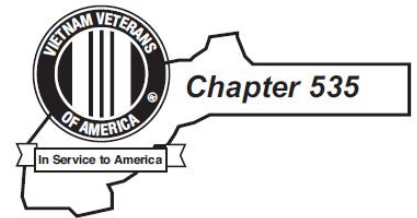




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## VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA CHAPTER 535 PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE October 2019

Fall is in the air! Many thanks to Ray James, Bart Ruud, and Dave Chaix, for assisting in the NCCVC E-Waste collection day. Bart and Dave did double duty assisting in the pick up of a large projection TV from one of our members the day before the collection. It is my understanding that Dave and Bart took a slight detour and discovered new parts of the south county. Something to do with dogs. You will have to ask them! I believe this will be the last year for the e-waste collection. Another up and coming event is the Veterans Stand Down scheduled for October 19. Jose Gonzales is the head chef for this event and will need our help. Kitchen help is needed for October 18 to prepare everything that is needed for feeding about 200 people on the 19<sup>th</sup>. Jose needs four to five people to work in the kitchen on the 18<sup>th</sup>, and four to five people to assist in set up and cooking on the 19<sup>th</sup> at the fairgrounds. We need to get behind this effort and help. We will be looking for volunteers to sign up at our October meeting. **WE ARE IN NEED OF A SECRETARY! PLEASE SOMEONE STEP UP AND TAKE THIS IMPORTANT POSITION.** Bart has been filling in but needs to hand off this job to someone else. All you need to do is record the actions of the membership and board. You do not need to

write a novel! I talked with Gary Barnes the other day and he seems to be doing OK. He just doesn't have the energy to continue on as Secretary. Dick Corn is researching a banner for our new pop-up tent. Dale Epps will be assisting in a raffle for a .177 air rifle which is a replica of the M1 carbine. 100 tickets will be sold internally and not to the outside public. Tickets will be on sale at the October and November meeting, maybe even at the Christmas dinner. Drawing to be conducted at the Christmas dinner December 5<sup>th</sup>. They are \$20 each. Good Christmas present for someone. The Marine Corps presidential band will be playing at the Nevada Union H.S. Ali gym on Friday October 11 at 1930 hours. Tickets are available from Music in the Mountains. Doors open at 1845 hrs. Many thanks to David West, VSO, for his continued efforts to help veterans. My goal, when we do not have a guest speaker, is to limit our meetings to one hour so we are out by 1900 hour. This will not happen unless we observe meeting etiquette. Please refrain from outbursts, meetings within the meeting, etc.. Thanks for reading and see you at the October meeting.

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.

### **Guest Speaker for October 3, 2019**

No guest speaker is currently scheduled for our October meeting.

Tom Woollard works hard to coordinate and arrange for guest speakers. Lend a hand and pass along any ideas you may have for future guest speakers.

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### **Upcoming Events**

NCCVC Meeting – October 3, 2019  
General Meeting – October 3, 2019  
Director's Meeting – October 3, 2019

Oct. 11, 2019 – Marine Corps Band  
Nevada County All Veterans Stand Down –  
October 18 – 19, 2019  
CSC meeting - Fresno 10/25 – 10/27/2019  
VVA Christmas Dinner – Dec. 5, 2019  
Victorian Christmas – Dec. 8,11,15,18, 22, 2019

### **Chapter 535 Officers**

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Newsletter ..... Interim editor Bart Ruud  
Victorian Christmas ..... **Vacant**  
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NCCVC ..... Dick Corn  
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Quartermaster ..... Dick Corn  
Facebook Master ..... Mike Laborico  
Nevada County Fair ..... Dave Middleton

CA State Council Rep. .... Mike Underwood

**Nevada County Veterans Service Officer**

VSO Officer -David West II (530) 265-1446 office  
(530) 913-5046 cell

988 McCourtney Road, Grass Valley 95949

[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**

~~Suzi Vinci~~ .... 916-780-3290. Position vacant

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 September 5, 2019**

Thanks are extended to Dick Corn and Tom  
Woollard who took charge of ordering VVA-535  
polo shirts. The two-dozen shirts ordered have  
arrived and are available at \$25, which included  
the shirt and VVA-535 embroidery. Some shirts  
have already been distributed.

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. Mike Hauser, owner of Grass  
Valley Blueprint, will make a backdrop for the  
shadow box. Thank you, Mike.

Dale Epps presented a plan for raffling an M1  
carbine replica air rifle.

The Board approved funding of up to \$500 to  
underwrite the hamburger lunch that Jose  
Gonzales is organizing for the Nevada County  
Stand don on October 19, 2019.

A new Membership Directory organized by Leo  
LaBrie with assistance from Ric Sheridan is  
available for distribution Appreciation is  
extended to Leo for the considerable effort he  
put into development of this directory.

Please keep Gary Barnes in your thoughts and  
prayers as he continues medical treatment.  
President Keith has appealed to the  
membership for a volunteer to step in and fulfill  
Secretarial duties in this time of need.

**Nevada County VSO Shares Points of Interest**

Recently, the Nevada County Veterans Service  
Officer, David West II, shared with local VVA  
members several critical points of interest to all  
veterans benefiting from association with the  
VA. Several salient points are passed along here  
for the surviving spouse (or those who care for  
her) in the event of an untimely death of a  
service-connected veteran.

- 1) Contact the CVSO immediately so that the  
VA can be notified to sop an over-  
payment
- 2) Contact the Social Security office –  
Surviving spouses may be eligible for the  
greater benefit between the Veteran’s  
and surviving spouse’s social security
- 3) The CVSO can assist with arranging for  
the Honor Guard – There is a \$150  
required donation
- 4) The Veteran should have an updated list  
of all service-connected conditions, along  
with a DD-214, and a record of **all**  
marriages in a stored centrally located  
place
- 5) The surviving spouse ned to contact the  
coroner’s office to ensure that any of the  
Veteran’s service-connected conditions  
appear on the death certificate
- 6) Once the surviving spouse has all the  
documented and is ready, she should  
contact the CVSO office to begin to apply  
for any benefits that she is entitled to  
(there is no time limit to apply for death  
benefits).

The death of a loved one can be a very  
emotional time for our remaining loved ones. It  
is recommended that no individual attempt to

apply for VA benefits by themselves. The paperwork can become difficult if not daunting. Even if a Vietnam Veteran passes from a non-service connected condition, the surviving spouse may still be eligible for death benefits. A heart condition is a perfect example. Ischemic Heart Disease is a presumptive condition due to Agent Orange exposure. If a Vietnam Veteran is receiving VA compensation for PTSD and Diabetes Mellitus Type II but passes due to a heart attack – the spouse will be eligible for death benefits. Presumptive conditions do not need to be established prior to the Vietnam Veteran’s death. Therefore, it is important to have an accredited representative work for you.

## The Benefits of Service Dogs

Michael French. R Newswire. September 20, 2019

### Supporting veterans when they return home

MISSION, Kan., Sept. 20, 2019 /PRNewswire/ -- (Family Features) Service dogs offer countless benefits to help combat symptoms of post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), but they can also be instrumental in rebuilding and uniting families after veterans come home from serving their country.



According to the National Institutes of Health, up to 30% of American military veterans experience PTSD after returning home from combat. Yet only about 40% of those individuals

ever seek help.

Service animals are recognized under the Americans with Disabilities Act. The designation is limited to dogs who are trained to do work or perform tasks for a person with a disability. In some cases, these tasks are highly physical in nature, such as guiding a person who is blind or pulling a wheelchair. Other roles service dogs play may be less immediately visible, such as providing a calming presence to a person with PTSD who is experiencing an anxiety attack.

### More Than a Companion

Service dogs are highly trained to assist military veterans in achieving better quality of life. Veterans who utilize service dogs report lower levels of depression and anxiety, fewer hospitalizations and a reduction in medical and psychiatric costs, among other benefits. Beyond what these canines help prevent, consider these examples of what they empower:

- Ease loneliness and stress
- Reduce social anxiety
- Decrease reliance on prescription drugs
- Help veterans return to work or attend college
- Strengthen personal relationships
- Provide security, protection and unconditional love

**Up to the Task** Just like the members of the armed forces they help, service dogs are highly trained professionals with an important job to do, including tasks such as these:

- Turn on lights and open doors before a veteran enters his or her home
- Nudging, pawing or licking to interrupt flashbacks or nightmares
- Utilizing body weight as a grounding mechanism to reduce anxiety or alleviate panic
- Retrieve bags with medications or a list of



numbers to call during a medical emergency

- Provide security and reduce hypervigilance in public places
- Pick up dropped items and assist with mobility and ambulation

To see [video stories](#) of how service dogs have impacted the lives of veterans and their families, visit [DogChow.com/service](http://DogChow.com/service). In addition, for every purchase of specially marked bags of Dog Chow Complete Adult through Nov. 1, the brand will donate 5 cents, up to \$100,000, to the Tony La Russa Animal Rescue Foundation Pets and Vets program, which matches veterans experiencing PTSD and other challenges with service dogs, free of charge.

### **When You See a Service Dog**

Service dogs are often large breeds that stand out in a crowd, and their calm demeanor can make it seem perfectly appropriate to approach and pet them. However, it's important to remember that service dogs are at work and distractions can prevent them from providing the service their owners need.

The International Association of Canine Professionals offers these etiquette tips for interacting with service dogs and their owners:

Remember that a service dog is there as support for a person with a physical or health disability, which may or may not be readily apparent.

Respect that health conditions are private matters most people prefer not to discuss with strangers.

Just as you would not stare or point at a person in a wheelchair, avoid calling unnecessary attention to a person with a service dog.

If you must interact, always focus your attention on the handler, not the dog, so the dog can stay focused on its job. Avoid whistling, clapping or otherwise

distracting the dog.

Teach children not to approach service dogs. Although most are trained to avoid aggression, a perceived threat to their handlers could result in warning growls or barks that may scare a child.

### **SPACECOM Official Launch 29 August**

Defense News & Breaking Defense | Aaron Mehta & Theresa Hitchens | August 19 & 20, 2019

The Pentagon will stand up a new combatant command before the end of the month, with the official launch of U.S. Space Command set for 29 AUG. Speaking at a meeting of the National Space Council on Tuesday, Gen. Joe Dunford, the outgoing chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, announced the date for the standup of the new organization, the first combatant command to be fully stood up since Africa Command was created in 2009. Upon its standup, SPACECOM head Gen. Jay Raymond will inherit 87 units, covering "missile warning, satellite operations, space control and space support," Dunford said. Raymond has previously said he expects to start with about 642 personnel pulled from U.S. Strategic Command. Army Lt. Gen. James Dickinson has been nominated to become the deputy commander.

Raymond has acknowledged that the standup of the new organization won't be easy, telling members of Congress in written testimony from June that "my first priority will be to ensure the seamless transition of the command and control of critical space capabilities that the nation and the joint force depend on each and every day. Simultaneously we need to ensure we take steps to strengthen readiness and lethality as we complete our shift from a permissive environment to a posture for warfighting."

The creation of the new combatant command is the first step towards the creation of a full-up Space Force, an idea that has been heavily

pushed by President Donald Trump. “This initiative is going to have a positive impact on our ability to grow the people and capabilities that we’re going to need in the future,” Dunford said of an eventual Space Force. “I’m confident the focus that a single service will bring to bear is going to have a profound difference.” “The direction is clear. We understand it. And we’re moving out.”

If war in space erupts, the new US Space Command will have the power to order the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) to take “defensive space operations” under a new joint concept of operations. The new chain of command represents a tectonic plate shift in US national security space, which has long been plagued by often testy relationships between the Intelligence Community and DoD. “For the first time, there will be a unified structure that fully integrates Intelligence Community and Department of Defense space defense plans, authorities and capabilities to ensure seamless execution of space defense systems,” Acting Director of National Intelligence Joseph Maguire told the National Space Council today.

“Furthermore, should conflict extend to space, the NRO will take direction from the Commander of US Space Command and execute defensive space operations based on a jointly developed playbook and informed by a series of exercises and war games,” Maguire added. Marty Faga, former NRO director, says the speed of attacks on satellites is a prime driver behind the need for this sort of policy change. “A big problem at least currently for all of our systems, military and IC, is that many forms of attack will come with no warning like cyber, jamming and laser. Moreover, kinetic ASAT attack in LEO takes 8 minutes from launch to strike. It will be quite a while before our ability to detect, track and respond will be that fast,” he says.

## **Cruise Missiles: Nuclear Powered Ones are a Bad Idea**

Defense One | Patrick Tucker | August 14, 2019

When President Donald Trump heard that Russia’s experimental nuclear-powered cruise missile had exploded, killing seven scientists and causing a major radiological incident less than 300 miles from the Finnish border, he fired off a boastful tweet. “We have similar, though more advanced, technology,” he said. This is...not accurate. In the late 1950s and early 1960s, the United States pursued a less advanced version of a similar technology but abandoned the effort before ever launching an actual test vehicle. Nuclear-powered cruise missiles, the Pentagon concluded, are a bad idea.

But the concept still appeals to Vladimir Putin, who last year revealed his pursuit of an “unlimited-range” missile that Russia calls the 9M730 Burevestnik (Storm Petrel) and which NATO has dubbed the SSC-X-9 Skyfall. A missile powered by a small nuclear reactor could cruise about its target for days, giving it a wide range of potential targets it could strike upon command.

In 1957, the U.S. Air Force and the Atomic Energy Commission launched Project Pluto to build the Supersonic Low-Altitude Missile. The work proceeded at the Lawrence Radiation Laboratory (today, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory), in Berkeley, California, under the supervision of Charles “Ted” Merkle, a hard-driving physicist. In 1959, Merkle reported to the Air Force on the feasibility of the project, noting a number of enormous technical challenges but also “some interesting and exciting possibilities to discuss.” Like the makers of Skyfall, Merkle decided on a ramjet design. Powered into the sky atop a conventional rocket booster, the ramjet would compress incoming air in a uniquely shaped chamber, superheat it with a small nuclear

reactor, and expel it as exhaust, propelling the missile almost three times faster than sound.

The biggest challenge: nuclear reactors are fragile things. Putting one in a cruise missile would require a design that could withstand three types of stress that no previous reactor had needed to endure. "There are the stresses associated with the pressure drop through the 'reactor' and, as indicated earlier, this stress is of the order of hundreds of psi [pounds per square inch] when spread over the entire reactor," Merkle wrote. "When concentrated at various support points, it contributes loads like thousands of psi. Next in order: to transfer heat from the fuel to the air stream, there must be a temperature drop in the fuel-bearing materials and, for typical ceramics and power densities that would be of interest for possible missile applications, stresses of many thousand psi result as a consequence of these temperature differences."

Then there were the inertial stresses of flight. "Since in principle such ramjet power plants can operate from sea level to quite high altitudes, rather large 'gust loadings' must be anticipated," he wrote. Undaunted, the lab went to work creating a 500-megawatt reactor that could operate at 2,500 degrees Fahrenheit. Four years later, after much experimentation with different materials and the careful assembly of 500,000 small fuel rods, they had an engine called Tory-IIA. On May 14, 1961, they tested it at an 8-square-mile facility in a desolate area of Nevada called Jackass Flats. But they wouldn't be able to fly it, not yet, since it was potentially a nuclear bomb. Instead they used a flatbed rail car.

In a 1990 article for *Air and Space Magazine*, Gregg Herken writes that "the Tory-IIA ran for only a few seconds, and at merely a fraction of its rated power. But the test was deemed a complete success. Most importantly, the reactor did not catch fire, as some nervous Atomic Energy Commission officials had worried it

would." But as Herken tells it, Washington was already beginning to cool to the idea of a nuclear-powered cruise missile. The biggest reason: the missile's unshielded nuclear reactor would spew radiation along its flight path, potentially irradiating its own ground crew and everyone else between the launch pad and the target.

Anticipating this, Merkle downplayed the danger in his initial 1959 report, using language that sounds ripped directly from Dr. Strangelove. "One problem that bothers the design of reactors to be used near people is the necessity of confining all the fission products to the reactor fuel element," he wrote. "A typical mission might produce some-what less than 100 grams of fission product. Of these it might be expected that some large percentage would naturally remain in fuel elements...Consequently the fission activity introduced locally into the atmosphere is minute compared with even the most minute atomic weapon." Phew.

Edwin Lyman, senior scientist and acting director of the nuclear safety project at the Union of Concerned Scientists, offers some perspective. "I suppose that at a time when the nuclear weapon states were still engaged in atmospheric testing, there wasn't a whole lot of concerns about releasing additional radioactivity into the environment. Merkle's cavalier attitude seems in tune with the era. But such a system should be considered completely unacceptable today," Lyman told *Defense One* in an email. "One thing is that to characterize radiation releases in terms of 'grams' is misleading. Chernobyl released only a few hundred grams of iodine-131 yet it resulted in thousands of thyroid cancers among children." He noted that the Pluto tests ejected not only radioactive gases but far more dangerous radioactive particle matter as well. The team tested a modified version of the engine once more in 1964 and the project was canceled.

The high fallout, both politically and literally, mean that nuclear-powered cruise missiles remain a terrible idea, says Kingston Reif, the director for disarmament and threat reduction policy at the Arms Control Association. “If you think the current excessive U.S. plans to replace the U.S. nuclear arsenal are controversial, imagine the negative domestic and international reaction to a U.S. effort to renew R&D on nuclear cruise missile powered by an unshielded nuclear reactor,” said Reif. “Russia should abandon development of this grotesque, unnecessary and almost certainly unworkable weapon immediately.”

Added Lyman, “if the missile was shot down, the fuel would overheat and you’d have a 500-thermal-megawatt reactor meltdown — about one-sixth the size of a large power reactor — but without any containment. Also, the lack of radiation shielding would make it difficult, if not impossible, for emergency responders to approach it.” That’s similar to the problem Russia is grappling with right now.

## Life Insurance for Vets w/Disability Ratings

VA Benefits Bulletin | August 2019

The Service-Disabled Veterans Insurance (S-DVI) program was established in 1951 to meet the insurance needs of certain Veterans with service-connected disabilities. S-DVI is available in a variety of permanent plans as well as term insurance. Policies are issued for a maximum face amount of \$10,000. You can apply for S-DVI if you meet the following 4 criteria:

1. You were released from active duty under other than dishonorable conditions on or after April 25, 1951.
2. You were rated for a service-connected disability (even if only 0%).

3. You are in good health except for any service-connected conditions.
4. You apply within 2 years from the date VA grants your new service-connected disability.

Note: An increase in an existing service-connected disability or the granting of individual unemployability of a previously rated condition does not entitle a Veteran to this insurance.

At

<https://www.insurance.va.gov/Sdvi/AreYouEligible/3e69ae75-8215-4c03-8f16-30a60b59b3e1>

you can apply for basic S-DVI using the S-DVI Online Application. You can also download VA form 29-4364, Application for Service-Disabled Veterans Life Insurance, from VA’s forms page. Be sure to also download VA Pamphlet 29-9 from this site for premiums rates and a description of the plans available.

Under certain conditions, the basic S-DVI policy provides for a waiver of premiums in case of total disability. Policyholders who carry the basic S-DVI coverage and who become eligible for a waiver of premiums due to total disability can apply for and be granted additional Supplemental S-DVI of up to \$30,000. The Veterans’ Benefits Act of 2010, provided for \$30,000 of supplemental coverage to S-DVI policyholders. Premiums may not be waived on this supplemental coverage. S-DVI policyholders are eligible for this supplemental coverage if they:

- Are eligible for a waiver of premiums.
- Apply for the coverage within one year from notice of the grant of waiver.
- Are under age 65

To apply for Supplemental S-DVI, you must file VA Form 29-0188, Application for Supplemental Service-Disabled Veterans (RH) Life Insurance or send a



letter requesting this insurance over your signature. You must apply for the coverage within one year from notice of the grant of waiver of premiums .

**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.

**Victorian Christmas Planning**

Our preplanning for development of an operational strategy for our 2019 Victorian Christmas fundraiser is a matter of interest. We will need a Project Chair, and we will need to configure an operations schedule for the five-day run, beginning December 8, 2019. Equally important, we need to sort out how we will produce our hundreds of chocolate brownies that the consuming public looks for on an annual basis. For years, we have been blessed to have the baking needs met by Patricia (and Harold) Graves. Patricia stepped up again in 2018, along with Jose Gonzales, but in fairness, we need to think outside the box and develop an alternative plan. Patricia should not be our fall back alternative. Your input is sought on this matter, as is your commitment to lend a hand with the project.

**Brainstorming VVA-535 Social Activities  
(Repeat Query)**

Mike Underwood has asked questions of interest:

- How many among us own or sometimes rent RVs?
- Is there interest in a weekend get-away RV/tent campout?
- How many like to shoot at gun ranges? Is there interest in scheduling a shoot?
- Is there interest in informal activities such as a come-as-you-will breakfast gathering, or even an informal dinner gathering wherein general camaraderie among members and significant others could be enjoyed?

## **VVA-535 Fundraiser 0.177 Caliber Air Rifle**

This is a photo showing a display of the air rifle to be offered by VVA-535 for members only. Tickets, at \$20 each, will be available at the October VVA-535 meeting. One hundred tickets will be available.



**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

Revised: January 2019

# September

# 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Labor Day  VJ Day: Japan signed formal surrender 1945	3	4	5 VVA General Meeting & Board Meeting	6 Roamin Angels Car Show	7 Roamin Angels Car Show
8 Roamin Angels Car Show	9	10	11 Patriot Day	12	13	14 "Star Spangled Banner" written by Francis Scott Key 1814  E-Waste Project
15 Constitution Day Parade, Nevada City, 2:00 p.m.	16	17 U.S. Constitution approved 1787	18 Air Force Birthday 1947	19	20 National POW/MIA Recognition Day	21
22	23 First day of Fall	24	25	26	27	28
29 Rosh Hashanah	30					

# October

# 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3 VVA General Meeting & Board Meeting	4	5
6	7 Operation Enduring Freedom began 2001	8	9 Yom Kippur  Invasion of N. Korea 1950	10	11 Marine Corps Band	12 Bombing of USS Cole 2000
13 Navy Birthday 1775	14 Columbus Day	15	16	17	18 Nevada County Stand Down	19 Nevada County Stand Down
20	21	22	23	24 United Nations Day	25 CSC - Fresno	26 CSC - Fresno
27 CSC - Fresno  Navy Day	28	29	30	31 Halloween		2



# November

# 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 All Saints Day	2
3 Daylight Savings Time ends	4	5 Election Day	6	7 VVA General Meeting & Board Meeting	8	9
10 Marine Corps Birthday	11 Veterans Day	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28 Thanksgiving	29	30

# December

# 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5 VVA Christmas Dinner	6	7 Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day (1941)
8 <b>Victorian Christmas</b>	9	10	11 <b>Victorian Christmas</b>	12	13	14
15 Bill of Rights Day <b>Victorian Christmas</b>	16 Battle of the Bulge began (1944)	17	18 <b>Victorian Christmas</b>	19	20 Operation Just Cause (1989)	21 <i>First Day of Winter</i>
22 <b>Victorian Christmas</b>	23 Hanukkah	24 Christmas Eve U.S. began strikes on Laos (1964)	25 Christmas Day	26	27	28
29	30	31 New Year's Eve  Official end of WW II (1946)				

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