



Vietnam Veterans of America | Chapter 218 | Santa Barbara RECON REPORT

“Never again will one generation of Veterans abandon another”

JULY 2016

**“Together then,
Together now”**



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Vance Memorial Fund

The Chapter’s Vance Committee distributes funds to qualified disabled American veterans.
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Next Chapter Meeting

July 13, 2016 | 6:30 pm
Plaza Playhouse Theater
4916 Carpinteria Avenue
Carpinteria, CA
\$5.00 Admission

To all 218 members and our supporters:
Lots happening over the next month, so let’s get right to it!

IMPORTANT! CHANGE OF VENUE FOR JULY 13 MEETING

Our monthly meeting on Wednesday, July 13 will be held at the Plaza Playhouse Theater, 4916 Carpinteria Ave. in Carpinteria. This is so we can view–along with the public–the Academy Award-winning documentary on Maya Lin, who designed the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C.

Members should be at the theater by 6:30pm to allow us a short informal meeting. Doors open to the public at 6:45. Around 7:15 there will be a presentation on The Moving Wall. Be sure to bring along your family and invite your friends.

We are asking that members donate \$5 (ticket price) to help offset the cost of the film. Seating is limited to 200, so let me know if you will attend: (805) 284-6372 or info@vvachapter218.org. By doing so, we can gauge how many tickets to hold for the public. You can also purchase in advance online by going to plazatheatercarpinteria.com.

The film, “Maya Lin: A Strong Clear Vision”, screens at 7:30. The concession stand offers all the usual goodies plus beer and wine. (Note: Traffic going south to Carpinteria can be heavy on the summer weeknights so plan accordingly. Exit Linden Ave., turn right. Then turn right onto Carpinteria Ave. Theater is just down the street on your right. Parking lot across the street—all street and lot parking is free in Carpinteria).



JULY EVENTS
YOUR PARTICIPATION IS REQUESTED!

Saturday, July 2: Our Huey Helicopter will be at the Rods and Roses Classic Car Show in Carpinteria from 9am to 3pm and will lead the Independence Parade at 5pm.



Volunteers are needed to staff the bird and to march and/or ride in the bird during the parade. (Gear heads

love choppers and this provides another opportunity to fundraise for The Moving Wall and promote the Maya Lin movie).

Saturday, July 2: The Masonic Lodge #444 at 5421 Carpinteria Ave. (next to the post office) in Carpinteria, holds a FREE and very tasty barbecue for all Veterans starting at 5:30pm. The lodge will also honor members of the Sea Cadets during a special presentation. Organizers need a headcount, so if you plan on attending let Larry Cook know at: larry.cook242@gmail.com or by calling (805) 684-4433.

Sunday, July 3: The Huey will be parked in front of the Veterans Building, 112 W. Cabrillo, Santa Barbara for the 3rd Annual "These Colors Don't Run" celebration from noon to 10pm (The bird will depart about an hour before sunset). This event is a benefit for Santa Barbara Veterans groups. \$5 at the door; great food, live music, a silent auction and a pinup contest. All ages invited! Sponsored by Mission Tattoo.

Monday, July 4: Yes, Virginia, there is a parade this year! Join your fellow chapter members by marching and/or riding in the Huey down State Street in Santa Barbara. Form up is at noon near Sola and State Streets and the parade steps off at 1pm. Wear your chapter shirt, caps, fatigues or any other Vietnam related gear! We need a couple of folk to carry the banner and four people to handle the flags.

Following the parade, the Huey will be parked on lower State Street at the Classic Car Show; another opportunity for fund raising for The Moving Wall. George Ogle is the contact person: (805) 403-6453.

Wednesday, July 13: Monthly meeting of the 218 at The Plaza Playhouse Theater in Carpinteria. (See lead story, Page 1).

AUGUST - OLD SPANISH DAYS

August 3, 4, 5, 6: Old Spanish Days Fiesta, Santa Barbara It's Fiesta time in Santa Barbara and this will be the last year that 218 will have our food booth in De la Guerra Plaza! We need volunteers from the chapter, along with family members and any of your friends and other Veterans to help staff the booth during Fiesta hours: 10am-11pm each day.

Please contact Don Matter: donmatter51@yahoo.com.



Sunday, August 7: Fiesta Booth "Thank You" Barbecue at Ledbetter Beach...For anyone whoever helped construct/ take down the booth, staffed the booth, cooked the food, ran the cash register, handed out the food, ran errands or did a myriad of other tasks over the 31 years(!) that the 218 booth was at Fiesta, this is YOUR thank you barbecue.

The fun rolls at Ledbetter Beach/Santa Barbara from 3:30-7pm on Sunday, August 7 and it's FREE! Cathy Matter and daughter, Kelsey, could use your help setting up at 2pm. More details to come.

Melinda and I are off to Alaska over the July 4th weekend to attend my 50th high school reunion in Juneau.

Have a wonderful and safe holiday and I'll see you at the meeting on July 13 at the Plaza Theater.

Welcome Home,

Peter
Peter Bie, President