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Dear Business Owner / Manager:

Economic conditions affect everyone – making it difficult for all businesses – severely limiting services and programs preformed by non-profit organizations – who serve others. The **VietNam Veterans of Diablo Valley** are combat veterans who proudly served our nation... and continue to serve our community providing a variety of programs to those less fortunate – school children and community projects. A donation from your business makes a difference... and our community is a better place due to your support... allowing us to assist others. We would appreciate your support now - for our **February 1<sup>st</sup> Charity Crab Feed Fundraiser** in Danville at the Veterans Memorial Building.

What we are looking for in the way of support is a **donation** from your business. This could be in the form of: Gift Certificates – Gift Cards – Award Letters for Dinners - Overnight Accommodations - Golf Foursomes - Tickets for Music, sports or performing arts events – Merchandise from your Business – Professional Services - Air Travel and Vacations - Large Bottle of Wine or Wine Set – Signed Sports memorabilia, Branch specific Military items - a assortment of your products in a "Gift Basket" assembled by your employees – any unique, one of a kind item which you normally could not just go out and purchase. Over the past four years we have experienced a wide variety of donations – all very popular and appreciated. All donated items will be used in our *silent auction* to raise necessary funds to support the many community-based programs the **VNVDV** sponsors.

What is in it for you and your business (besides feeling good about helping others)? Your charitable donation will be recognized (business promotion) during the event and we request you provide us with business cards or brochures regarding your business we will display next to your donated auction item to advertise your business / services. We announce sponsors by name at the event and we published all donations received prior to printing deadline in our event program. We publish a listing of all sponsors and donors in our monthly newsletter and maintain a listing of all sponsors on our website: [www.VNVDV.com](http://www.VNVDV.com) for the entire year – promoting your firm. Since your donation is to a 501(c) non-profit organization, your business will also receive written confirmation of your charitable donation for tax purposes as required. Please "state the value" of your donation on the back of one of your business cards and attach or include with your donation which will also provide us with your mailing address. The **VietNam Veterans of Diablo Valley** respectfully request you as a business leader in our community make a donation... to help us...help others

How do we use your donations? This is important to share with you how the funds raised from your donation will help in supporting our broad community service... assisting veterans and military in need along with community projects. For example – our **Speaker's Bureau** has currently reached over 18,000 students in local schools and is recognized by our State Board of Education. We are the originators & first sponsors of the **East Bay Stand Down** program for homeless veterans – we originated and designed the **All Wars Memorial** in Oakhill Park - we sponsor & conduct the *Town of Danville's* public **Memorial Day** program annually - and are one of the original supporters & mentors to the **"Sentinels of Freedom"** program helping the severely-wounded warriors currently returning to our community - and work closely with the **Blue Star Moms** on "Welcome Home" programs for those serving today - and assist with many **Wheelchair Foundation** events. These are just a few examples of how we use our funds... and we have included a *partial list* outlining these and other current 2008 programs this past years donations helped support.

Who and what is the **VNVDV**? We are independent, grass-roots, non-profit; tax exempt veteran's organization – primarily VietNam *"combat veterans"*... We proudly served our nation – and *"continue to serve proudly"* in our community. We are all volunteers and a bay area *"grassroots"* - veteran's organization and not affiliated with any *national veteran's organization*. We receive no other funding - than annual membership dues and funds from this annual fundraiser and are totally depend on local business and community support! We are a hard working – fun - social & civic minded group - using our funds wisely... and we are proud to say we are one of the most active veteran's organizations in the East Bay! We are always looking for other VietNam veterans to "join us" as members. Our success is primarily due to businesses - such as yours – that have strongly supporting our efforts and our energetic members. We respectfully request your help for 2009 - allowing us to continue our volunteer efforts.

Gift certificates and award letter may be mailed to our official address listed below on our letterhead. If donating a gift basket - merchandise or larger item - one of our members can pick-up your donation at any time. Remember... we cannot continue our success in 2009 with these programs and projects without the business community's help! If you require additional information – visit our website or e-mail us at the address below. We look forward to your generous support for our upcoming Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> **VietNam Veterans of Diablo Valley** charity "Crab Feed" fundraiser.

Sincerely...

**Crab Feed Fundraiser Committee - 2009**  
**VietNam Veterans of Diablo Valley**

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**Your Support of our 2009 Charity Fundraiser – allows the VNVDV to continue to support these - and many other worthwhile projects...**

A partial listing of VNVDV's non-profit programs includes:

- **School Speaker's Bureau** – Volunteer VNVDV members educate youth on historical topics - provide materials, & presents information over 18,000 East Bay school children – from elementary, junior & high school, through college. Only veterans group recognized by: [California Department of Education](#) for - *outstanding volunteer achievement*.
- **East Bay Stand Down** – Original Sponsor of four-day homeless veteran program – program held AUG 2008 at Alameda County Fair Grounds, helping hundreds of Bay Area homeless veterans obtain basic, fundamental services at one central location: food, showers, clothing, haircuts, VA medical care, legal aid, counseling, housing, community services, jobs & support in a safe, non-threatening environment. *Providing a "hand-up-not a hand out."*
- **Sentinels of Freedom Program** – Support a special mentoring & scholarship program for severely wounded (amputee injuries) military personnel after medical rehabilitation at Walter Reed Medical Center. Assist in recognition for their military service & support. The scholarship which includes: housing, special-adapted vehicles, employment, education & mentoring program for selected military recipients relocating in the East Bay Tri-Valley.
- **All Wars Memorial** – VNVDV members developed the concept & original design for the All Wars Memorial, and provided funding for the primary bronze sculpture for the East Bay's first major memorial to honor all military from all wars & conflicts, and their families - at Oak Hill Park, in Danville. AWM Dedication held in May 2006. Install pavers.
- **Wheelchair Foundation** – Sponsored & delivered 2 containers (560) of new wheelchairs in late 2006 for disabled children in VietNam. VNVDV members are currently raising funds to fill containers for VNVDV 2009 distribution.
- **Blue Star Moms** – Support & conduct events throughout the East Bay which assist current active-duty military personnel. Participate in and support Blue Star Moms events, collections & drives to support our U.S. troops.
- **Veteran's Day** – Co-sponsors & participants in annual Veteran's Day programs – ceremonies – parades – walks for vets throughout the Diablo Valley & the greater Bay Area to promote VietNam Veterans honorable military service.
- **Operation Welcome Home** – Sponsor & support ongoing recognition programs for current - active-duty, military personnel. Work with local city governments & Blue Star Moms and others to provide recognition & a proper welcome home to recognize their honorable military service. Recipient receives certificates – proclamations & flag.
- **Memorial Day** – Sponsor & organizer of large observance & ceremonies at Oak Hill Park, in Danville. Honoring our nation's fallen military veterans annually with a patriotic memorial program, at the beautiful "All Wars Memorial."
- **Fourth of July Parade** - Support and participation in Danville's Patriotic Family Parade – VNVDV members lead off the parade with the USMC & distribute 12,000 American Flags annually to all the children along entire parade route; coordinate & provide lunch for the military color guard – military band & JROTC in all our parades annually.
- **Holiday Food and Gift Drive** – Donations collected & given by members for needy Bay Area veterans, military and their families. Support & collect for the USMC's "Toys for Tots" Foundation annual toy drive & many other events
- **Operation Santa** – Provide a very special day "Christmas Party" for military "Command selected" personnel & deployed families – including dinner, toys, games, entertainment, music, gifts, a visit from Santa, and much more.

**Thank You in advance for supporting our 2009 Crab Feed Fundraiser with your donations.  
We appreciate your ongoing support at our once a year charity fundraiser event...  
supporting many worthwhile community projects.**

**The Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley - say... Thank You**

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