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## **50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY VIETNAM WAR COM- MEMORATION SANTA ROSA, CA.**

**KATE O'HARE-  
PALMER, ANC. 1967-69.**



Thank you to the Rohnert Park vet center and Linda Yates, center director, for hosting this event today. Thank you to Rep. Mike Thompson, and to all of you attending today.

I look out in the audience, and see so many other veterans and your families. yes, we are family after all these years.

I, too, received counselling at the center...and many times I helped water their carpet with my tears. yesterday, Martin Lesinski, purple heart recipient from Vietnam war injuries and poet, read his poems for our run through of this event. this poem of 'coming home' by air transport on a plane with litters stacked three high in the belly of the plane.... his one eye gone. And both legs in casts...was so moving. It affected me deeply.... why.... because as operating room and emergency room nurses, we never knew what happened to our men. it is called the 'no name shame' that many of us carry.... often times we asked the soldier lying on the litter in the emergency room, "where are you from?" when they answered, "Texas...or Arkansas..." that would be what we named them...and called them that as we asked questions about their injury as we cut off their fatigues to assess their wounds.... So to hear Martin's story...helps... belonging to VVA and other veterans organizations has also given me the opportunity to see others that received aid at our hospitals.... talking to others that walked our walk always helps. Women who served in Vietnam...it is tiered (teared) level in history. ***over 265,000 women served in uniform during this time worldwide.*** There is no exact number available for the women who served in Vietnam. estimates range from 4,000 to 15,000. 11,500 is the number that gets talked around as the number who served in-country.

The history of army nurse corps in Vietnam began in April 1956...with three nurses attached to a medical training team with us military assistance advisory group in Saigon. by 1959, the Army, Navy, and Air Force added members to the team. Women marines were in Saigon by 1967. Women were represented in all military branches, but over 90% served as nurses. some served as nurses in evacuation hospitals, mash and surgical units and aboard hospital ships. the average age was 23....and the average years of experience was 2 years. we had more experienced nursing supervisors but they were much fewer in number...

.....amazing when you think about it. Other women worked in support roles in military information offices, headquarters, service clubs, and various other clerical, medical, personnel, aircraft, and naval support positions. Servicewomen in Vietnam experienced many of the same hardships as their male counterparts and served bravely in dangerous situations. many were awarded citations ranging from unit awards to purple hearts to bronze stars. eight us servicewomen were killed, and their names are on the wall. Non-military women also served important roles. they provided entertainment and support to the troops through the USO, the American Red Cross, and other humanitarian organizations. Women working as civilian nurses for USAID (US Agency for International Development) participated in one of the most famous humanitarian operations of the war, operation baby lift, which brought thousands of Vietnamese orphans to the us for adoption. that was so long ago and we tend to forget these iconic events. Additionally, many women reported the war for news and media agencies. the number of civilian women killed in Vietnam is unknown. These women suffer the same illnesses that we have from our service, yet, they have no access to compensation. There are two organizations that are pivotal for our Vietnam women veterans. first...

**The Vietnam Women's Memorial the dedication of Vietnam Women's Memorial in November of 1993 brought together those military and civilian women who served and sacrificed during the Vietnam**

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**war.If it hadn't been for key persons like Diane Carlson Evans...chair and founder, Adm. William Crowe and his wife, Shirley, and all the families that donated their money and stories...and helped in finding the women who served in Vietnam.....It was a pivotal point for me..... finding those that I had worked with...putting the pieces together and reliving my tour...**

2<sup>nd</sup> surgical hospital ..Chu Lai...1968. it grew quickly from 100 beds to 300 because of the level of casualties... and changed into the 312th evacuation hospital and that reserve unit from Winston-Salem, North Carolina came and took over. part of us moved to Phu Bai to start a surgical hospital there and then quickly moved down to III corps.

In January, 1969, I then went with the 2<sup>nd</sup> surgical hospital unit down to Lai Khe ..to a rubber plantation. Where we put in a must unit.... mobile unit surgical transport.... inflatable.... with jet fuel...next to the battalion aide station. It was a 60 bed surgical hospital...down and dirty.... lived in tents.... there were 8 women nurses and many male nurses there.... we worked hard and, at times, triaged patients out on the tarmac...taking the worst to the operating room...and sending those stable enough on to a bigger hospital.

Because we were in a small compound...you can imagine that the food was lousy...so we always were creating ways to improvise our cooking skills. I got really good at cooking chef Boyardee pizza mix that my mom sent from home in our sterilization autoclaves. And, I had a dozen chickens that I had the guys build me a pen for. they had names like, "Mao Tse Tung, Ho Chi Minh, President Nixon...The fresh eggs were a highly prized barter item.... it's no accident that I ended up in Petaluma...the chicken capital of Sonoma county!!!

**WIMSA... Women in Military Service of America, Arlington, VA.**

**It is the other organization for our women veterans...of all eras that is especially important. This memorial has ongoing exhibits for women veterans as well as a registry for women to log in their service and story for future generations. There are over 2.5 million women veterans...but so far there are only 35,000 have registered. 5% of the military during the Vietnam war were women. Today, there are 15% women in active duty and 18% in the Guard and Reserve.**

We saw a few months ago on the news that all jobs within the military are open for women to move into. The fine print does say that they can apply for every MOS...not necessarily that they will be accepted. Women warriors of today can fly fighter jets, command air craft carriers, and command combat troops. this allows career advancement to general level that

wasn't possible before. California has over 2.1 mil. veterans and over 186,000 are women veterans. Going to our California Dept. of Veteran Affairs website will show you a variety of information for women veterans.

**we still need help:**

- 1. Health care services that are equitable. complete military sexual trauma care that women veterans know about and feel safe in using.**
- 2. Timely complete mental health care.**
- 3. Coordination with family and community support.**
- 4. Employment.**
- 5. Housing.**
- 6. Equitable disability compensation.... adjudicators do not rate claims for women as high as they do for men with same criteria.**

**In the end, all women are warriors beside their brothers and sisters. we are forever changed by our duty and service time in the military.**

**We come home...we need support from the family and community during the transition. We need respect for being a warrior...not asked to forget it, but rather blend it into who we are and what we can grow into.**

**We give a unique and incredible view of the world and our life at home...**

**With each breath and with gratitude.....let us always listen to each other.**

**THANK YOU...FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION HERE TODAY...**



**Social Security Continued from last month**

**By Bill Burke**

**Divorced spouse rules: (copied from the SSA website)**

If you are divorced, your ex-spouse (or you) can receive benefits based on the other spouse's record (even if you have remarried) if:

Your marriage lasted 10 years or longer;

Your ex-spouse is unmarried;

Your ex-spouse is age 62 or older;

The benefit that your ex-spouse is entitled to receive based on his or her own work is less than the benefit he or she would receive based on your work; and

You are entitled to Social Security retirement or disability benefits. **Continued on page 4**

## Social Security cont. from page 3

If you have not applied for retirement benefits, but can qualify for them, your ex-spouse can receive benefits on your record if you have been divorced for at least two years.

If your ex-spouse is eligible for retirement benefits on his or her own record, SSA will pay that amount first. If the benefit on your record is higher, he or she will get an additional amount on your record so that the combination of benefits equals that higher amount.

**Note:** If your ex-spouse was born before January 2, 1954 and has already reached full retirement age he or she can choose to receive only the divorced spouse's benefit and delay receiving his or her retirement benefit until a later date. (Watch out: this option expires as of late April 2016). If your ex-spouse's birthday is January 2, 1954 or later, the option to take only one benefit at full retirement age no longer exists. If your ex-spouse files for one benefit, he or she will be effectively filing for all retirement or spousal benefits.

If your ex-spouse continues to work while receiving benefits, the same earnings limits apply to him or her as apply to you. If he or she is eligible for benefits this year and is also working, you can use the earning test calculator to see how those earnings would affect those benefit payments. If your ex-spouse will also receive a pension based on work not covered by Social Security, such as government work his or Social Security benefit on your record may be affected.

**If you are caring for a child under age 16 or disabled** who is getting benefits on the record of your former spouse, you would not have to meet the length-of-marriage rule. The child must be your former spouse's natural or legally adopted child.

However, if you qualify because you have the worker's child in your care, your benefit will affect the amount of the benefits of others on the worker's record. And if you fall into this category you definitely need to visit the SSA local office.

That's about it for now.

## From Kate by way of email

Hello,

Edward here. Thank you for adding to a wonderful forum last night. I am in the process of launching a club at Santa Rosa Junior College. I've included a working description I drafted. Currently acquiring the right student as club treasurer and a faculty/staff position as club advisor. I am also a Disabled student, civilian, and gold star family of Christopher Gator Gathercole.

I was also wondering if the website for the CA Dept of Veteran affairs had stats on sexual abuse?

Veterans and Civilians United. (VCU)

The purpose of Veterans and Civilians United (VCU) is to bridge the increasingly dividing gap between the U.S. Military and civilians, through the intention and action of creating unity where we live; Community. We stand in solidarity with the efforts of Project 22 which is exposing the drastic issue of at least 22 veterans committing suicide everyday. We promote intersectionality with student movements focused on, shattering stigmas, community wellness, injustice and social inequality. We also shine light on Sonoma County's Fallen soldiers who gave everything. We are not a political club. We aim to create less division and separation while promoting activities of common interest and providing a forum for veteran and civilian students alike to voice their differences, goals, and ideas while promoting the healing benefit of coming together; Community. This club is based at the Santa Rosa campus, addressing student needs through social activism, enthusiastic public engagement of sensitive yet serious issues, peer mentoring, and community service. We aim to promote healing by providing a forum to hear about community resources that provide access to grief work. "Often it's the deepest pain which empowers you to grow into your higher self." - Project 22

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## President's Message

The March 29th event at the veterans building, the commemoration of the Vietnam war was a big success. Over 250 people attended for free food and to listen to the speakers. Commemorative pins were given to Vietnam Veterans attending. We put out our miniature of the Wall and some posters of the dedication of memorials as well as our maps of the Vietnam theater of operations. These always are a big draw so veterans can show people where they were.

It has been an interesting month. I went to DC for the national board meeting. I have not been there for a while and I really enjoy attending these meetings. They are very educational and I would encourage anyone that is able to attend at least one. I am still a member of the national constitution committee and a special advisor to the Agent Orange committee. I also sat in on the Public Affairs committee although I am no longer a member of that committee. In the agent orange committee, we talked about the Toxic Exposure legislation and the need for more town hall meeting to educate people about the problems veterans children are having. We also discussed the Institute of Medicine and their approach to the research they have been doing. They are still under the impression that there is no data that says male mediated birth defects are possible. We also talked about the research into the T Cells that are damaged by exposure to chemicals and the endocrine receptors that are giving false information to the bodies of veterans that were exposed to Dixon and other contaminates. In the general session we were told about the new web site and the upcoming leadership and education conference in Tucson Arizona. If you go on the web site let me know if you can navigate it. I seem to be having a little trouble in that area. They tell me the information is there if you know where to look.

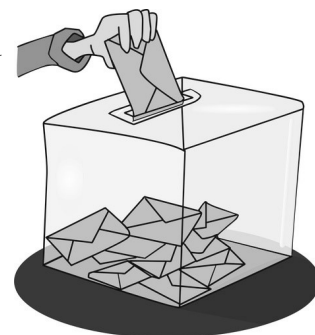
We have a lot of upcoming events and programs for the summer check our calendar and see if you are able to attend or help out. We are hosting a forum on Hep C with education and information on July 8th from 6 till 8 PM. Doors will be open at 5:30 and we will provide some kind of snacks and coffee, water and soda. All Vietnam veterans and their families are encouraged to attend this. They will be giving us information on treatment and what we can all look for if we came in contact with any body fluids in the service. That makes it pretty much everyone. Wednesday night market starts the first Wednesday of May. We could always use some help with this. It is mostly just talking

to people about what we do and how veterans can get assistance. A lot of veterans have no clue as to what is available to them and their children. On memorial weekend we will be working with the "Good Ol Boys" again with the motorcycle run as a fundraiser for the veterans as well as putting up flags at the cemetery. Bring young people that can bend and lift. I know we have a lot of members that are not as agile as they once were.

## AVVA Life Membership Dues and Elections

AVVA has changed there membership payments for life dues. If you are 59 and younger life dues are \$175 and if you are 60+ your dues for life will be \$100 . You must include something that shows your name and date of birth to show proof of age. A drivers license copy would work or state ID. This is a permeant change for AVVA Life dues.

Chapter 223 AVVA also elected a new AVVA Representative at the April meeting. The new Rep is Sonja Holybee, Ken's other half. You may contact her by phone or email. This information is located on the Board page of the newsletter for the next two years.



## 223 Elections and By-law change

There was a permeant change to the Bylaws made at the annual meeting in April. The change is that the officers will be seated in even number years for a two year term. The Board is seated in odd number years for a two year term, this change for the board, was made a few years ago.

The chapter also made one change in their officers for the next two years, Lou Nuñez, was elected as their new Vice President. John McGivney and Kate O'Hare-Palmer were added to the Board after the meeting filling the two open spots. The Chapter Rep to the State Council meetings will be Ken with Kate as the alternate.

From Kate O'Hare-Palmer

## Agent Orange Update

As of 4/19/2016 there are 46 cosponsors of this bill in the Senate..

Among the so-called invisible wounds of war are those brought home by troops that may not manifest for a decade or more? And most tragically, they may pass on genetically to the progeny of our nation's warriors.

If enacted into law, this bipartisan legislation would establish within the Department of Veterans Affairs a national center for the diagnosis and treatment of health conditions of the descendants of veterans exposed to toxic substances during service in the Armed Forces.

Toxins, such as Agent Orange, have been shown to cause birth defects in the children of military personnel who came into contact with them, either during the Vietnam War, in the storage and transportation of those toxins, or by riding in aircraft that had been previously used to transport the toxins. For Gulf War veterans, the exposure was to chemical weapons that were in an Iraqi ammo dump that was blown up by U.S. Forces at the end of the Gulf War, to oil fires, and possibly to tainted vaccines.

Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA), Founding Principle Is "Never again will one generation of veterans abandon another." And we strongly support S.901.

## My Monthly Travels

Ken Holybee

This last month was busy for me. I attended the State Council Legislative Day in Sacramento where we listened to some of our politicians give us updates on veteran legislation as well as remarks from the Secretary of California Department of Veterans Affairs, (CalVet) and some of the undersecretaries. This is very educational to our members that are interested in how our government works for us. This year we held the event in the CalVet office in the Medal of Honor Room. This gave us more access with the CalVet staff but was more difficult for the legislators to get to our meeting since it is a block from the capitol and they had to come over between meetings. This is our 9<sup>th</sup> year holding these legislative days. We presented a legislator of the year award to State Senator Joel Anderson and Assemblyman Devin Mathis. These awards are to recognize the work they have done for us and we

hope we will work together in the future. There were about 60 veterans in attendance with the VVA, MOAA and California State Veterans Commanders Council in attendance. Working jointly, we have more impact for our dollars. We also take packets outlining our goals and objectives for the year to each legislator's office and take time to speak with the staff or when possible the legislator. This event is funded by the California Veterans Benefit Fund as part of their education program for veterans and legislators.

I also attended the National Board meeting in Silver Spring Maryland. I still remain a member of the national Constitution committee and the Agent Orange committee. In the Agent Orange committee, we discussed the challenges of getting our Toxic Exposure Act passed. S 901 and HR 1769 are still in need of sponsors. HR 1769 has been moved from the committee and is waiting to be brought to the floor for a vote. The Office of Budget Management has not put a price on it yet and is just delaying the process. The House should demand this be done but they are stalling the process by not insisting that the OBM does its job. Meanwhile we need to get to work at home with phone calls and emails to our members of congress and the senate telling them to make this happen. We also need to start working on a town hall meeting on the Toxic Exposures to educate veterans and the public about the health issues the children of veterans are experiencing. These are not just our children but the children of the Gulf War and the current wars. When talking to veterans always try to ask about the health of their children.

Just recently I was in Sacramento for a state leadership forum. We listened to panels from different areas discuss issues of homeless, housing, education, health, mental health and what is being done as well as resources available. I was surprised at how little we are getting from our county and cities in these areas. The veterans and programs we have here seemed to be working a little, but when hearing what other counties have done, I became very disappointed in what we have here. The main focus of this forum was not just to let us know what was going on in other areas but so we could come together and get to know other leaders in the state to be able to work better together and hopefully get over some of these hurdles. I did make some new contacts and hear some interesting stories about issues that I have seen here and thought we were unique in our problems. Hopefully we can get together and fix some of these issues. Besides the veteran leaders we had leadership from the VA, state, county and nonprofit service providers with us in the discussions. Some would think that this would be a good place to focus our anger at some of the agencies but it is a way to learn what roadblocks we can get over to better serve our veterans. I look forward to being able to address some of the things I heard about with our elected county leaders and the agencies that say they are helping us. I always tell people that if they want to know about the meetings that the state is putting on, go to CalVet.org and sign up for

## Surgical Implant Prosthesis for Veteran Amputees

The muscle grows stronger as the rod fuses with the bone



By Tom Cramer  
Monday, April 19, 2010

### A giant step in the next generation of prostheses for Veteran amputees

Researchers and physicians hold their collective breath as Veteran Ed Salau clicks his new prosthetic leg into place and stands on it for the first time.

“Oh my gosh, I can’t believe this day is here, it’s so surreal, I have goosebumps,” says Dr. Sarina Sinclair, a key researcher on the team.

And then fist pumps all around as Ed jokes about the Hokey Pokey dance being a whole lot easier now. In 2004, Salau’s platoon was ambushed by the enemy while out on patrol in Iraq. Two rocket propelled grenades penetrated his patrol vehicle and his left leg was so badly damaged it later had to be amputated just above the knee.

“It’s so weird. I can feel the ground again. I haven’t had that sensation in eleven years,” said Salau.

“It’s perfect. I’m stoked”

What started as scribbled ideas on posted notes all over the wall of a research lab is now a reality that could impact the lives of these two Veterans and countless others in the future.

#### Leg is attached without a socket

The device is called a percutaneous osseointegrated prosthesis or POP. It features a titanium rod surgically implanted into the bottom of the thigh bone. The rod allows a prosthetic leg to be securely attached without the need for a socket.

This team has worked years to get to this day. Peter Beck, an attending orthopedic surgeon for VA and an adjunct professor for the University of Utah, has been invested for over a decade. He says the big barrier for years was preventing infection and perfecting the surgical procedures for inserting the rod into the femur bone.

“Bryant, you’re up.” Says Bart Gillespie, VA Salt Lake City physical therapist.

Veteran Bryant Jacobs was also injured in Iraq in 2004.

He sees himself as a trailblazer willing to take this

risk for other Veterans that may follow. He wife is right by his side as he stands on the POP for the first time.

“It’s perfect. That’s what we want. I’m stoked”

Bryant wants to be able to use the rowing machine without a prosthetic sleeve jabbing him in the groin. He also wants to snowboard again in the Utah mountains. After voluntarily having his leg amputated two years ago, Bryant begged to be a part of the clinical study.

“I’m really excited. This is going to be a game changer for him,” said Gillespie.

Ed hopes to be able to climb Kilimanjaro one day, but in the near future, a long walk on the beach with his wife is a good start.

The pair is the first ever in the United States to receive the POP implant. Their first surgery was on December 7, 2015, to insert the metal rod. In a follow-up procedure on Feb. 8, 2016, doctors attached a docking mechanism, extending from the implanted rod and through the skin, to which the leg is attached.

#### Veterans enjoying fit and comfort

Both Veterans are already raving about the comfort and fit of the new device. Initial first steps have now become longer stretches of walking and stair climbing. Each day the muscle grows stronger as the rod fuses with the bone, and each day the Veterans feel a little more confident and comfortable with their new legs.

But researchers and physicians warn this is just the beginning of a long process and there may be more barriers to overcome along the way. “As researchers we are anxious to gather our results and allow for future improvements. The thing about research is we don’t have all of the answers when we start,” says Dr. Larry Meyer, Director of Research, VA Salt Lake City Health Care System.

This is a VA-funded clinical trial, approved by the Food and Drug Administration. It will assess the feasibility and safety of the new implant in ten VA patients over the course of several years. It could be five years or more before the technology is widely available

## Special Interest groups want to privatize the VA and nobody is paying attention.

### From the Boston Globe

By Paul Glastris April 18, 2016

Should America's veterans receive health care at hospitals and clinics run by the federal government, as they have for more than a century? Or should they be treated by private doctors and hospitals, with the US Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) picking up the tab?

This enormously important question will be discussed, and perhaps decided, at meetings on Monday and Tuesday of the Commission on Care. That's a federally chartered group that is writing binding recommendations on the future of the VA.

If you've never heard of the Commission on Care, you're not alone. Virtually none of the mainstream news outlets have covered its public hearings, which have been going on since the fall. This despite the fact that the VA health care system, with 300,000 employees and a \$65 billion budget serving more than 9 million patients, is the federal government's second largest enterprise after the Department of Defense.

The reason Washington is even considering such a radical restructuring of the VA has to do with widely publicized reports in 2014 that 40 veterans in Phoenix died waiting for first-time appointments with VA doctors. These reports led to bipartisan legislation mandating the creation of the commission. But as investigative journalist Alicia Mundy reveals in the Washington Monthly, the reports turn out to have been baseless allegations cooked up by a Koch brothers-funded group, Concerned Veterans for America (CVA), and key Republicans lawmakers who ideologically favor the outsourcing of VA health care. Soon after the law was passed, the VA's inspector general's office published a report based on an exhaustive review of VA patient records. The report concluded that six, not 40, veterans had died experiencing "clinically significant delays" while on waiting lists to see a VA doctor. Of those six, the IG could not confirm that any vets died as a result of waiting for care. (Think of it this way: People die every year waiting in grocery lines, but that doesn't mean they died because of waiting in grocery lines.) There were certainly problems at some VA facilities. The waiting list numbers were definitely being gamed by VA personnel struggling to keep up with unmeetable performance metrics. The "death wait" allegations, however, were bogus.

But wouldn't vets receive swifter and better quality care from private hospitals and doctors than from a big bureaucracy like the VA? Actually, no. The law that set up the commission also mandated that \$68 million be spent on independent research into the VA's functioning. The researchers concluded that despite many problems, including plunging morale and a wave of retirements, the VA performed "the same or significantly better" than private sector providers on a wide range of quality measures. They also found that average waits for VA doctors were shorter than wait times for doctors in the private sector.

Given all this, you'd think the commission would easily conclude that outsourcing VA health care to the private sector makes no sense. But that's not how Washington works. It just so happens that four of the 15 members of the commission are executives with major medical centers that stand to gain from the outsourcing of veterans' care. Another works for CVA, the Koch brothers-backed group, and yet another for an organization allied with CVA.

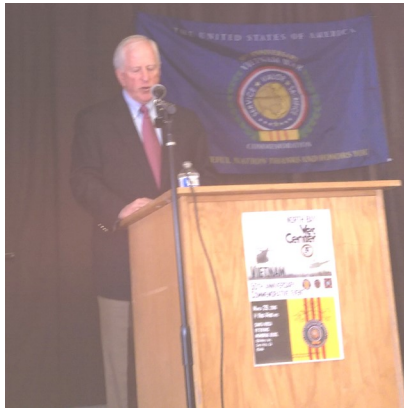
Last month these six commissioners plus a seventh were outed for writing a secret draft of the commission's recommendations — in which they call for full privatization of the VA by 2035 — in possible violation of the Sunshine and Federal Advisory Committee Acts. This revelation infuriated the other commission members. It also led prominent veterans groups, including the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars, to send a letter to the commission chair slamming the secret draft and expressing their united opposition to privatizing the VA.

Amazingly, none of these traditional veterans groups have seats on the commission. Indeed, a big reason the outsourcing push has gotten as far as it has is that the veterans groups allowed themselves to be sidelined politically. Now, finally, they are fighting back. While they don't have votes on the commission, the groups do have 5 million members. Several of their leaders will also testify at this week's commission meetings. So the meeting will likely be an epic showdown between pro- and antiprivatization forces that could profoundly influence the commission's final recommendations, due out in June. Hopefully, someone from the media will be there to tell us what happened.





# 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War pictures



Assemblyman Mike Thompson, keynote speaker and VVA 223 member



CSC Legislature of the year:

Pictured Left to Right: Assemblyman Devin Mathis, Ken Holybee, CSC Legislative Chair and CSC Board Members: Dick Southern, Richard Segovia and Dean Gotham



Mike Thompson, & Martin Lesinski, MOPH & Brian McKeown, VFW President and AVVA member




Pete Conaty, John Logan, Senator Mike McGuire, Lorraine Plass, Kate O'Hare-Palmer and Charles Earthman. Picture taken during hearings on the transportation bill. One similar to what Sonoma County has for bus ridership.


Martin Lesinski, Brian Augustine, Mike Thompson, Brian McKeown, Kate O'Hare-Palmer, and Kym Valadaz



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			1 Wednesday Night Market	2	3	4 Poker Game set up 4:30
5	6 D-Day 1944	7 Vet Connect 9-12	8 Wednesday Night Market	9	10	11
12	13	14 Vet Connect 9-12 Board Meeting 1 PM Flag Day 	15 Wednesday Night Market setup 3:30-8:30	16	17	18
19 Fathers Day	20 Army Air Corps becomes Air Force 1941	21 Vet Connect 9-12 General Meeting 6:30 pm	22 Wednesday Night Market setup 3:30-8:30	23 CSC Convention	24 CSC Convention	25 25 CSC Convention
26 Convention Ends Travel Day	27	28 Vet Connect—9-12 Food Give A Way Contact John McGivney 575-5261	29 United Veterans Council@7:30 PM SRVets Wedsnight Market 3:30-8:30	30		



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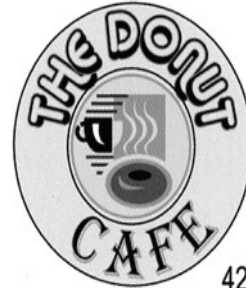
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