



The Dog Tag

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Support Committee (SVNCSC)



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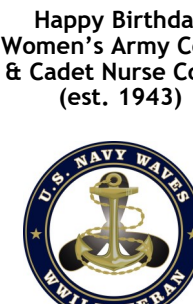
THE EAGLE HAS LANDED

A group of veterans needed a place for a 5' hand-carved American Bald Eagle by renowned woodcarver Ron Smith



Dixon, CA. AN Richard Tolman (USN), CW3 Robert Strebel (USA) and Michael Henshaw, Director proudly pose with "Sam" the eagle (carved by Ron Smith) that now resides at SVNC.

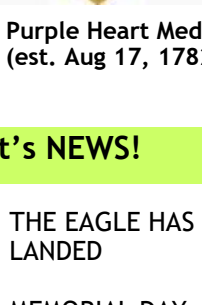
and decided that Sacramento Valley National Cemetery was just the place it needed to be. The eagle had been on display at a local veterans hall for years; however, due to the expanded activities at the hall the veterans felt that the eagle was in danger of being damaged. So two veterans, CW3 Robert J. Strebel (USN) and AN Richard D. Tolman (USA) decided to find a new home for the eagle that would be in a place of honor and respect. Why not Sacramento Valley National Cemetery (SVNC)? Michael Henshaw, Director was approached by the veterans and gladly accepted the eagle that now has a proud perch in the SVNC Public Information Center. "Sam" (nickname) the eagle now keeps a watchful eye on all the veterans and families that visit and is a wonderful addition.



Happy Birthday
Women's Army Corps
& Cadet Nurse Corps
(est. 1943)



Happy Birthday
Navy Women's Reserve—WAVES
(est. 1942)



Happy Birthday
US Coast Guard
(est. Aug 4, 1790)



Purple Heart Medal
(est. Aug 17, 1782)

Each year the Memorial Day Program grows along with the community. We invite the public to give us some ideas for future Memorial Day and other cemetery events.

OUTREACH AT CMF

A group of veterans resource groups from the Sacramento Valley descended upon the California Medical Facility last month to provide information for over 200 veterans within the facility.

From their website: http://www.cdcr.ca.gov/Facilities_Locator/CMF.html

CMF was established in 1955 by the California Legislature to provide a centrally located facility to meet the medical, psychiatric, and dental health care needs of male felons incarcerated within the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR). CMF is a medium security medical facility located in the city of Vacaville in Solano County. Vacaville is located 37 miles southwest of Sacramento and 65 miles northeast of San Francisco.

CMF provides health care to inmate-patients who reside in a number of settings – including General Population, Outpatient Housing Units (OHUs), a licensed Correctional Treatment Center (CTC), a licensed Mental Health Crisis Bed CTC, Outpatient Psychiatric Facilities, and the first licensed Prison Hospice in the United States.

Health care services provided at CMF include primary care, chronic care, and specialty care clinics; radiology, occupational and physical therapy, pharmacy services, laboratory, respiratory, inpatient and outpatient mental health treatment, end-of-life/palliative care services, services for the visually and/or hearing impaired, and services for those with other acquired or developmental disabilities.

CMF serves as a resource to the rest of CDCR and contracts with community consultants and hospital facilities to meet the complex needs of its inmate-patient population.

This facility provides both outpatient and inpatient mental health services for patients with a serious mental disorder. The licensed Psychiatric Inpatient Program at this facility is designed to provide more intensive treatment for patients who cannot function adequately or stabilize in an outpatient program.

The goal of this particular outreach was to identify those inmates that might be eligible to receive veterans services. Many of the veterans had no idea that they could even have VA services; however, there were many that found out that they could still get services for their dependents. One inmate remarked, "This is so very important especially for the veterans that we have here that are in hospice. They need to know that they can actually be buried at Sacramento Valley." He said that he worked in the hospice unit and wanted to make sure that the veterans there would have a beautiful final resting place close by. "The families will be so grateful to know this." Many of the veterans were able to file claims right on the spot. VBA, VHA and NCA were all working together to get vital information out to our veterans.

HAIL & FAREWELL

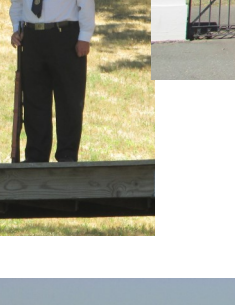
Sacramento Valley staff bid a fond farewell at a lunch for **William Prescott**, Cemetery Technician. He decided to go back to school and take advantage of his military benefit for a college education.

Craig Allen, Foreman has retired and is now spending extra time with family and making plans for some RV travels.

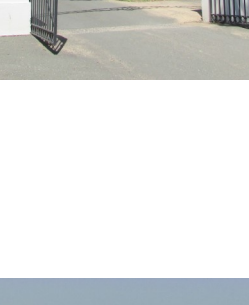
The cemetery staff took some time to remember, **Timothy King**, Cemetery Caretaker who passed away suddenly. Tim leaves a wife and daughter and will be buried in Texas.



William Prescott
Cemetery Caretaker



Craig Allen
Foreman



Timothy King
Cemetery Caretaker

SVNC SPECIAL EVENTS



Yountville, CA: Monthly Veterans Memorial. Rabbi Ira Book presides over one of several committal services held at the cemetery at the Yountville State Veterans Home. The interesting factoid is that there were two lady veterans (cemetery groundskeepers) that performed the burials that day.



Travis AFB, CA: Thunder over Solano. This year the Thunderbirds were in full force. (right) Cemetery staff supported this event by providing information on Sacramento Valley. Cesar Salameceda, Cemetery Technician provides information to some visiting veterans.



Elk Grove, CA: Hometown Heroes at Elk Grove Regional Park. Ariene Salvador, Program Support Assistant and hubby Ray Salvador spent the day on the green meeting and greeting fellow veterans.



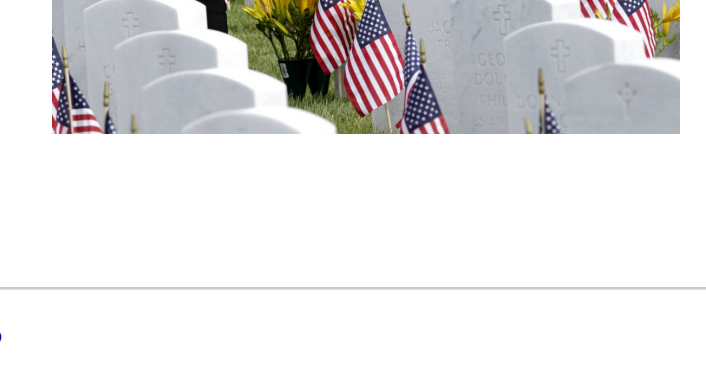
Dixon, CA: Memorial Day 2017. Alive music Orchestra (Vacaville Jazz Society) provided music to delight. Meanwhile "birds eye view" via a drone showed a large turnout at the ceremonies. (above) Visitor pays respects for a loved one that was laid to rest at SVNC. (Associated Press photo)



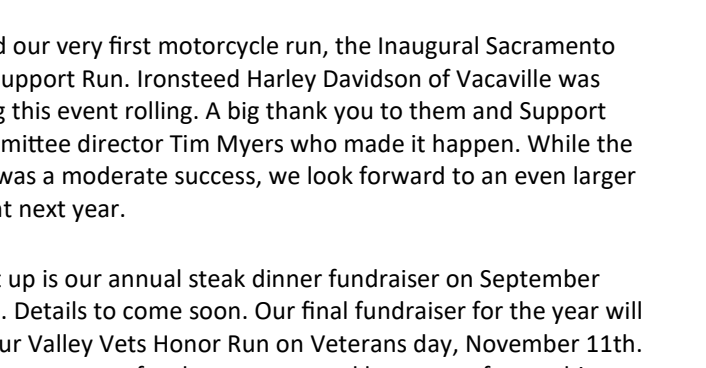
This past June 25th, we had our very first motorcycle run, the Inaugural Sacramento Valley National Cemetery Support Run. Ironsteed Harley Davidson of Vacaville was extremely helpful in getting this event rolling. A big thank you to them and Support Committee director Tim Myers who made it happen. While the run was a moderate success, we look forward to an even larger event next year.



Next up is our annual steak dinner fundraiser on September 16th. Details to come soon. Our final fundraiser for the year will be our Valley Vets Honor Run on Veterans day, November 11th. Please come out for these events and be a part of something special.



While the Support Committee works to make these fundraising events success these activities enable us to better serve the Sacramento Valley National Cemetery and honor veterans interred here. It is you, the national cemetery community, family and friends that determines our success. Your continued support of our events and donations for causes such as the Avenue of Flags and Wreaths Across America will keep Sacramento Valley beautiful for many years to come.



Thank you!

SVNCSC President
Frank Romo

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