



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

“Never again will one generation of Veterans abandon another”

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**“Together then,
Together now”**



Chapter 218

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Vance Memorial Fund

The Chapter's Vance Committee distributes assistance funds to qualified American veterans of all eras.
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Next Regular Chapter Meeting

September 12, 2018 | 6:00 pm
Santa Barbara Elks Lodge
150 N. Kellogg Ave., Goleta
Dinner Available: \$8.00 per person

Greetings to the Membership:

My thanks to everyone who was able to attend our Chapter picnic on Sunday, Aug. 19 at Ledbetter Beach. It was so good to see so many of you! A shout out to Mario Pintor, Rik Peirson and “Big” Bill Frieberg for handling the grill.

Our next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, September 12, 6pm at the Elks Lodge in Santa Barbara (upstairs room). Plan on attending as we have a number of items to discuss.

Bronze Star Award Ceremony for Carpinteria Vietnam Vet

Join us to honor and celebrate Army Sgt. Merv Mullikin as he is awarded the Bronze Star (for Meritorious Achievement) and Presidential Unit Citation for service in Vietnam...50 years after the fact! The ceremony—open to the public—is **Tuesday, Aug. 28 at 2pm at the SB County Courthouse Sunken Gardens**; Congressman Salud Carbajal will make the presentation. Mullikin served with A Co., 1st Battalion, 5th Cavalry Regiment, otherwise known as the “Black Knights”, from Dec. '66 to Dec. '67. He had actually been awarded the medals in June '68, but was never properly notified. He recently discovered the oversight when he requested his military records. Let's turn out for Merv, his wife Ai and daughter Mika, and stand proud with him. Wear your chapter shirt, cap and/or appropriate uniform. See you there!



Touch-A-Truck Event at Santa Barbara City College



Sunday, September 9 from 9:30am to 2pm in the parking lots of the West Campus. This huge family event is a fundraiser for Postpartum Education for Parents (PEP). Our Huey—always the most popular attraction--will be on display and we'll need Chapter members to be on site to assist the public on and off the bird as well as talk about the chopper, its history and its status as one of the true icons of the Vietnam War. If you can

help, call George Ogle (805) 403-6453 or Rik Peirson (805) 963-7835. [Note: Public admission is \$25 per family and \$8 per individual on event day. Pre-event tickets are \$20 per family and \$5 per individual and can be purchased at the Touch-A-Truck website: www.sbpep.org/tat]

CALENDAR THE DATE:

- Monday, Sept. 3: Labor Day
- Sunday, Sept. 9: Touch-A-Truck event at SBCC/Huey on site
- Tuesday, Sept 11: Patriot Day
(Remembering Sept. 11, 2001--it also was a Tuesday)
- **Wednesday, Sept. 12: Chapter 218 meets at Elks Lodge, Santa Barbara**
- Monday, Oct. 8: Columbus Day
- **NO Chapter meeting in October!**
- Wednesday, Oct. 31: Halloween
- Saturday, Nov. 3: Annual PCVF Military Ball, Hilton Santa Barbara Beachfront Resort (no longer known as the Fess Parker), 5pm 'till closing. Discount tickets for Veterans are \$75 (vs \$150) and are available until October 25 via e-mail at: media@pcvf.org
- Saturday, Nov. 10: Annual PCVF Veterans Day Parade and Salute to Veterans, Santa Barbara, 12 noon. (Assemble at corner of Micheltorena/State Street by 11:30am. Huey Helicopter will participate).
- Sunday, Nov. 11: Veterans Day Ceremony at Santa Barbara Cemetery, 10am.
- **Wednesday, Nov. 14, 6pm, Chapter 218 meets at Elks Lodge, Santa Barbara.**
- Thursday, Nov. 22: Happy Thanksgiving!

NEW MEMBERS

After a long absence, we welcome back to the Chapter one of the original founders of the 218, Lyle Holtzleiter! Lyle currently lives in Twentynine Palms, but says he wants to get up our way for a meeting soon. Also coming on board is Wilson Hubbell, another name long associated with our Chapter and Doug Murray, affiliating with our Chapter after being an "at-large" VVA member for many years. All three are Life Members. Welcome Home, Lyle, Wilson and Doug!

Now, for a trip down memory lane....

No. 1 Sept. 1962: "Shelia"/Tommy Roe and "Sherry"/Four Seasons.

No. 1 Sept. 1967: "Ode to Billy Joe"/Bobby Gentry and "The Letter"/Box Tops

No. 1 Sept. 1972: "Brandy (You're A Fine Girl)"/Looking Glass, "Black and White"/Three Dog Night and "Baby Don't Get Hooked On Me"/Mac Davis

Top Five TV Shows Sept. 1972: "All In The Family", "Sanford & Son", "Hawaii 5-0", "Maude", "Bridget Loves Bernie" and "The Mary Tyler Moore Show"

Welcome Home!

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