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Sacramento Valley National Cemetery

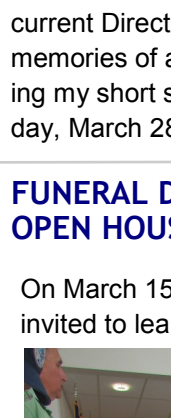


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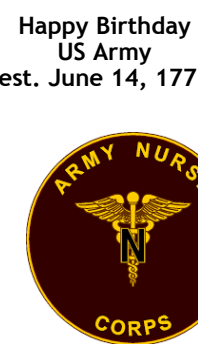
SVNCSC WEBSITE: www.svncsc.org

TRAFFIC ADVISORY: Midway Road Bridge Closure
Starting May 18, 2017 see CALTRANS website for more info.
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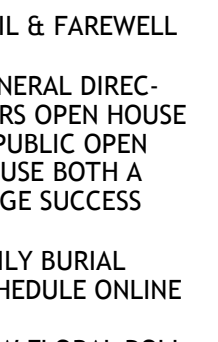
HAIL & FAREWELL



Mike Brophy, Assistant Director is now moving on! He just recently accepted an assignment to be the Director of Baltimore National Cemetery in Baltimore, Maryland. "I am really excited moving because it is closer to home," says Mr. Brophy, "I learned a lot from now retired Director Cynthia Nunez and the current Director Mike Henshaw. I will take with me fond memories of all the staff and the many folks I have met during my short stay here at SVNC." Mike's last day was Tuesday, March 28th.

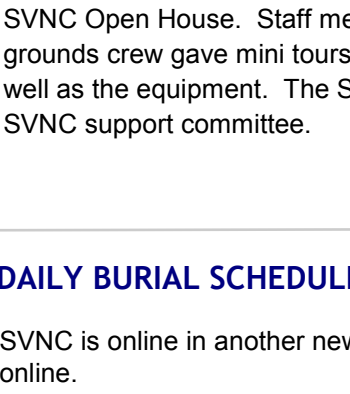


Happy Birthday
US Army
(est. June 14, 1775)



FUNERAL DIRECTORS OPEN HOUSE & PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE BOTH A HUGE SUCCESS

On March 15th, Funeral Directors and their guests were invited to learn more about SVNC at an event that was to inform and educate funeral homes on the various burial benefits for veterans and their families.



Lu Pietrowski and John, SVNC Honor Guard members talked with funeral directors on military honors.

Director Mike Henshaw provided printed materials and a 45 minute brief while various staff and the SVNC Honor Guard were on hand to answer questions. This was the first event put on by SVNC.

Then on April 22nd, veterans, family members and the general public were invited to come to see, tour and get information on the First Annual SVNC Open House. Staff members gave out information, grounds crew gave mini tours of the maintenance areas as well as the equipment. The SVNC Honor Guard and the SVNC support committee.

DAILY BURIAL SCHEDULE ONLINE

SVNC is online in another new way! Here is the link to get online.

SVNC Daily Burial Schedule (DBS)

www.cem.va.gov/dailyburialschedule/index.asp

This link gives you access to all National Cemeteries that are on the online DBS. You just find the cemetery name and click and it will show you the daily schedule. Once the burial is complete the name will no longer show on the schedule or as in some cases the next-of-kin may not want it to be displayed on the Internet. It is still a good idea to call the SVNC office to verify the date/time of a service.

NEW FLORAL POLICY

A new floral policy is now effective as of March, 2017.

- Up to three floral arrangements accompanying the casket or urn at the time of burial will be placed on the grave and removed when they become unsightly.
- Natural, fresh-cut flowers may be placed on graves at any time of the year and will be removed when they become unsightly or to facilitate mowing.
- Plastic floral cones are available for use within the cemetery and are located in containers throughout the cemetery.
- One small American flag may be placed on the grave and will be removed when it is damaged, faded, or tattered, and will be disposed of properly.
- No object shall be attached to a grave marker or niche cover, protrude above the top of an upright headstone or encroach on an adjacent grave.
- Artificial flowers will be allowed on graves for a period extending 5 days before through 5 days after Easter Sunday and Memorial Day.
- Potted plants may be placed on graves 5 days before to 5 days after Easter Sunday and Memorial Day only.
- Christmas wreaths and grave blankets may be placed on graves December 1st through January 5th only.
- Permanent plantings, statues, battery or solar-powered items, balloons, breakable objects, and other commemorative items are not permitted at any time.
- The Department of Veterans Affairs does not permit adornments that are offensive, inconsistent with the dignity of the cemetery or may be a safety hazard.
- On the first and third Wednesday of each month, cemetery personnel will inspect each grave for unsightly or unauthorized items.
- Durable items removed from graves will be held for one month. These items remain property of the donor but are under custodianship of the cemetery. If not claimed within 30 days, they are then governed by the rules for disposal of federal property.

For more information please contact the SVNC office.

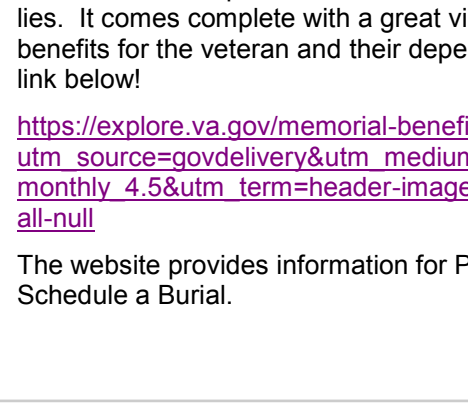
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SVNCSC Calendar

- ♦ May 14: Mother's Day cemetery open, no program
- ♦ May 20: Armed Forces Day—cemetery open, no program
- ♦ May 27, 9am: Memorial Day—Flags Out / until done
- ♦ May 29, 9am: Memorial Day Program
- ♦ May 30, all day: Memorial Day—Flags In / until done,
- ♦ June 14: Flag Day—Cemetery open, no program
- ♦ June 18: Fathers Day—Cemetery open, no program

WHAT'S THAT BOX?



A beautiful box has been added to the Public Information Center (PIC). Commander Lu Pietrowski wanted to get feedback from veterans and their families regarding the SVNC Honor Guard.

Commander Pietrowski said, "I have recently started working with the team and I want to make sure that we are providing the best service to our veterans and their families".

Often families come by and would like to drop a note of appreciation to the Honor Guard but, they don't know how to contact them. This is an easy way (no stamp!) to do just that.

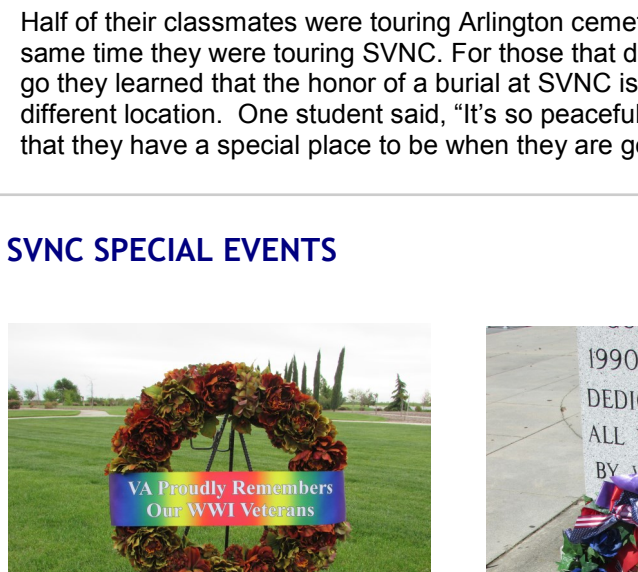
BURIAL BENEFITS ONLINE

Surfing through the internet is always a great way to find out more information but, now the VA has updated some of our information for our veterans and their families. It comes complete with a great video that outlines what to expect regarding benefits for the veteran and their dependents. It is worth checking out. See the link below!

https://explore.va.gov/memorial-benefits?utm_source=govdelivery&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=april-memorial-monthly_4.5&utm_term=header-image-page&utm_content=memorial-application-all-null

The website provides information for Pre-Need Burial Eligibility as well as how to Schedule a Burial.

DIXON FIRE TRAINS SVNC STAFF—FIRE EXTINGUISHERS



SVNC staff poses with Dixon Fire Chief John Malone after the training.

train our staff on the proper care and use of the fire extinguishers in our buildings.

Take some time to check out your fire safety at home. A fire extinguisher is a good piece of equipment to have; however, it still does not take the place of calling for help and dialing 9-1-1.

Many of the staff at SVNC are veterans and a number of them had to go through fire fighting training from on the ground, in the air and even on a ship. Now as civilians there are some important tips to learn about using a fire extinguisher and safeguarding your self as well as others around you. Dixon Fire Division Chief John Malone took time out of his busy (on duty) day to

WOODLAND CHRISTIAN SCHOOL VISITS SVNC



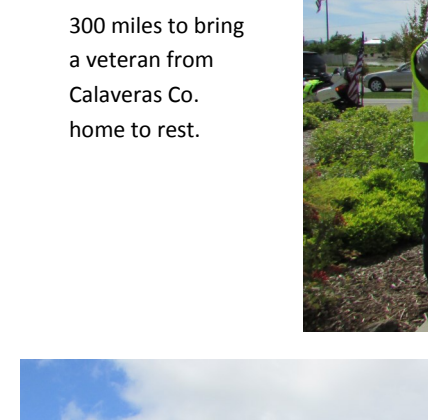
A group of children from Woodland Christian School came to visit SVNC and for some it was their very first time. Arlene Salvador, Program Visit Assistant gave the group a quiz on some of the facts about SVNC. Did you know?

- SVNC is the 12th busiest cemetery in the nation.
- There are 20 WWI veterans buried here.
- Travis AFB is the nearest active military base to SVNC.
- There are two Nationwide Gravesite Locators at the Admin building.
- The cemetery is open sunrise to sunset everyday.

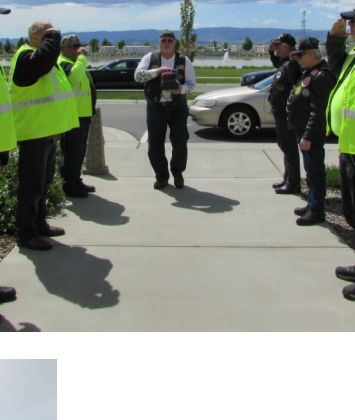
After the quiz the viewed "The Sacred Trust" video then went on a walking tour on a few of the notable burials. Many were impressed by the straight lines of the headstones and the green, green grass.

Half of their classmates were touring Arlington cemetery in Washington DC at the same time they were touring SVNC. For those that did not have an opportunity to go they learned that the honor of a burial at SVNC is the same as Arlington, just a different location. One student said, "It's so peaceful out here and it's nice to know that they have a special place to be when they are gone."

SVNC SPECIAL EVENTS



WREATH REMEMBERING 100 YEARS. A short ceremony celebrating the 100 year Anniversary of US participation in WWI and the 21 WWI veterans buried at SVNC was held.

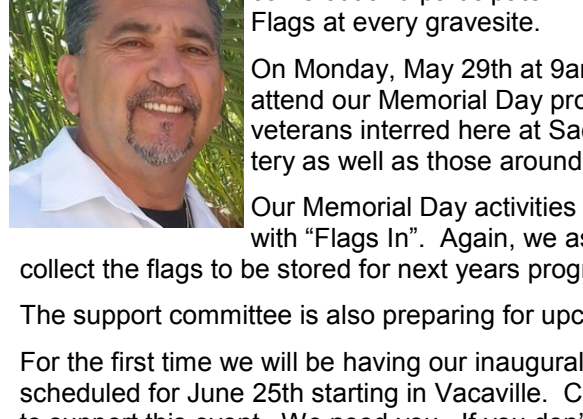
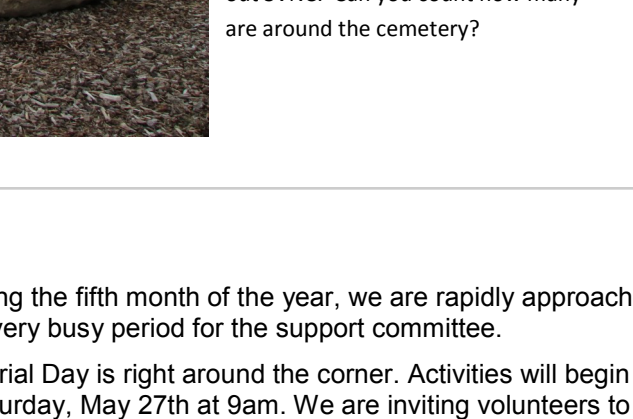


VIETNAM VETS HONORED. SVNC participated in the Annual Vietnam Veterans Day Service at the Civic Auditorium in Stockton, CA.

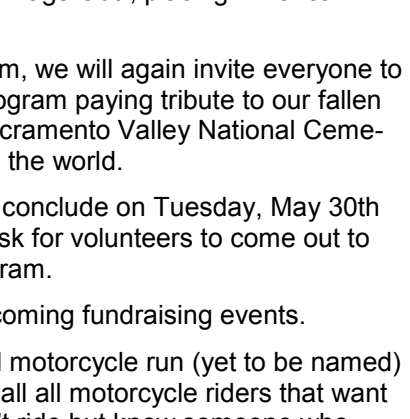


A BIT OF GREEN. Chief Solano Chapter NSDAR dedicates a new tree to SVNC.

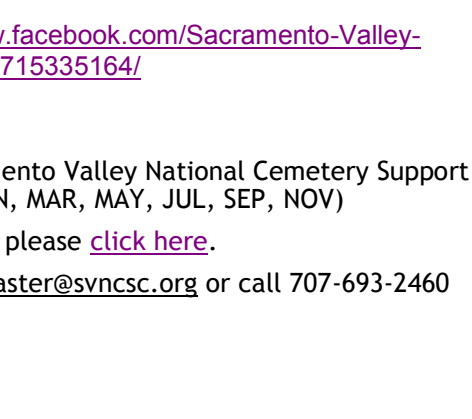
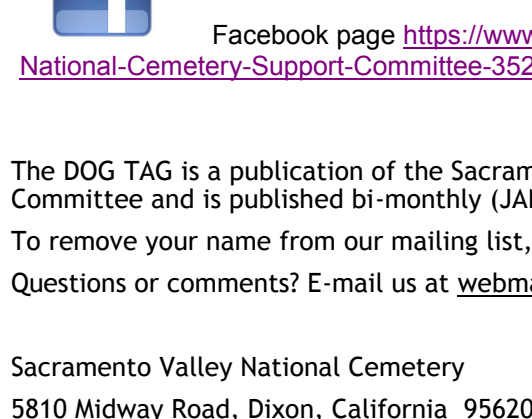
GRAY DAYS. Winter storms prove to be a challenge for SVNC field crews.



QUARTERLY FALLENS MEMORIAL. A veteran's family receives an honor long overdue. American Legion Post 111, Healdsburg and American Legion Post 637 honored over 145 veterans. This is the first time that a veteran's service organization (American Legion) performed the Quarterly Memorial. (left: Photo by Joel Rosenbaum—The Reporter)



MIAP DELIVERS. A team of MIAP riders from Windsor traveled over 300 miles to bring a veteran from Calaveras Co. home to rest.



NEW STONES. Beautiful new stones are gracing the landscape throughout SVNC. Can you count how many are around the cemetery?

PRESIDENT'S SITREP

SVNCSC President Frank Romo

Entering the fifth month of the year, we are rapidly approaching a very busy period for the support committee.

Memorial Day is right around the corner. Activities will begin on Saturday, May 27th at 9am. We are inviting volunteers to come out and participate in "Flags Out", placing American Flags at every gravesite.

On Monday, May 29th at 9am, we will again invite everyone to attend our Memorial Day program paying tribute to our fallen veterans interred here at Sacramento Valley National Cemetery as well as those around the world.

Our Memorial Day activities conclude on Tuesday, May 30th with "Flags In". Again, we ask for volunteers to come out to collect the flags to be stored for next years program.

The support committee is also preparing for upcoming fundraising events.

For the first time we will be having our inaugural motorcycle run (yet to be named) scheduled for June 25th starting in Vacaville. Call all motorcycle riders that want to support this event. We need you. If you don't ride but know someone who does, please share this with them, details to come soon.

Next on our agenda is the 2nd Annual Valley Vets 5k-10k Honor Run, taking place at the beautiful Suisun City Waterfront Marina on Saturday, July 15th at 7am. Details for this event can be found on our website at www.svncsc.org and our Facebook page.

The Sacramento Valley National Cemetery Support Committee is blessed and honored to give our time honoring our fallen sisters and brothers here and to give our all, to make these events a success, but it cannot be accomplished without our community, volunteers and supporters.

Please, share this with your friends and loved ones.

Get involved and be part of the honor.

Please visit our website at: <http://svncsc.org/>

Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/Sacramento-Valley-National-Cemetery-Support-Committee-352715335164/>

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