



CHAPTER 391

Tuolumne County, California

VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA E-GITA NEWS

The E-Newsletter of Chapter 391

Winner of the VVA Chapter E-Newsletter of the Year Award

The AVVA Cookbooks are in and on sale for a donation of \$12 each. VVA and AVVA members of Chapter 391 gave up their favorite recipes to make up this cookbook. It is done in 3 ring binder style with tabs identifying the different sections of the book. You need one of these cook books in your kitchen and they would make great Christmas gifts. The cook books will be available at the Chapter Christmas party.

VVA National Membership Directory

You should be receiving a post card inviting you to call an 800 number to get you listed in the directory. It is a legitimate deal and I have attached an explanation about this VVA fundraising effort.

The National Christmas Trees comes to Sonora.

<http://tinyurl.com/87zh3bx>

Capitol Christmas Tree Arrives In DC

<http://www.mymotherlode.com/news/local/1401063/Capitol-Christmas-Tree-Arrives-In-DC.html>

You are invited to view L Scamara's photo album: [Marine Corps Birthday Gathering](#)



Marine Corps Birthday Gathering

Nov 10, 2011

by L Scamara

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The Chapter 391 web site is being done over by Larry Bramblett. Check out the site at <http://www.vietnamveterans391.org/index.html>

Let Larry know of any corrections or additions that are needed. E-mail Larry at lbrambl47@gmail.com

CalVet Connect AmeriCorps

Do you want to make a difference within the veteran community while earning a monthly stipend amount, education award and healthcare benefits? If so, you may be interested in serving as an AmeriCorps member. Here are some details:

CalVet Connect AmeriCorps

Member Duties: AmeriCorps members will engage veterans and inform them of the benefits and services they may be eligible for, including but not limited to employment, education, healthcare, mental health services, and many other benefits. Attend outreach events in an effort to connect with veterans as well as training for member development.

Program Benefits: Childcare assistance if eligible, Education award upon successful completion of service, Health Coverage, Living Allowance Stipend, Training.

Terms: Car recommended, Uniforms provided and required.

Service Areas: Community Outreach.

Skills: Communications, Computers/Technology, Public Speaking, General Skills, Interest in serving veterans.

Service Description: CalVet Connect, formerly known as Operation Welcome Home, is in its second year of operation. Ran through the California Department of Veterans Affairs, this AmeriCorps program leverages service positions targeting the needs of California's veterans, with an emphasis on the 30,000 returning home every year.

AmeriCorps members will be the first point of contact for providing awareness and connectivity to a variety of benefits and services that veterans may be entitled to. AmeriCorps members will provide individual support and coordination of benefits to veterans, housed at member site locations throughout the State of California. Services in which AmeriCorps members provide assistance to veterans include: healthcare, housing, education, State benefits to include the College Fee Waiver, mental health services, and many more. In addition to the service hours performed at the site locations, members also participate in outreach and engagement opportunities as well as occasional team meetings and training events.

For information and to apply for the position, please visit:

<https://my.americorps.gov/mp/listing/viewListing.do?romSearch=true&id=42968>

SUMMARY

Program Type:

AmeriCorps State / National Program

CalVet Connect AmeriCorps

Program Start/End Date

12/19/2011 - 12/18/2012

Work Schedule Full Time

Education level: High school graduate

Age Requirement Minimum: 20 Maximum: None

Program Locations CALIFORNIA

Languages None

Accepting Applications From 10/19/2011 To 12/18/2012

Contact Nicole Behler

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Calendar of Events

December 6, 2011 - Chapter 391 Board of directors meeting 7:00 p.m. at the Sonora Vets Hall.

December 13, 2011 - The annual Chapter 391 Christmas Party at the Mother Lode Fair Grounds in the Manzanita building will take place on December 13 at 6:00 p.m. for the social and dinner at 6:30 p.m. We will have the same caterer for this dinner that we had last year.

The buffet menu includes Tri-Tip and Chicken. Served with Scalloped Potatoes, and either Lima Beans or a Caesar Salad. Included are fresh Baked Rolls and Butter, Cheesecake, Fresh Baked Pie and Coffee, Tea and Water. You may bring wine for your table if you would like to. The chapter will provide water, sodas and beer.

Reservations are required with a \$20 deposit per person for the dinner. \$10 of the deposit will be returned at the door. Reservations can be mailed to Chapter 391, P. O. Box 5391, Sonora, CA 95370. Reservations will be accepted at the BOD meeting in November and December and the General meeting in November.

We will do the gift exchange again this year. If you would like to exchange a gift, bring one in the \$5-\$10 range and we will put it under the tree. We will draw for gifts at the end of dinner. Bring a gift and you will get a gift.

Guests, that are not VVA/AVVA Chapter members or their significant other, will be charged \$27 for the meal and must have reservations.

Reservations close December 5, 2011.

December 15, 2011 - Chapter 391 Motorcycle Group 6 p.m. for dinner and 7:00 p.m. for the meeting. Pine Tree Restaurant Hess and Mono Way in East Sonora. Check out their web page on the Chapter 391 web site. <http://www.vietnamveterans391.org/mcgroup/>

December 18, 2011 - Chapter 391 Omelet breakfast. 7 to 11 a.m. at the Sonora Vets Hall. Made to order Omelet for \$7.00 Adults - Children under twelve are only \$4. The best 3rd Sunday of the month Omelet

Breakfast in the County. Stop by and support your chapter and enjoy a great breakfast. If the number of diners does not increase in the next two months, this event may not happen in 2012. To help out contact Russ Tait at 532-9774 or 770-6369. <http://www.vietnamveterans391.org/>

Chapter Statistics:

VVA Chapter 391: 468 members of which 168 are LIFE members. We were 1st in CA and ~~8th~~, but now, 9th in the USA for membership at the end of September.

AVVA Chapter 391

41 members of which 11 are life.

AVVA Web Site: <http://www.vietnamveterans391.org/AVVA/>

Chapter 391 is on Facebook <http://tinyurl.com/ye86zqx> .

We have 875 fans and gaining more every day on the Chapter 391 Facebook page since Saturday 3/6/10. If you are on Facebook, invite your friends to like Vietnam Veterans Chapter 391.

Free Computer Classes

All classes are free, require advance registration, and are held at the Sonora Main Library on Greenley Road. Sign-ups are on a first-come, first-served basis. Call 533-5507 to register for the classes or to get more information. Class descriptions and dates for Mr. Rittenhouse's classes are as follows (limited to 10 students in each class, any class can be repeated as desired):

Beginning and Intermediate Computer If you've never used a computer before, this is the class for you! You'll learn the basics of computer operation, including how to use the computers mouse. Tuesday's class will provide an overview of the computer through lecture and hand-on experience with the Windows Operating system. The Thursday session will continue with instruction on creating files and storing folders. Additional exercises will be introduced.

Class is offered: Dec 6 and 8.

Introduction to Microsoft Word (version 2003) Microsoft's Word program is just like having a typewriter inside your computer! With *Microsoft Word* you can create letters, resumes, flyers, etc. In this class you'll learn how to create a basic document. Tuesday's session will provide an overview of Microsoft Word through lecture. The Thursday lab will provide a hands-on experience through the completion of exercises designed to reinforce the learning of the lecture.

Class is offered: Dec 13 and 15.

For further information contact: Lynn McCormick

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