

Membership is open to U.S. armed forces veterans who served on active duty (for other than training purposes) in the Republic of Vietnam between February 28, 1961, and May 7, 1975, or in **any duty location** between August 5, 1964 and May 7, 1975.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Home Phone: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: \_\_\_\_\_

(Optional) Chapter Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I am already a VVA member and I want to become a Life Member. My VVA Number is \_\_\_\_\_.

**Type of Membership:** Individual \_\_\_\_\_ 1 year @ \$20. Individual \_\_\_\_\_ 3 years @ \$50.  
Life Membership: \_\_\_\_\_ \$100. (Check type of membership)

**ATTENTION New members and new life members:** You must submit a copy of your DD-214 form along with this application and dues payment.

Payment Method: \_\_\_ Check \_\_\_ Money Order \_\_\_ Credit Card (Visa, MasterCard, AMEX, Discover)

Credit Card Number \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Return your completed application, payment and a copy of your DD-214 to:

Vietnam Veterans of America, Inc., Chapter 535  
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Grass Valley, CA 95945

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Nevada County Fair VVA-535 Booth Schedule **V.6 July 23, 2018**

August 8, 2018 - August 12, 2018

Project Chair: Bart Ruud

Set-Up: Tuesday, August 7, 2018. Volunteers – **D. Chaix, B. Ruud, E. Vasquez; D. Corn, D. Middleton**

Take-Down: Monday, August 13, 2018. Volunteers – **Dick Corn, Enrique Vasquez, Dave Middleton**

Time Slot	10:00 – 2:00	2:00 – 6:00	6:00 – 10:00
<b>Wed. Aug. 8, 2018</b>  Booth Captain: <b>Dave Chaix</b>	Name: <b>D. Chaix</b>  Phone:  Name: <b>B. Ruud;</b> <b>T. Eberlein</b>  Phone:	Name: <b>D. Chaix</b>  Phone:  Name: <b>B. Ruud</b> <b>T. Eberlein</b>  Phone:	Name: <b>D. Chaix</b>  Phone:  Name: <b>B. Ruud</b> <b>D. Ferguson</b>  Phone:
<b>Thurs. Aug. 9, 2018</b>  Booth Captain: <b>Dick Corn</b>	Name: <b>C. Holmes</b>  Phone:  Name: <b>M. Laborico</b>  Phone:	Name: <b>E. Vasquez</b>  Phone:  Name: <b>Craig Johnson</b> - (maybe) <b>Dick Corn</b>  Phone:	Name: <b>Keith Gruenneberg</b>  Phone:  Name:  Phone:
<b>Fri. Aug. 10, 2018</b>  Booth Captain: <b>Gary Barnes</b>	Name: <b>C. Holmes</b> <b>Enrique Vasquez</b>  Phone:  Name: <b>C. Johnson</b>  Phone:	Name: <b>Dale Epps</b>  Phone:  Name: <b>C. Johnson</b>  Phone:	Name: <b>Dave Middleton</b>  Phone: Name: <b>G. Barnes</b> Name: <b>C. Johnson</b>  Phone:
<b>Sat. Aug. 11, 2018</b>  Booth Captain: _____ <b>Peter Hidalgo</b>	Name: <b>Dale Ferguson</b>  Phone:  Name: <b>Peter Hidalgo</b>  Phone:	Name: <b>D. Ferguson</b>  Phone:  Name: <b>Peter Hidalgo</b>  Phone:	Name: <b>Kent Hawley</b>  Phone:  Name:  Phone:
<b>Sun. Aug. 12, 2018</b>  Booth Captain: _____ <b>Ric Sheridan</b>	Name: <b>Dave Johnson</b>  Phone:  Name: <b>Rick Sheridan</b>  Phone:                 10	Name: <b>K. Tokutomi</b>  Phone:  Name:  Phone:	Name: <b>Bill Hald</b>  Phone:  Name: <b>Ray James</b>  Phone:

# July

# 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Canada Day (Canada)	2 US Army Air Corps Established (1926)	3	4 Independence Day	5 VVA Board & VVA General Membership meeting	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20 First Manned Moon Landing (1969)	21
22	23	24	25	26	27 National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day. Korean War ended (1953)	28 World War I began (1914)
29	30	31				

# August

# 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 VVA Board & VVA General Membership Meeting	3	4
5	6 1 <sup>st</sup> Atomic Bomb Mission, Hiroshima (1945)	7 Set up Nevada County Fair	8 <b>Nevada County Fair</b>	9 <b>Nevada County Fair</b>  2 <sup>nd</sup> Atomic Bomb, Nagasaki	10 <b>Nevada County Fair</b>	11 <b>Nevada County Fair</b>
12 <b>Nevada County Fair</b>	13 Take Down Nevada County Fair Booth	14 Japan Surrendered Ending WW II (1945)	15 Allied Invasion Southern France (1944)  Panama Canal opened (1914)	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

# September

# 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 WW II began (1939)
2 V.J. Day: Japan signed formal surrender (1945)	3 Labor Day	4	5	6 VVA General Meeting & Board Meeting	7	8
9 Grandparents Day	10	11 Patriot Day	12	13	14 "Star Spangled Banner" written by Frances Scott Key (1814)	15
16	17 U.S. Constitution Approved (1787) Citizenship Day	18 U.S. Air Force established (1947)	19 Yom Kippur	20	21 POW/MIA Recognition Day	22
23 First Day of Autumn	24	25	26	27	28	29
30						