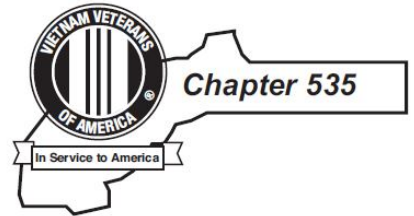




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### VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**JULY 2019**

My fellow Vietnam veterans. I would like to share an experience I had on Memorial Day in Washington, D.C. On Memorial Day my wife and I visited "The Wall" in Washington, D. C. If you ever have the opportunity I highly suggest you visit this memorial. This was my third such visit. It gets a little easier every time I go. In prior years I could not spend much time due to the sadness I felt walking along and looking at the names. Some of them I knew. As I approached the wall this time I observed thousands of pictures and letters at the base of the memorial. There were people who I guessed were in their late 40's stenciling names from the wall. I figured they were relatives or friends of the veteran. There were letters that stated "read me" and I did a couple of them. I could feel the loss as expressed by the families. As I looked at the 58,000 + names I could not help looking beyond and seeing the families behind the name. Must be a half a million family members behind those veterans names. As I was about half way down the memorial I was approached by an older Vietnamese gentleman with tears in his eyes, he asked if I was in Vietnam. I told him I was and the time I was there. He would not let go of my hand! He said that we (the

Americans) are the ones who saved his family of seven from being killed. His wife also joined in the conversation. They fled from Pleiku and made it to a Navy ship to be rescued. They were very thankful and bowed to me several times. What a humbling experience! Then he stated "welcome home", well that floored me. Since I was wearing my Vietnam cap and shirt, I was approached by a member of the Vietnam Veteran Memorial Fund. He presented me with a 50 year pin and invited me to the annual memorial day observance ceremony at the wall. I did attend and so did about 1,000 other people, mostly veterans. We were addressed by Brig. Gen. Sharon Bannister, USAF and Rebecca Rusch, her sister. They are gold star daughters of USAF Capt. Stephen Rusch. He crashed his F-4 phantom along the Ho Chi Minh Trail. They both talked about their experiences with their father. Rebecca, through Red Bull Media House in 2017, released an Emmy award winning feature film, "Blood Road", which followed her personal journey along the 1,800 kilometer Ho Chi Minh Trail.' She actually found her father's F-4 wreckage. She said it was a quiet setting along a creek and tall palm trees. When we visited other government buildings I was surprised by the welcoming I received by the security guards. They all welcomed me and said "welcome home!" They saluted me as I left the building. Same with the police officers on the street. Everyone of them greeted me and shook my hand thanking

me for my service. Wow! Almost everywhere we went someone would stop and thank me for my service. Quite the opposite when I returned to the world after my tour in Nam! We also visited Arlington National Cemetery. A very solemn event. But greetings from those around me regarding my service was unexpected. We witnessed the changing of the guard and again never a disappointment. These military soldiers were perfect in execution in procedure. I believe I have a relative buried there but did not have time to visit. We headed to Mt. Vernon on a tour bus. The bus driver acknowledged all veterans on the bus and we received a cheer from the folks traveling with us. My wife and I went to a few high-end restaurants on 15<sup>th</sup> Street where reservations only were accepted. We entered the restaurants, pushing my luck a little, and asked if they had any available openings. Still wearing my Vietnam Veterans attire. They stated "no!", but we will make room for you. I was blown away. How was I so lucky to receive such treatment? It was because of all my brothers and sisters who served in Nam. Thanks so much for reading this. Dick Corn advises we will be riding on Bill Slade's military vehicle in the parade. We need to be at the Veterans building at 0900 hours and off to the staging area at 1000 hours. The parade starts at 1100 hours. Hope to see you on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Our meeting is dark that evening due to the parade that day. Stay safe!

Keith

### **VVA Chapter 535 Mission Statement**

*To foster camaraderie among members and assist those with disabling mental and physical injuries, to promote the welfare of our brethren affected by the war, and to engender public understanding of the sacrifice, patriotism and bravery of those who served, those who gave all, and those left behind.*

### **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.

### **VVA-535 DARK FOR JULY 2019**

Given that our regular meeting days falls on July 4<sup>th</sup>, President Keith has laid out the edict that in lieu of a meeting, the Chapter can wholeheartedly participate in the Grass Valley 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade.

Once again, Bill Slade of Bill Slade Trucking will provide a deuce-and-a-half to transport those who would prefer to ride, rather than walk. The truck will be decorated beginning at **9:00 a.m.** in the Veterans Hall parking lot and will then proceed to its assigned position in the parade line-up.

From the Chamber of Commerce:

Nevada County will be celebrating USA's birthday this 4<sup>th</sup> of July, with the 2019 theme of the Parade & Fireworks Celebration, "**Hats Off to Nevada County!**"

Continuing a tradition that began 118 years ago, Grass Valley will be hosting this year's July Fourth parade. It was in 1901 that an agreement was struck between Nevada City and Grass Valley to alternate the parade between the two communities. Since then, Grass Valley has hosted the celebration on odd-numbered years and Nevada City on even-numbered years.

"What happens here on July Fourth is the epitome of a small-town celebration," says Cathy Whittlesey, President of the Nevada City Chamber of Commerce. "Whether the parade is in Grass Valley or Nevada City, the focus is on three important elements of American life: families, communities, and patriotism."

More than 70 entries, including a fantastic mix of floats, horseback riders, cars, marchers and dancers all displaying red, white and blue and waving American flags, will begin the march through historic Grass Valley at 11:00 a.m. The Nevada County Concert Band will be performing at Neal and Mill streets before and during the parade, helping to make it a patriotic event to remember!

**Guest Speaker for July 4, 2019**

We are not planning for a guest speaker in July because the general meeting has been cancelled in lieu of the Grass Valley July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade.

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**Upcoming Events**

- NCCVC Meeting – July 3, 2019
- Independence Day Parade – July 4, 2019
- NCCVC Meeting – August 1, 2019
- General Meeting – August 1, 2019
- Director’s Meeting – August 1, 2019
- National VVA Convention – 7/16 – 7/21/19
- Nevada County Fair – August 7 – 11, 2019
- Roamin Angels Car Show – 9/6 – 9/8, 2019
- Nevada County All Veterans Stand Down –

October 18 – 19, 2019  
 Victorian Christmas – Dec. 8,11,15,18, 22, 2019

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Thursday, 9:00 to 12:00 and 1:00 – 4:00 is a  
“Walk-In” day.

## **Placer County Veterans Service Officer**

Suzi Vinci .... 916-780-3290.  
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 June 6, 2019**

VVA-535 **Secretary Gary Barnes** is in need of thoughts and prayers as he undergoes medical treatment for a serious medical issue.

Dick Corn has taken charge of development of an order of VVA-535 polo shirts. Two dozen shirts of various sizes will be ordered, at a cost of \$13 each. Logo embroidery is being further investigated.

NCCVC discussions are ongoing with Nevada County Fair officials regarding potential development of a Veterans Pavilion at the fairgrounds. **NOTE: July 4<sup>th</sup> cancels the regular NCCVC meeting. It is rescheduled for July 3, 2019.**

Financial assistance for the widow of a recently deceased Marine has been tabled for the present as various Veteran groups await determinations to be made by the VSO.

The shadow-box in the basement hallway has been completed and with that, determinations need to be made as to what to display in the shadow-box.

Discussion continued regarding the need to obtain a new pop-up shelter for possible use at

the Nevada County Fair and at Victorian Christmas.

## **Veteran organizations to hand out USS McCain shirts during Trump’s Fourth of July celebration**

By: J.D. Simkins. Army Times

Two veteran-led organizations are planning to honor late Arizona Senator John McCain by handing out T-shirts during President Donald Trump’s Fourth of July speech in Washington.

Rags of Honor and VoteVets are both participating in the distribution of the “Big Bad John” shirts, which feature the destroyer that was named for the late senator’s grandfather and father — before the younger McCain was added last July as a namesake by Navy Secretary Richard Spencer.

Some members of the organization are also planning on passing out shirts at the House and Senate buildings, The Hill reported.

“At this year’s national Fourth of July celebration we’ll be distributing T-shirts that feature the USS John S. McCain,” the VoteVets website says. “We may have had political battles against Senator McCain, but what has bound us together since 1776 — the belief in something larger than yourself — is always worth honoring on the Fourth.”

McCain has drawn the scorn of the president — in life and in death — following a long-running feud that dates back to Trump’s 2016 presidential campaign, one highlighted by the president’s downplaying McCain as a Vietnam War hero.

“He’s a war hero because he was captured,” Trump said during the July 2015 interview. “I like people that weren’t captured.”



### **White House tells Navy to keep destroyer McCain 'out of sight' during Trump visit to Japan, report says**

A tarp was draped over the ship's name, and sailors wearing caps bearing the name John S. McCain were given the day off to avoid potential sightings.

The Navy was reportedly asked by the White House last month to keep the destroyer bearing McCain's name hidden during President Trump's Memorial Day visit with about 800 sailors and Marines aboard the Japan-based amphibious assault ship Wasp, a vessel based in the same port as the McCain. Because the destroyer remains out of service following a fatal August 2017 collision with an oil tanker that left 10 sailors dead, moving the ship was not an option. Instead, the Navy reportedly covered it with a tarp to conceal its name. Navy officials disputed the report, telling Navy Times the tarp was placed on the ship prior to Trump's visit but had been removed by the time the president arrived.

Speaking to the New York Times on the condition of anonymity, multiple sailors claimed a number of McCain personnel tried to attend the president's speech, but were turned away for wearing caps bearing the ship's name. "I was not informed about anything having to do with the Navy Ship USS John S. McCain during my recent visit to Japan," the president tweeted in response to reports.

"Nevertheless, @FLOTUS and I loved being with our great Military Men and Women - what a spectacular job they do!"

The president's Fourth of July celebration speech, which will reportedly focus on honoring the military and veterans, will be part of large scale military demonstrations that will include flyovers and music.



**The design on the shirts being distributed by two progressive veteran organizations.**

Federal lawmakers, local officials and others have voiced concerns that Trump could alter the tone of what traditionally is a nonpartisan celebration of America's founding by delivering an overtly political speech after he added himself to an event that typically has not included the president.

### **Army officially unveils Expert Soldier Badge**

By: Kyle Rempfer June 14, 2019. Army Times



An infantry soldier throws a practice M67 fragmentation grenade as part of Expert Infantryman Badge testing at Camp Buehring, Kuwait, May 29, 2019.

As early as October, soldiers could be earning the Expert Soldier Badge — accouterments targeted at everyone who isn't an infantryman, combat medic or Special Forces soldier.

The badge will test general soldiering skills, Command Sgt. Maj. Edward W. Mitchell, senior enlisted leader at the Center for Initial Military Training, said in an interview with Army Times. By offering testing and a badge, the Army hopes to provide incentive for units to train their warrior tasks and battle drills while in garrison and during peacetime.

The new badge, which is an initiative of Training and Doctrine Command, will be equivalent to the Expert Infantryman Badge and Expert Field Medical Badge and mirror how those badges test core infantry and combat medic proficiency outside of deployments.

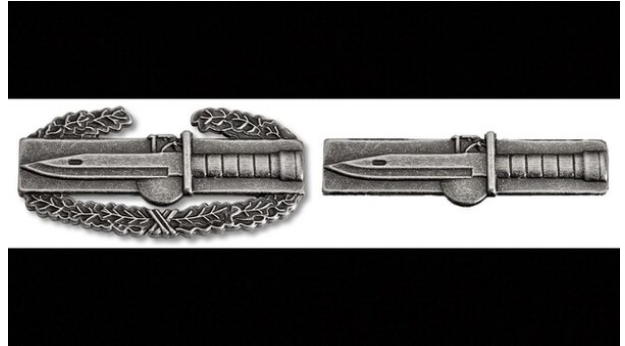
"We wanted every soldier to make sure they understand that they are experts in their field," Mitchell said. "Achieving the new badge ... requires a much higher standard, just like its cousins, which are the EIB and the EFMB." Pass rates during the ESB pilot testing were similar to that of the EIB and EFMB, the Army said in a statement Friday.

"This is not a badge to award so that the entire Army now has an 'expert' badge to wear," said TRADOC Command Sgt. Maj. Timothy A. Guden in a service news release provided in advance to Army Times.

"As it is now, not every Infantryman or Special Forces soldier earns the EIB and not every medic earns the EFMB," Guden said. "Keeping with the same mindset, this is a badge to award to those who truly deserve recognition as an expert in their career field. Because no soldiers have the new badge yet, testing will be administered early on by soldiers with the other expert badges, since about 80 percent of

the tasks will be the same.

It will be up to brigade commanders when to schedule the test, but because most events will be shared between the expert badges, units can run tests for different badges simultaneously.



**A mock-up of the Expert Soldier Badge, a wreathless version of its inspiration, the Combat Action Badge. (Army)**

Testing will first become available between about October and March — the first and second quarters in fiscal 2020. The standards and regulation are expected to be completely finalized by September, but standards will not be adjusted for age, gender or any other criteria, the release said.

The badge will require a five-day testing period. Test events will be based on the warrior tasks and battle drills first introduced at basic training, as well as up to five events selected by the brigade commander from a unit's Mission Essential Task List. These could include reacting to an IED attack, marking CBRN-contaminated sites or building a defensive fighting position.

To qualify to take the test, soldiers must pass the Army Combat Fitness Test, qualify as "Expert" on the M4 Carbine or M16 rifle and be recommended by their chain of command. The test will then involve another ACFT, day and night land navigation, individual testing stations and it will end with a 12-mile foot march.



**Infantry soldiers deployed in the U.S. Army Central area of operations finish a 12-mile ruck march in less than three hours as the final event in Expert Infantryman Badge testing at Camp Buehring, Kuwait on Saturday, June 1, 2019.**

Events will be graded on “go or no-go” completion, but soldiers can still receive a few “no-go’s” and earn the badge.

The idea for the badge first emerged last March, with mixed reactions. Initial reactions from soldiers and veterans were mixed, and Army Times was flooded with nearly 500 reader comments about the move.

The badge was initially introduced as the Expert Action Badge, but was changed to the Expert Soldier Badge during Mitchell’s tenure. The name change was designed to signal the badge’s significance to non-infantry, non-combat medic and non-Special Forces soldiers, who can achieve the EIB and EFMB instead.

Mitchell pushed back hard on the assertion made by some soldiers that the new badge is a participation ribbon — similar to the way some felt about the Combat Action Badge — for soldiers who opted out of the risks of the infantry.

“That is absolutely not the reason why this badge was created,” he said. “It’s just like the EFMB and EIB. It’s to find out who is the top 1

percent or 2 percent across the board.”



**1st Lt. Shelby DePriest, an infantry soldier with 3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, applies camouflage face paint during patrol lane testing for the Expert Infantryman Badge at Camp Buehring, Kuwait on Friday, May 31, 2019.**

But Mitchell said the standards for the new badge will limit the number of soldiers able to achieve it, just like the other expert badges, and therefore the badge is not something awarded simply for participating in the Army.

“Every infantry soldier does not have an EIB. Every medical soldier does not have the EFMB. And I will guarantee you, every soldier across the force will not have the ESB,” Mitchell said.

That doesn’t mean every soldier shouldn’t try. Because, again, the key driver behind the badge is readiness — ensuring soldiers are practicing their basic warrior tasks and battle drills in garrison.

But it also doesn’t mean that every soldier should expect to earn the new badge. The testing is designed to limit recipients and soldiers will not need to earn the badge in order to promote or receive special duties, Mitchell said.

Of course, having the badge won’t hurt a soldier’s promotion package, he added.

Orphanage website:

<https://www.friendsofvso.org>

### **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.

### **Nevada County Fair Planning**

Our 2019 fair is scheduled for August 7 – 11, 2019. Plan to add your name to the Booth schedule at our August meeting, but stand by for possible changes. **Why?** Dave Middleton, who has taken the lead for planning our presence at the fair, was among those who coordinated for a meeting scheduled on May 14, 2019 that would break new ground for Veterans' representation at the fair. The concept is to establish a **Veteran's Pavilion** that would be staffed by representatives of numerous Veterans organizations and perhaps coordinated by the NCCVC. It's possible that VVA-535, the VFW, Welcome Home Vets, the Marine Corps League, the American Legion and representatives from the Nevada County Veteran Services Office would participate. In addition, the national organization, "Unfolded Flags," wants to gather stories of veterans of our era before we disappear. Add to that the desire of the Nevada County Library to gather copies of post-WW II conflicts photos from area Veterans, and we could have a dynamic, new Veteran recognition in the area.

Stay tuned for developments.

### **Roamin Angels Car Show**

Mike Hauser has offered every Veteran's organization in Nevada County the opportunity for a free booth at the September 6 – 8, 2019 car show to be staged at the Nevada County Fairgrounds. Mike notes that there is an anticipated attendance of 3,000. That would bode well for exposure to the public VVA-535 if it elected to participate.



## Military-Only Treasures

Source: Military.com June 5, 2019

Whether you're looking for a vacation within a few hours' drive from home, or looking to travel to a dream destination a little farther, you don't have to break the bank. Check out some military deals available. There are military cottages, lodges, campgrounds and RV parks around the country in beautiful settings accessible only to those in the military community, regardless of branch of service. Beyond those, discounts abound on tickets, hotels, cruises, air travel, rental cars and more. Some places to start:

- **American Forces Travel**

(<https://www.americanforcetravel.com>), the only official Defense Department site for travel discounts on airfare, flights, hotels, car rentals, travel packages and cruises, was launched earlier this year. Those eligible include active duty, Guard, Reserve, Coast Guard, retired military, and their eligible family members. The site is connected to the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System, or DEERS, and authenticates you quickly. You have access to more than 1.2 million properties in more than 76,000 destinations worldwide, with discounts of up to 60 percent on hotels. A help desk is available 24 hours a day.

When you're searching for prices, make sure you do some comparison research ahead of time to get the best deal. The vendors must at least have a military exclusive price to be part of the website, but there are other additional properties and deals listed, too. You'll see military deals in the mid-range properties, for example, as well as in high-end properties. The site is run through a contract with Priceline, and there's a price guarantee to at least match the best rates offered by airlines and other travel sites. There's a best price guarantee for airfare and all the product lines.

Check back frequently for special promotions. Discount tickets for various attractions will be available within the next three to six months.

- **Government Vacation Rewards** ([www.govvacationrewards.com/mwrvacation](http://www.govvacationrewards.com/mwrvacation)) offers military-only travel discounts:
- **Armed Forces Vacation Club** (<https://www.afvclub.com>) offers military-only travel discounts:
- **Paths Across America** (<https://www.armymwr.com/programs-and-services/outdoor-recreation/camping-rv-parks>): Some of the best-kept vacation secrets are found in camping and recreational vehicle parks across the country, operated by all the branches of service. From lakes in South Carolina to beaches in Washington state, many sites have cottages or lodges as well as camp sites and RV sites. Various recreational activities are offered at the sites. Visit this website and click on a state. Although it's an Army MWR site, it features locations operated by each branch of service in each state. Prices vary. Each site lists available types and number of campsites/RV sites/cabins/lodging, along with contact information.
- **Armed Forces Recreation Centers** ([www.military.com/travel/military-lodging-armed-forces-recreation-center.html](http://www.military.com/travel/military-lodging-armed-forces-recreation-center.html)): Visit Dragon Hill Lodge in South Korea; Edelweiss Lodge and Resort in Germany's Bavarian region; Hale Koa Hotel in Waikiki Beach, Hawaii; or Shades of Green at Walt Disney World Resort, Florida. Visit this website for information about availability, pricing and reservations. At this writing, for example, there was still availability in July and August for Shades of Green. All branches of service are eligible.

- • **Other military discounts.** Offered by countless other hotels, recreation parks and others. In just one example, Hawks Cay Resort in the Florida Keys offers discounts to military and veterans starting at \$129 per night, plus discounts on activities. Their annual program runs from Aug. 1 until Dec. 19. Visit [www.hawkscayheroes.com](http://www.hawkscayheroes.com) for more information and to book reservations. Among the many hotels offering military discounts year-round are La Quinta by Wyndham, Red Roof Inn, and Westgate Resorts. Many attractions offer discounts, too. One example: At your choice of SeaWorld, Busch Gardens or Sesame Place, one free admission per year for military personnel.
- • **Blue Star Museums** (<https://www.arts.gov/national-initiatives/blue-star-museums>): More than 2,000 museums nationwide are offering free admission through Monday, Sept. 2. This year's participating museums are located in all 50 states, as well as Washington, D.C., and Puerto Rico, and include fine art, science history and children's museums, zoos, aquariums, gardens and more. For a list of participating museums, hours of operation and other information, visit their website.
- • **Vet Tix** ([www.vettix.org](http://www.vettix.org)). Check with for free tickets with a handling fee of less than \$20) to various family programs, concerts, sporting events and performing arts.
- • **Veteran Canteen Services** (<https://memberdeals.com/vcs/hotels.php?sub=alldestinations&login=1>) offers discounts and deals on hotels, theme parks & attractions, rental cars, and tickets.
- • Always check with your local tickets and tours office on the nearest military installation for other exclusive deals on a variety of deals on tickets and other offers.
- • Check with on-base lodging facilities for space available.

### **Freedom Isn't Free.**

The powerful speech at [https://youtu.be/rKsW6c\\_CgFY](https://youtu.be/rKsW6c_CgFY) by President Ronald Reagan during his first Inaugural Address on January 20, 1981 is worth listening to again as is his Veterans Day Gratitude speech at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V29XnXWWQSM> as we reflect on Memorial Day.

**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 \_\_\_\_\_.

**Membership:** Individual Life Membership: \$50. (Effective Oct. 20, 2018)

**ATTENTION New 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  
P.O. Box 37  
Grass Valley, CA 95945

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# JUNE

# 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
2	3	4 U.S. Coast Guard Established (1790)	5	6 VVA General Meeting & Board Meeting D-Day (1944)	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14 Flag Day Army's Birthday (1775)	15
16 Father's Day	17	18	19	20	21 First Day of Summer	22 Pledge of Allegiance Recognized by Congress (1942) GI Bill Signed into Law (1944)
23	24	25	26	27	28	29 First US Ground Forces Arrived in Korea (1950)
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# JULY

# 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 US Army Air Corps Established (1926)	3	4 VVA General Meeting & Board Meeting  Independence Day Parade	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24 Final U.S. Ground Combat of Korean War Began (1953)	25	26	27 Korean War ended (1953)
28	29	30	31			

# AUGUST

# 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 VVA General Meeting & Board Meeting	2	3
4 Coast Guard Birthday	5 Hiroshima (1945)	6	7 Purple Heat Day	8	9 Nagasaki (1945)	10
11	12	13	14 Japan Surrendered (1945)	15 Allied Invasion of Southern France (1944)	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29 Ascension Day	30	31

**NOTE – THIS SCHEDULE WILL VERY LIKELY CHANGE DUE TO POTENTIAL FOR A NCCVC FAIR BOOTH**

**Nevada County Fair VVA-535 Booth Schedule V.1**

August 7, 2019 - August 11, 2019

**Project Chair:** Dave Middleton

Set-Up: Tuesday, August 6, 2019. Volunteers –  
 Take-Down: Monday, August 12, 2018. Volunteers –

Time Slot	10:00 – 2:00	2:00 – 6:00	6:00 – 10:00
Wed. Aug. 7, 2019  Booth Captain: D. Chaix	Name: D. Chaix  Phone:  Name: B. Ruud  Phone:	Name: D. Chaix  Phone:  Name: B. Ruud  Phone:	Name: D. Chaix  Phone:  Name: B. Ruud  Phone:
Thurs. Aug. 8, 2019  Booth Captain:	Name:  Phone:  Name:  Phone:	Name:  Phone:  Name:  Phone:	Name:  Phone:  Name:  Phone:
Fri. Aug. 9, 2019  Booth Captain:	Name:  Phone:  Name:  Phone:	Name:  Phone:  Name:  Phone:	Name:  Phone:  Name:  Phone:
Sat. Aug. 10, 2019  Booth Captain:	Name:  Phone:  Name:  Phone:	Name:  Phone:  Name:  Phone:	Name:  Phone:  Name:  Phone:
Sun. Aug. 11, 2019  Booth Captain:	Name:  Phone:  Name:  Phone:	Name:  Phone:  Name:  Phone:	Name:  Phone:  Name:  Phone: