

Special 2023 Feature

VETERAN'S DAY

HONORING ALL WHO SERVED

PACT ACT INCREASES VETERAN BENEFITS

Submitted by David West, Nevada County Veteran Services Officer

The Nevada County Veterans Services Office's mission is to connect every veteran within our community to the federal, state, and local benefits that they earned as a result of their service. Most often our office is the first point of contact for veterans or their surviving spouses when they begin to inquire about the benefits that are entitled to them. Our office is meant to be a welcoming place for all veterans as they begin the complicated process of access their VA benefits.



Courtesy photos | David West (Veteran Services Officer) and Traci Heart (Veteran Services Representative).



The PACT Act has also expanded eligibility to VA Health-care services to an additional 3.5 million veterans and requires the VA to conduct an environmental hazard exposure examination every five years for every veteran actively participating in their VA Healthcare. The VA is mandated to conduct these environmental hazard exposure examinations so that they can monitor veterans of different eras to identify trends in veterans and the toxins that they were exposed to during their service. It is the collection of this data that will make it much easier for the VA to add presumptive

Last year, on August 10, 2022, President Biden signed the Sergeant First Class Heath Robinson Honoring our Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxics Act of 2022 into public law, or what has become better known as the PACT Act. The PACT Act is the most extensive piece of legislation to impact the lives of our nation's veterans in generations and has made it much easier for veterans to connect their current health conditions to the environmental hazards they were exposed to while serving our nation.

If you are a veteran or surviving spouse, the PACT Act may give you access to VA benefits that were previously unavailable, and our Veterans Services Office can assist you in getting the benefits you are entitled to. It has entitled veterans to their benefits from our country's most recent conflicts to the Vietnam era, including those who served at Camp Lejeune and were exposed to atomic testing during their service. Just as our Vietnam veterans were exposed to Agent Orange, which resulted in a diagnosis of multiple cancers, diabetes, and heart conditions, our younger veterans were exposed to toxic contaminants through burn pits. This bill entitles these veterans to compensation for diseases or conditions caused by exposure to burn pits and allows the VA increased flexibility to add or remove conditions from the list with supporting medical research.

The PACT Act has made it much easier for veterans from the Gulf War and post 9/11 era veterans to receive compensation for brain cancer, gastrointestinal cancer of any type, glioblastoma, head cancer of any type, kidney cancer, lymphatic cancer of any type, lymphoma of any type, melanoma, neck cancer of any type, pancreatic cancer, reproductive cancer of any type, respiratory cancer of any type, asthma, chronic bronchitis, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), chronic rhinitis, chronic sinusitis, chronic bronchiolitis or obliterative bronchiolitis, emphysema, granulomatous disease, interstitial lung disease (ILD), pleuritis, pulmonary fibrosis, and sarcoidosis. This is an extensive list, and many veterans who served during this era suffer from conditions that are not on this list, such as GERD and Sleep Apnea, which could be added later based on the new flexibility the VA has under the PACT Act.

Vietnam era veterans have been impacted in two major areas with the passage of this bill. Previously, our Veterans Services Office would need to establish that veterans who served in Thailand had regular exposure from being on the perimeter of the different airfields the US used in Thailand. Now, the VA recognizes Agent Orange exposure for all who served in Thailand, like Vietnam veterans have been entitled to for decades. Additionally, the VA has added hypertension to the list of presumptive conditions for veterans exposed to Agent Orange. Hypertension has been known to be the underlying cause of strokes, heart attacks, and other conditions. If a veteran who served in Thailand passed away from a condition due to Agent Orange exposure, their spouse is now entitled to VA benefits. This has the potential for many surviving spouses to now be entitled to benefits that were previously unavailable to them, and unless they are engaged in the veteran community, they might not be aware of this law change.

conditions to the exposure list in the future based on the information that is collected. Additionally, every service member transitioning from the military will now be entitled to 10 years of free healthcare from the VA, because every veteran should have access to healthcare.

Your Nevada County Veterans Services Office is here to assist the veterans and their surviving spouses of our county obtain the benefits that they earned as a result of their service. We will provide an extensive review of every veteran's service to determine if they are eligible for the benefits made available through the PACT Act. With this increased access to benefits, we have seen the VA's backlog of pending claims increase. Therefore, we encourage our veterans and their surviving spouses to reach out to us for assistance so we can help them submit a substantially complete package that includes all the evidence necessary to assist the VA with deciding in our veterans' favor. If you are a veteran or surviving spouse, please give us a call or stop by our office to determine if you are eligible for benefits from the VA.

David West is Nevada County's Veterans Services Officer. Contact David West at (530) 265-1446 or david.west@co.nevada.ca.us. The Nevada County Veteran's Services Office, located at 988 McCourtney Road in Grass Valley, is open from 8:00 a.m. to noon and 1:00 to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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VETERANS DAY 2023

Submitted by Mike Hauser, Adjutant, American Legion Post 130

In the early 1950s, the need to develop an aircraft capable of flying above the Soviet detection and interception limits came to be. At the time the United States and its allies had several aircraft used for surveillance and monitoring but none that could perform over about 50,000 ft.

Why was 50,000 ft. important?

In the early 1950s technology was still a challenge. Radars of the time could not detect objects at high altitudes meaning generally above 60,000 ft. rockets fired at aircraft had their height and accuracy limits. Fighter aircraft defending air space, for the most part propeller driven, had about a 40,000 ft. limit.

It was thought an aircraft flying above 70,000 ft. would be untouchable and able to gather the information about what was being monitored without risk.

The challenge was put out and Lockheed Aircraft came up with a design thanks to Clarence "Kelly" Johnson. A Jet-powered aircraft. . .also a new concept. . .with a large wing span to help lift the weight of the fuel laden aircraft off the ground, use the thin air at those altitudes, and provide long range capabilities.

What was it like to fly the U2?

The 2023 Veterans Day celebration, which will take place 10 a.m., Saturday November 11 at Grass Valley's Veterans Building, will feature Lt. Colonel Joshua Tull a U.S. Air Force U2 pilot. Colonel Tull will relay the earth views from near outer space, tell you about the adventure of landing the aircraft using a tricycle landing gear, and what it's like flying alone for many hours being the lone tech, being the aircraft defender, being the pilot.

Nevada County's All Veterans Color Guard will open the ceremonies by presenting the colors immediately followed by the National Anthem sung by Air Force Technical Sergeant Breona Calvert. Breona is also Nevada County's Military ambassador.

The program will end at 11 a.m. with the Color Guard firing three gun volleys followed by Taps to honor our passed Veterans.

After the Program, come on down to the Dining Hall and meet the day's speakers & guests. If you are a Veteran, your lunch is compliments of the American Legion. All the county's Veteran organizations take pride in investing in our youth. We support the kids who will one day run and defend this nation. Who, male or female, may one day fly the future version of the U2.

Post 130 is in full support of local scouts and our high schools. One activity the Boy and Girl Scouts have become quite good at with the help of our high schools is the collection and proper retirement of damaged American flags. Well over 2,000 flags have been collected for proper retirement. Sometime around the 11th, in private ceremony, local Boy and Girl Scouts troops will properly put those flags to rest. Look for those dramatic images in *The Union*. We express our thanks to the Scouts, NUHSD's CTE program and the businesses and operations, The Union, Riebels, GVPD, B&C Hardware, and Hills Flat Lumber for hosting the flag collection boxes.

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VETERANS DAY PROGRAM — 10 AM

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Opening Remarks

Claude Hessel, Commander, U.S. Coast Guard (Retired)

- Commander, American Legion Frank Gallino Post 130
- Presentation of Colors—Post 130 Color Guard
- Pledge of Allegiance—Led by Claude Hessel
- “National Anthem,” by Breona Calvert, Technical Sergeant, U.S. Air Force, Beale AFB
- Invocation—American Legion Auxiliary Unit 130 Chaplain, Pam Blertuempfel
- “America The Beautiful,” by Mike Baker
- “God Bless The USA,” by Donna Mattson



- Speaker—Joshua W. Tull, Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Air Force, U-2, T-38 pilot, Beale AFB
- “An American Trilogy,” by Mike Baker
- “Medley of Service Songs,” by Donna Mattson
- (Veterans muster in front of stage when you hear your service song)
- Three Gun Volley—Nevada County All Veterans Honor Guard
- “Taps,” on Trumpet by Mike Baker
- Bagpipes—“Amazing Grace” by Paul McKim



Veterans Day is a U.S. legal holiday dedicated to American veterans of all wars. In 1918, on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, an armistice, or temporary cessation of hostilities, was declared between the Allied nations and Germany in World War I, then known as “the Great War.” Commemorated in many countries as Armistice Day the following year, November 11th became a federal holiday in the United States in 1938. In the aftermath of World War II and the Korean War, Armistice Day became legally known as Veterans Day.

Armistice Day

The Treaty of Versailles was signed on June 28, 1919, marking the official end of World War I. Nonetheless, the armistice date of November 11, 1918, remained in the public imagination as the date that marked the end of the conflict.

One year later, in November 1919, U.S. President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed November 11 as the first commemoration of Armistice Day. The day’s observation included parades and public gatherings, as well as a brief pause in business and school activities at 11 a.m.

On November 11, 1921, an unidentified American soldier killed in the war was buried at Arlington National Cemetery near Washington, D.C. On the same day the previous year, unidentified soldiers were laid to rest at Westminster Abbey in London and at the Arc de Triomphe in Paris.

On June 4, 1926, Congress passed a resolution that the “recurring anniversary of [November 11, 1918] should be commemorated with thanksgiving and prayer and exercises designed to perpetuate peace through good will and mutual understanding between nations,” and that the president should issue an annual proclamation calling for the observance of Armistice Day.

By that time, 27 state legislatures had made November 11 a legal holiday. An act approved May 13, 1938, made November 11 a legal Federal holiday, “dedicated to the cause of world peace and to be hereafter celebrated



and known as ‘Armistice Day.’”

In actuality, there are no U.S. national holidays because the states retain the right to designate their own, and the government can only designate holidays for federal employees and for the District of Columbia. In practice, however, states almost always follow the federal lead.

From Armistice Day to Veterans Day

American effort during World War II saw the greatest mobilization of the U.S. Army, Navy, Marines and Air Force in the nation’s history (more than 16 million people); some 5.7 million more served in the Korean War.

In 1954, after lobbying efforts by veterans’ service organizations, the 83rd U.S. Congress amended the 1938 act that had made Armistice Day a holiday, striking the word “Armistice” in favor of “Veterans.” President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed the legislation on June 1, 1954. From then on, November 11 became a day to honor American veterans of all wars.

The next development in the story of Veterans Day unfolded in 1968, when Congress passed the Uniform

Holidays Bill, which sought to ensure threeday weekends for federal employees—and encourage tourism and travel—by celebrating four national holidays (Washington’s Birthday, Memorial Day, Veterans Day and Columbus Day) on Mondays.

The observation of Veterans Day was set as the fourth Monday in October. The first Veterans Day under the new law was Monday, October 25, 1971; confusion ensued, as many states disapproved of this change, and continued to observe the holiday on its original date.

In 1975, after it became evident that the actual date of Veterans Day carried historical and patriotic significance to many Americans, President Gerald Ford signed a new law returning the observation of Veterans Day to November 11th beginning in 1978. If November 11 falls on a Saturday or Sunday, the federal government observes the holiday on the previous Friday or following Monday, respectively.

Remembrance Day

Great Britain, France, Australia and Canada also commemorate the veterans of World War I and II on or near November 11th: Canada has Remembrance Day, while Britain has Remembrance Sunday (the second Sunday of November). In Europe, Great Britain and the Commonwealth countries it is common to observe two minutes of silence at 11 a.m. every November 11.

In the United States, an official wreath-laying ceremony is held each Veterans Day at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington National Cemetery, while parades and other celebrations are held in states around the country.

Veterans Day is not to be confused with Memorial Day—a common misunderstanding, according to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. Memorial Day (the fourth Monday in May) honors American servicemembers who died in service to their country or as a result of injuries incurred during battle, while Veterans Day pays tribute to all American veterans—living or dead—but especially gives thanks to living veterans who served.

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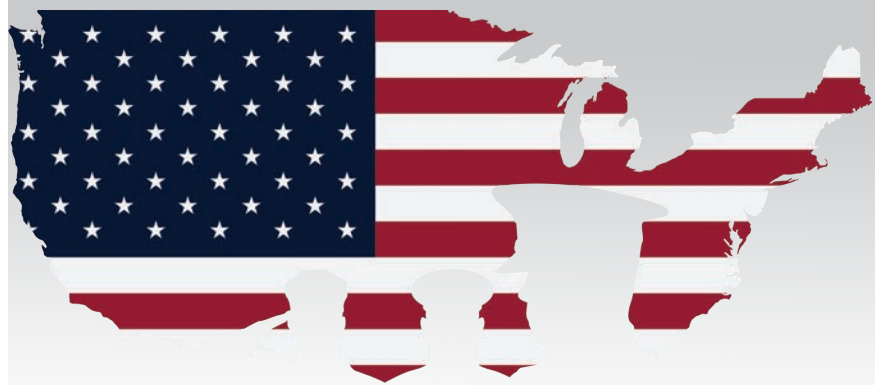
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Nevada County has long been a community that has revered it's active and separated service members. These shared veteran stories have been submitted by the community, so that we can further appreciate and support our veterans and their contributions to our nation.

VOICES OF THE LOCAL VETERANS

ROBERT (BOB) DEMERS

WWII VETERAN



August 15, 1925

I am a WWII Veteran that joined the navy in October 1943. After basic training & service school (signal-man-quarter master), I was sent to Oceanside CA. for small boat training. (LCI's) & amphibious landing training.

In January 1944, I was assigned to the USS Bladen APA63 which became my home for 2 years. Our job was picking up troops, both army and Marines, & reposition them in the Pacific. We operated between Noumea, New Caladonia in the south & Wake Island in the north & the Philippines inbetween.

In February 1945, our task force headed for Iwo Jima. I landed with the 4th Marines at Iwo Jima on D-day + 4 to set up ship to shore communications. Our team spent 8 days on Iwo Jima, where we had severe casualties. Our landing area was close to Mount Surabaci on our left and dead bodies were stacked up like cord wood.

The enemy was living underground and had to be flushed out by flame throwers. In April, 1945, we were part of a task force that arrived in Okinawa & were in the middle of enemy Kamakazee attack that destroyed several ships in our task force. We later learned the importance of Iwo Jima and why our B-29's were doing their bombing runs from Eniwitok in the Mariana Islands, they needed Iwo

Jima for refueling in order to return to Eniwitok.

In August we landed on Wakajama, Japan when the surrender papers were being signed in Tokyo Bay on August 15, 1945. It was my birthday that day, nice present!



CSC MERLE H. RASMUS

US NAVY RETIRED



Aug. 23, 1943-July 9, 1966

I served in all three wars and was on everything from a tug boat to aircraft carriers. I really enjoyed it.

I fought battles of Guam, Iwo Jima, Okinawa and in the Liberation of the Phillipians.

I was one of the first participants in the Occupation of Japan.

I served on the hospital ship the USS Haven during the Korean War. It was very interesting.

We took two loads of POWs from Korea back to the US after the Korean War.

In 1954, my ship, the USS Haven, was deployed to Vietnam where we picked up 1,000 French Foreign Legion POWs and returned them to Algiers and the Marseilles in France.

In 1963 & 1966 I served in Saigon, Vietnam.

In 1964, I returned stateside and was assigned to the Destroyer Frank E. Evans (DD754) which was then deployed to the Tonkin Gulf, Vietnam.

I remained with the Frank E. Evans until I was "piped over the side" (a retirement ceremony) in July of 1966.

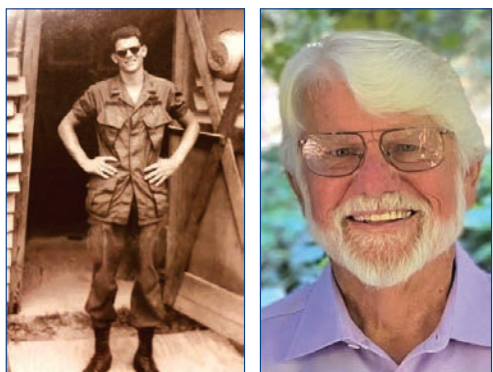
I was very fortunate that I survived all three wars. Just a few months after I retired off the Frank E. Evans, an Australian aircraft carrier cut it in half. We lost 174 shipmates in just a few moments. The hardest part of the war for me was losing friends.

I am very proud of my 22 year career in the US Navy.

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—MERLE

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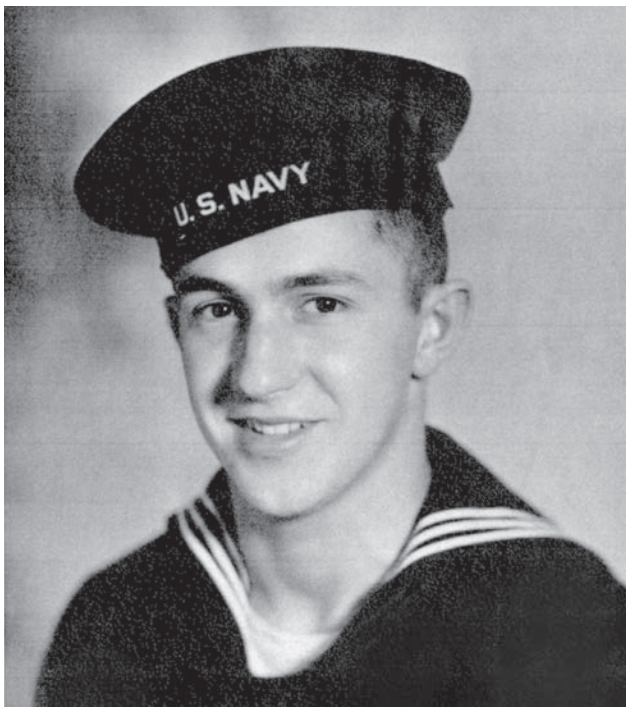


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MATHIAS HERMAN

US NAVY



Sept 1944–June 1946

I loved the Navy, I was treated well and have no complaints. As a matter of fact, I sometimes wonder why I let myself get discharged. I met my best buddy at boot camp and as luck would have it, we were transferred to the same ship, the hospital ship Tranquility. This was a brand-new ship, and the newspapers on the East Coast were filled with articles about this new wonderful hospital ship.

I worked in the Engine Room, Machinist Mate M/3. I was on the wheel for power, checked pumps, kept things lubed, etc. I really enjoyed my work.

1945 Time Line:

June 27th : We arrived at Pearl Harbor to join the service force, Pacific Fleet.

July 11th: Arrived in Ulithi served as the Base Hospital Ship.

Aug 3rd: Sent to Palaus to take on board the survivors from the cruiser Indianapolis, which was sunk by a Japanese Submarine just days earlier. We headed to Guam where the 166 survivors were disembarked on the 8th.

Aug 11th: Rendezvous with 3rd fleet 350 miles off the coast of Japan, from there we headed for Guam.

Aug 27th: We took on 766 patients at Apra Harbor, they disembarked in San Francisco on Sept. 11th and returned to Pearl Harbor on the 26th. Attached to the Magic Carpet Fleet, returning Armed Forces from overseas bases to the U.S.

Oct 18th: Arrived at Guam and picked up 788 patients, disembarked them in S.F. on Nov. 3rd.

The ship was reclassified, did two more voyages with the Magic Carpet Fleet and returned to S.F. on January 30, 1946.

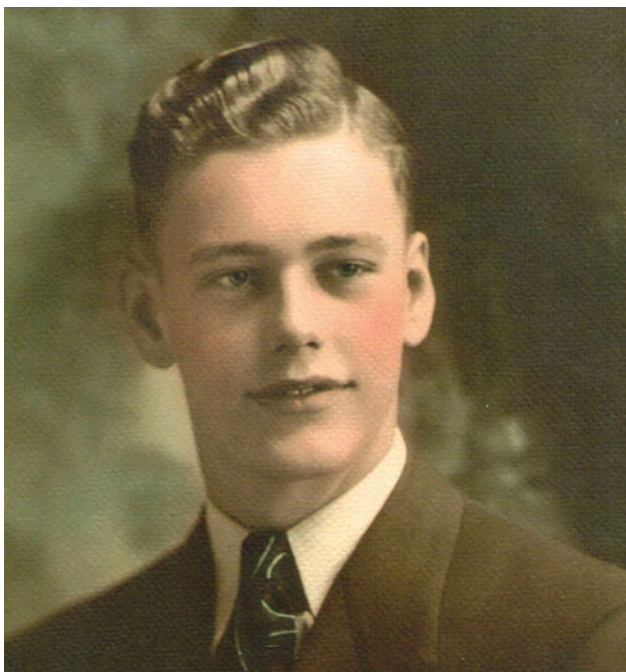
Tranquility received one Battle Star for WWII service.

The ship was scrapped in Philadelphia in July 1974. It was a true honor to serve my country and help the service personnel who fought for our freedoms. I enjoyed my time on the ocean and traveling around the world.

—MATHIAS

DERALD DONOVAN GOFORTH

US NAVY



Derald Donovan Goforth served in the U.S. Navy on the USS Monaghan during WWII and the USS LST-611 during the Korean War. He worked as a machinist for 32 years at Mare Island Naval Shipyard in Vallejo. He retired to Nevada City in 1985 and was a member of the United Methodist Church of Nevada City, the Elks Lodge of Nevada City and the American Legion.

—SUBMITTED BY BONNIE MAGNETTI

LCDT THOMAS D. ROBINS

US NAVY
1942-1972



I started out peeling potatoes ended up working with nuclear weapons.

I served in Europe in WWII, then in Korea, then Vietnam.

I served on 10 different aircraft carriers and numerous aircraft squadrons.

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—TOM

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MAJOR KYLE W. GREEVER, SR.

US AIR FORCE



Major Kyle W. Greever, Sr. was born on December 28, 1921, in Buffalo, Oklahoma. Upon graduation from Cheyenne High School, he was accepted into the U.S. Air Force Cadet Program and shortly thereafter proceeded to aviation cadet training where he graduated as a pilot and Second Lieutenant.

Subsequently, Mr. Greever was trained for flying P-47 Thunderbolt fighters and became part of the 342nd Fighter Squadron in the S.W. Pacific, passing through

countries such as New Guinea and the Phillipines, eventually ending up in Ie Shima (now Iejima), a tiny island near Okinawa, Japan.

During his fighter pilot stint during WWII, he completed 139 combat missions flying the P-47 Thunderbolt and P-51 Mustang, providing ground support and attacking Japanese shipping. One of Major Greever's most life threatening episodes during WWII was when he had to ditch his P-47 into the China Sea. Luckily he was near an island and was rescued by locals. He states that most individuals don't survive this situation as there are only seconds to get out of this heavy aircraft.

Toward the end of the war, Mr. Greever was recalled by the Air Force and became a flight instructor in Greenville, Mississippi, as well as an ROTC instructor at Florida State University. His next assignment in the Air Force was as an F-86D fighter pilot for 1.5 years stationed at Naha AFB, Okinawa. Major Greever retired after 20.5 years, finishing his Air Force career as a command pilot in KC-135 tankers.

After retirement from the Air Force, Major Greever worked as a Nevada County Deputy Sheriff for 10 years. He was married to Marion Greever from 1941 until her death in 2015. Major Greever passed on January 10, 2018 at 96 years old.

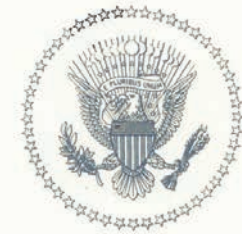
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WILLIAM A. O. DIANUS

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VETV TEACHING VETERANS TV PRODUCTION SKILLS FOR FREE

By Dora Scott

Many veterans face a catch-22 once they try to reintegrate into civilian life: they don't have a car, so they don't have a job. They don't have a job, so they don't have money to get a car or other necessities. Bob Lefcovich was inspired to break this cycle, founding Veterans TV, Inc. (VETV), which trains veterans and their families for free on television production. Lefcovich had his "a-ha" moment after meeting a homeless veteran in an encampment in Oakland, CA.

The veteran, resting on a chaise lounge chair, had a beer at one side and his dog at the other, smoking a cigar while reading a book. When Lefcovich asked about his life, the veteran responded that he had recently returned from a deployment in Afghanistan and was handed a bus ticket to his hometown, Oakland, but had no job, no money, and no civilian clothes. However, with free healthcare, free food from various organizations, and support from the VA, he had everything he needed to survive. "I get everything I need here, but is it really what I want out of life? No," the veteran explained to Lefcovich.

With over 55 years of experience in the TV industry, Lefcovich saw that he could teach veterans about different areas of the industry—for free—to get them to that next step where they could potentially find a job that could develop into a career. "The concept is we want to be able to help as many veterans, their spouses, and their dependents over 18," Lefcovich explained the underlying goal of VETV.

His goal has slowly but surely come to fruition with NEP donating the Denali Gold mobile TV truck in 2018, a 53-foot-long truck that is now equipped with some of the best equipment in the world—amounting to more than three million dollars worth of donated equipment from companies such as Grass Valley (once known as Grass Valley Group), NEP, AJA, and Telestream, to name a few. The truck has been used to broadcast shows like America's Got Talent, the Oscars, and the Emmys.

When Lefcovich received the mobile broadcast truck, it lacked most, if not all, of the necessary equipment



Courtesy Dora Scott | Bob Lefcovich, the founder of VETV, an organization that teaches veterans and their families TV production skills for free.

to become fully functional. Feeling like he bit off more than he could chew, Lefcovich was on the verge of handing the project off if it weren't for the help of other local professionals who joined the VETV team. Peter A. Mason, who has more than 40 years of experience in broadcast design engineering, stepped in and helped put all the pieces together. Ed Simeone, a digital audio specialist with an equally impressive background, rewired the audio room of the truck. "There is probably 50 to 60 miles of cabling in this truck," Simeone explained, hinting at all the year's worth of work it took for the VETV team and volunteers to make the truck work.

Though the truck is located in Grass Valley, VETV's classes aren't limited by county or state lines. So far, they have gone to where the demand is, with a number of their classes taking place in Los Angeles.

The classes last between one to six weeks, and courses include Audio Operations, Video Switching and Control, Camera Operation and Shading, Graphics and Virtual Sets, Production Replay, and Editing.. "We have some of

the best professionals around the country and even one or two out of the country that have donated their time to come here—these are all working professionals—to teach what it is that they do to our students," Lefcovich explained.

When asked what students receive once they graduate from the program, Lefcovich stated, "They get their skills, they get automatic membership into the Society of Motion Picture and Television Engineers, they get automatic membership into the Society of Broadcast Engineers (SBE), they get a manual from the SBE, and they get a diploma, and they have our number forever and ever."

Lefcovich emphasized, "I get the credit for all of this. The truth of the matter is that none of this would even be possible if it weren't for the veterans themselves."

To learn more about VETV and to sign up for classes, visit veterans-tv.org. For those interested in supporting VETV, they are always welcoming sponsors and partners. An application can be found on their website.



Courtesy Dora Scott | Ed Simeone, a digital audio specialist, who is also a board member of VETV and helped set up the truck's audio room.



Courtesy Dora Scott | Peter A. Mason, the Treasurer and board member of VETV.



Courtesy photo | VETV students learning about TV production in a previous class.



Courtesy photo | The Denali Gold mobile TV truck, donated to VETV by NEP.

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

Submitted By Bonnie Magnetti

This year, over two million volunteers will place wreaths on the graves of veterans at over 3,700 locations. In 1992, businessman Merrill Worcester donated wreaths to Arlington National Cemetery. In 2005, a photo of the wreaths at Arlington went viral and other cemeteries requested to be part of the annual Wreaths Across America Day. The mission of Wreaths Across America is "REMEMBER the fallen", "HONOR those that serve", and "TEACH the next generation the value of freedom." This year's theme is "Serve and Succeed".

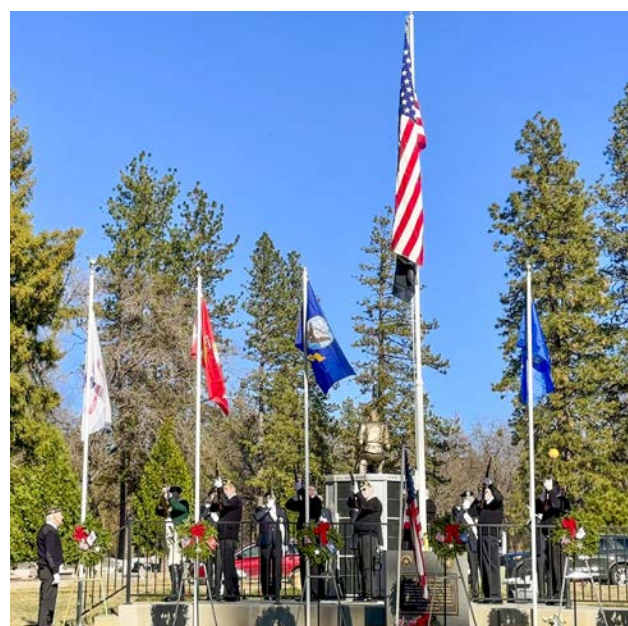
Our annual Wreaths Across America ceremony, sponsored by the Captain John Oldham Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution, will be held this year on December 16 at 12 p.m. at St. Patrick's Cemetery in Grass Valley. This year, we will be placing wreaths at St. Patrick's, Greenwood, and Sierra Memorial Lawn cemeteries. This year's featured speaker is Maj. James A.

Taylor, U.S. Army (Ret.), Medal of Honor recipient. The ceremony is brief with ceremonial wreaths presented by all services of the U.S. military. The public is encouraged to attend and honor the sacrifice and service of our local military no longer with us. Bring your family and share this experience with members of all ages.

Wreaths are \$17 each. To sponsor a wreath go to www.wreathscrossamerica.org/CA0231P. Or you may send a check made out to Wreaths Across America to:

Bonnie Magnetti
22627 Sunset Ridge Dr.
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The cutoff date for sponsoring wreaths is November 28. All orders need to be in the headquarters in Maine by that date.



Submitted Photos



U.S. AIR FORCE

Off we go, into the wild blue yonder,
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Here they come zooming to meet our thunder.
At 'em boys, give 'em the gun.
Down we dive, spouting our flame from under.
Off with one hell of a roar!
We live in fame or go down in flame.
Ain't nothing can stop the U.S. Air Force.

U.S. ARMY

Over hill, over dale
As we hit the dusty trail,
And those caissons go rolling along.
In and out, hear them shout, Counter
march and right about,
And those caissons go rolling along.
Then it's hi! hi! hee!
In the field artillery,
Shout out your numbers loud and strong,
For where e'er you go,
You will always know
That those caissons go rolling along.

U.S. COAST GUARD

We're always ready for the call.
We place our trust in Thee. Through surf
and storm and howling gale, high shall our
purpose be.
"Semper Paratus" is our guide,
our fame, our glory too.
To fight to save or fight and die,
Aye! Coast Guard, we are for you.

U.S. MERCHANT MARINES

Heave Ho! My Lads, Heave Ho!
It's a long, long way to go.
It's a long, long pull with our hatches full,
Braving the wind, braving the sea, Fighting
the treacherous foe;
Heave Ho! My Lads, Heave Ho!
Let the sea roll high or low,
We can cross any ocean, sail any river.
Give us the goods and we'll deliver,
Damn the submarine!
We're the men of the Merchant Marine!

U.S. MARINES

From the halls of Montezuma,
to the shores of Tripoli,
we fight our country's battles
in the air, on land and sea.
First to fight for right and freedom,
and to keep our honor clean.
We are proud to claim the title of,
United States Marine.

U.S. NAVY

Anchors Aweigh, my boys. Anchors Aweigh!
Farewell to foreign shores,
we sail at break of day-ay-a y-ay.
Through our last night on shore, drink to the foam.
Until we meet once more.
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Military Appreciation Week honors active duty, reservists, retired, veterans and Gold Star Families living in or visiting Nevada County. To share our thanks, businesses across Nevada County are offering discounts for all veterans and active military members during Military Appreciation Week, November 4-12, 2023.

PRODUCTS

A&A Concrete Supply: 270 Railroad Ave, Grass Valley, 530-798-2900
Ongoing - 20% Discount

A Door Store - Veteran Owned Business: 313 S Auburn Street, Grass Valley, 530-272-1979
Ongoing - 10% Discount

An Inner Sanctum: 308 Broad Street, Nevada City, 530-272-4655
Ongoing - 10% Discount

B&C Ace Home and Garden Center: 2032 Nevada City Hwy, Grass Valley, 530-273-6105
Ongoing - 10% Discount

Back In The Day: 107 S Church Street, Grass Valley, 530-263-8288
Ongoing - 10% Discount

Bamboo Home Store: 130 Mill Street, Grass Valley, 530-272-0303
Ongoing - 10% Discount

Beam "Easy Living" Center: 422 Henderson Street, Grass Valley, 530-273-5166
Ongoing - Up to 10% discount on retail items

Ben Franklin Crafts & Frames: 598 Sutton Way, Grass Valley, 530-273-1348
Ongoing - 15% Discount

Beneficial Biologics: 118 Argall Way, Nevada City, 707-825-8225
Ongoing - 22% Discount

Bob's Discount Carpet: 995 Golden Gate Terrace, Grass Valley, 530-272-2100
Ongoing - 5% discount on materials

Christian Science Reading Room: 147 Mill Street, Grass Valley, 530-273-0790
Ongoing - 20% Discount

Crystal Empire Gems: 139 Mill Street, Grass Valley, 530-615-4234
Ongoing - 10% Discount

Dave the Wine Merchant: 102 W. Main St., Grass Valley, 866-746-7293
Ongoing - 10% Discount off first order (does not apply to wines from private collections)

Evans Furniture: 161 Mill St, Grass Valley, 530-273-8400
Ongoing - 5% Discount

Foothill Mercantile: 121 Mill St, Grass Valley, 530-273-8304
Ongoing - 10% Discount

Grass Valley Sign: 13321 Grass Valley Ave, Grass Valley, 530-477-7446
Ongoing - 15% Discount

Habitat for Humanity Restore: 12359 Loma Rica Drive, Grass Valley, 530-274-3761
Ongoing - 10% Discount Thursdays

Heart and Home: 129 Mill St, Grass Valley, 530-477-0506
Ongoing - 10% Discount off highest priced item

Hills Flat Lumber Co.: 380 Railroad Ave, Grass Valley, 530-273-6171
Ongoing - 10% Discount

J. Breuer Clothing: 141 Mill St. Grass Valley, 530-205-9287
Ongoing - 10% Discount

Maurices: 672 Freeman Lane Suite B, Grass Valley, 530-273-8694
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Moms & Minis: 122 Mill Street, Grass Valley, 530-272-6464
Ongoing - 10% Discount

Montoliva Vineyard & Winery - Veteran Owned Business: 15629 Mount Olive Road, Grass Valley, 530-346-6577
Ongoing - 20% Discount off all purchases

New Life Nursery: 17115 Penn Valley Dr., Penn Valley, 530-432-3600
Ongoing - 10% Discount

Northern Sierra Propane: 13121 John Bauer Ave, Grass Valley, 530-477-7854
Ongoing - Special rate for Veterans only, discount cost per gallon for propane

Riebess Auto Parts Grass Valley: 126 Idaho Maryland Road, Grass Valley, 530-913-0383
Ongoing - Check at store location.

Riebess Auto Parts Nevada City: 535 Searls Ave, Nevada City, 530-265-2436
Ongoing - Check at store location

Scraps Dog Bakery: 2034 Nevada City Hwy, Grass Valley, 530-273-4493
Ongoing - 10% Discount

Sierra Motor Sports: 2121 Nevada City Hwy, Grass Valley, 530-273-1384
Ongoing - 10% Discount on some products - varies

Stars Salon: 10144 Commercial Ave, Penn Valley, 530-432-4247
Ongoing - 10% Discount off all retail products

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The Fur Traders: 303 Broad Street, Nevada City, 530-263-5591
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The Union: 464 Sutton Way, Grass Valley, 530-477-4243
Ongoing - 30% off regular subscription price; call 530-273-9565, ask for "Veterans Discount Subscription".

Trkac: 101 W. McKnight Way Ste C, Grass Valley, 530-274-4422
Ongoing - 10% Discount

Truckee Tahoe Lumber Co: 1101 Soaring Way, Truckee, 530-587-9211
Ongoing - 5% Discount

Weiss Bros Nursery: 615 Maltman Drive, Grass Valley, 530-273-5814
Ongoing - 10% Discount

Word After Word Books & Rock Cellar Records: 10052 Donner Pass Road, Truckee, 530-536-5099
Ongoing - 10% Discount

Young's Carpet One: 330 Idaho Maryland Rd, Grass Valley, 530-802-0517
Ongoing - 10% Discount

RESTAURANTS

Afternoon Deli: 101 W McKnight Way, Grass Valley, 530-273-6066
Ongoing - 10% Discount

Alta Sierra Deli: 10128 Alta Sierra Drive, Grass Valley, 530-273-5751
Ongoing - 25% Discount

Cha Fine Teas of Truckee: 12030 Donner Pass Road, Truckee, 530-536-5043
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Culture Shock Yogurt: 851 Sutton Way, Grass Valley, 530-274-3444
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Honey & Cream: 17329 Penn Valley Drive, Penn Valley, 530-802-5111
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Java Dream Coffee Roasters: 11434 Pleasant Valley Rd, Penn Valley, 530-615-4900
Ongoing - 5% Discount

Lazy Dog Chocolateria: 111 Mill Street, Grass Valley, 530-274-0774
Ongoing - 10% Discount

Nevada City Winery: 321 Spring St, Nevada City, 530-265-9463
Ongoing - 5% Discount on all purchases

New York Hot Dog Company: Mobile Food Truck, Grass Valley area, 530-305-8731
Ongoing - 10% Discount

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Achieve Tahoe: 2680 Alpine Meadows Road, B3686, Alpine Meadows, 530-581-4161
Ongoing - Military with permanent disabilities, join regularly scheduled adaptive recreation programs at no cost.

Adecco Employment Services: 900 E Main St, Suite 113, Grass Valley, 530-273-7633
Ongoing - Partner with the Adecco Group Military Alliance program: recognized military-friendly for job opportunities.

All Phase Heating & Air Conditioning: 731 S Auburn St, Grass Valley, 530-274-9955
Ongoing - 15% Discount on repairs

All Star Automotive: 10141 Evening Star Dr Ste #9, Grass Valley, 530-274-8227
Ongoing - 10% off parts & labor

Chan Family Optometry: 360 Sierra College Drive, Suite 100, Grass Valley, 530-273-3190
Ongoing - 10% Discount on professional services

Economy Pest Control: 360 Crown Point Circle, Suite 140, Grass Valley, 530-273-1766
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Elements Mountain Company: 17356 Northwoods Blvd, Truckee, 530-583-0330
Ongoing 10% Discount

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OffRoad AdVantage: 10141 Evening Star Dr #6, Grass Valley, 530-277-8863
Ongoing - 10% off all services

Peterson Hybrid Auto Service: 12528 Loma Rica Drive, Grass Valley, 530-273-2885
Ongoing - 5% Discount

Plaza Tire & Auto Service – Colfax: 1774 South Canyon Way, Colfax, 530-346-8782
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Ongoing - 10% off labor

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Ongoing - 10% off Tech Bar Services on Tuesdays

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Ongoing - 45% off NAGS list on all auto glass and 20% off labor free mobile service

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FREE Services

Sierra Harvest: 313 Railroad Ave, Ste 201, Nevada City, 530-265-2343
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