



# Vietnam Veterans of America | Chapter 218 | Santa Barbara

# RECON REPORT

*"Never again will one generation of Veterans abandon another"*

## SEPTEMBER 2016

**"Together then,  
Together now"**



### Chapter 218

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#### Vance Memorial Fund

The Chapter's Vance Committee distributes funds to qualified American veterans.  
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#### Next Chapter Meeting

September 14, 2016 | 6:00 pm  
Santa Barbara Elks Lodge  
150 N. Kellogg Ave., Goleta  
Dinner Available  
\$8.00 per person

Greetings to the Membership:

#### Welcome Home!

The countdown has begun to our presentation of The Moving Wall, October 12-17 at Chase Palm Park, Santa Barbara and your help is needed to make this display the best ever!

This year there will be a tent at each end of the Wall and so our requirement will be to have at least two volunteers for each shift (except overnight) in each tent. There will be two computers and a printer in each tent, allowing for faster searching for those wishing to locate a name on the Wall. This database program is very easy to use and anyone can learn it in a matter of minutes.

The foundation for the Wall is constructed the morning of Tuesday, Oct. 11. The two tents will also be put up that day. The foundation and tents need to be watched from 6pm-6am in order to make sure that the wood is not disturbed.

The Wall will arrive with a motorcycle escort around 7am, Oct. 12 and all the panels and dressing, flags, lights, etc. should be in place and ready for a "soft opening" by noon or so. All items for the tents will go in as well. The Huey Helicopter will arrive around 9am for static display on Cabrillo Blvd.

The Wall will be open 24/7 with the primary watch times as follows:

Wednesday, Oct. 12: 12noon-3p, 3p-6p, 6p-10p, 10p-6a (overnight).  
Thursday, Oct. 13: 6a-9a, 9a-12 noon, 12 noon-3p, 3p-6p, 6p-10p, 10p-6a (overnight).  
Friday, Oct. 14: 6a-9a, 9a-12noon, 12noon-3p, 3p-6p, 6p-10p, 10p-6a (overnight)  
Saturday, Oct. 15: 6a-9a, 9a-12p, 12p-3p, 3p-6p, 6p-10p, 10p-6a (overnight)  
Sunday, Oct. 16: 6a-9a, 9a-12p, 12p-3p, 3p-6, 6p-10p, 10p-6a (overnight)  
Monday, 6a-9a, 9a-12noon (Wall is dismantled starting around noon).

The shifts are three hours each (with the exception of the 6p-10p shift and the overnight 10p-6a) to accommodate those that may be working during the weekdays or have a limited amount of time they can volunteer during the day. Anyone can certainly spend more time at the Wall and cover more hours and more shifts as they feel comfortable.

We'll also need volunteers at the Huey helicopter which will be parked on Cabrillo Blvd. during the run of the Wall. However, staffing will only be needed during daylight hours, roughly 9a to 6p. On Saturday 10/15 and Sunday 10/16 the bird will be staffed from 9a-6pm. On Saturday 10/15 we will sell our world famous Huey T's from 9am to 3pm; we'll have a small pop up tent next to the bird. And if you want to do shifts at the Wall and at the Huey you are most welcome to do so. On 10/15 and 10/16 we need at least two people at the bird from 9a-5p.

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You can also serve as a docent who can guide visitors to the Wall and/or help them find a name on the Wall, assist in taking a rubbing, or explain how the Wall is laid out and why the names are in the order they are. The biggest need for docents will be on the weekend of Oct. 15/16, especially from 9am-6pm each day.

If you receiving this via e-mail, please direct your response/questions/concerns to Cathy Matter at [cimatter@yahoo.com](mailto:cimatter@yahoo.com) and indicate the shifts you'd like to cover--day(s) and time(s)--and be sure to include your name and phone number. Extend the invitation to your friends, family members, co-workers and other Vets to help as well. Everyone is welcome. For those of you receiving this via regular mail, if it's easier to simply call the chapter phone you can leave a message at (805) 284-6372; indicate your day(s)/time(s) you wish to work--be sure to leave your phone number for call back. If your coming from somewhere else in CA or from out of state, please let us know.

**IF YOU ARE PARTICIPATING IN THE DEDICATION CEREMONY OCT. 15:** There will be a full rehearsal on Sunday, September 25 at the Plaza Playhouse Theater in Carpinteria from 2-5pm. Your presence is required so we can go over the order of the ceremony and to practice any speeches and the reading of names of the 98 from SB County. The theater is at 4916 Carpinteria Ave. (If a second rehearsal is necessary we will let you know day, time and location).

**IF YOU ARE WORKING AS A DOCENT IN THE TENT OR AT THE WALL:** You will be required to attend one of two orientation sessions on either Thursday, October 6 at 7pm or Saturday, October 8 at 1pm. The location is the Free Methodist Church, 1435 Cliff Drive, Santa Barbara (corner of Santa Cruz Blvd). You'll receive instruction on how to use the Etched In Stone software program to locate names on the Wall, rules for visitors at the Wall, how to respond to various situations at the Wall along with an FAQ sheet.

If you know of a school, organization, church, business or company that would want one our speakers from the chapter to address them and discuss their experiences in Vietnam or provide an overview of The Moving Wall, please have them contact me directly at [peterbie@cox.net](mailto:peterbie@cox.net).

We are so grateful to our sponsors who have joined with us to provide funding for this display: The Rudi Schulte Family Foundation, the Santa Barbara Riders for Veterans

Foundation, the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians, Montecito Bank & Trust, the Montecito Journal and L-3 MariPro, along with the many vendors and suppliers who have contributed various resources to this event, our media partners, and those individuals who have sponsored a U.S. flag or given financially to the exhibition.

Contributions in any amount are always needed and greatly appreciated. (See the sponsorship form attached to this e-mailing or included with your print version).

If you need Wall tri-fold brochures or the larger sponsorship booklet, I will have them at the meeting or you can request via e-mail at [peterbie@cox.net](mailto:peterbie@cox.net).

I look forward to seeing you at the next meeting of the chapter: Wednesday, September 14 at 6pm at the Elks Lodge, 150 N. Kellogg, Santa Barbara. Lots to talk about. Invite another Vietnam-era Vet to attend; they don't have to be a member...and we'll buy the dinner!

BTW: We now have "Vietnam Veteran" ball caps in black and tan for \$20 and our Chapter polo shirts (short sleeve) with logo are available for \$20. Both will be for purchase at the meeting. I encourage anyone who doesn't yet have the chapter shirt to buy one for wear during your time at The Wall and for all other chapter and Veterans occasions.

Welcome Home,

*Peter*



**Dates to hold:**

Wednesday, October 12-Sunday, October 17: The Moving Wall at Chase Palm Park

Friday, October 14: Chapter 218 group photo at The Wall 3pm

Friday, October 14: Chapter 218 Dinner at “The Wall” 5:30pm-10pm (Invitation only)

Saturday, October 15, Dedication ceremony at The Wall, 11am

Sunday, October 16, Chapter 218 group photo at The Wall 3pm

Sunday, October 16, Inter-faith Candlelight Ceremony at The Wall, 6:30pm

Saturday, November 5, PCVF Military Ball, Fess Parker Double Tree 6pm

Tuesday, November 8, Election Day

Friday, November 11, (Veterans Day) VFW Ceremony at Santa Barbara Cemetery 10am

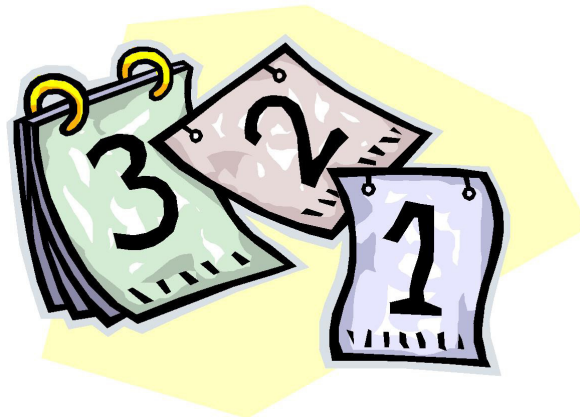
Saturday, November 12, PCVF Veterans Day Parade, Santa Barbara, 12noon

Saturday, November 12, PCVF Concert at the SB Veterans Memorial Building

Monday, December 5, Annual 218 holiday dinner at The Santa Barbara Club

There will be no meetings of the chapter on the following dates:

October 12, November 9 and December 14.





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I am unable to contribute any funds, but would like the opportunity to volunteer during "The Moving Wall" exhibition. Please contact me.

**Please return completed form with your check or money order payable to:**

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