



**VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA  
Darwin J. Thomas Memorial Chapter 201  
San Jose, California**

**October – December 2015**

**Chapter 201 Honors Deceased Veterans**



VVA & AVVA 201 Conducts Flag Lowering Ceremony For The United Veterans Council At Oak Hill, San Jose, CA, October 2015 (IMG\_8832) [VVA-201 Member Dennis Foggie, AVVA-201 Vice President Cang Kim Dong & VVA-201 Member Randy Richmond]

Twenty Chapter 201 VVA and AVVA members honored deceased Veterans at San Jose's Oak Hill Memorial Park on October 25th. The United Veterans Council of Santa Clara County (UVC) conducts a ceremonial Flag Lowering on the last Sunday in every other month to honor those deceased Veterans who are recognized on a Flag Plaque at the entrance to Oak Hill Memorial Park during the previous months. A deceased Veteran does not have to be interred at Oak Hill to have his or her name on the honor plaque. Many Veterans are buried overseas or in the National Cemeteries throughout the country. The names of Veterans to be honored are provided by the families and Oak Hill

places the name on the Honor Plaque daily. After a Veteran is honored, the name is recorded in the "Book Everlasting" which is located in the lobby of the Administration Building.

VVA Chapter 201 is the sponsor for the October Flag Lowering ceremony each year for the families of those being honored. UVC Past President, and Chapter 201 member, Gene Fanucchi acted as the Master of Ceremonies while Chapter 201 Vice President Bob Kadlec officiated for the VVA. Chapter 201 member Dennis Foggie, AVVA Chapter 201 Vice President Cang Dong and Chapter Chaplain Randy Richmond lowered and folded the flag at the Veterans Section of Oak Hill Memorial Park while members of AVVA Chapter 201 provided the Honor Guard for the Ceremony.



VVA 201 Vice President  
Bob Kadlec

UVC Past President  
Gene Fanucchi



VVA-201 Vice President  
Bob Kadlec

VVA-201 Members  
Randy Richmond (Chaplain)  
Dennis Foggie

### Chapter 201 Associates in Veterans' Day Parade

Chapter 201 AVVA members participated in the United Veterans Council (UVC) 97th Annual Santa Clara County, California Armistice Day Ceremony and Veterans' Day Parade on November 11th 2015.



AVVA-201 Participates in the United Veterans Council 2015 Veterans' Day Parade  
In San Jose, CA



AVVA-201 Vice President Cang Kim Dong Participates in the United Veterans Council 2015 Veterans' Day Parade In San Jose, CA

The annual UVC Veterans' Day parade in San Jose honors all those who have served, and those continuing to serve their country during the largest Veterans' Day Parade in Northern California. Over 90 numbered units march in the two-hour parade to honor veterans of all wars and pay tribute to our military service personnel, and their families, who have given so much for their country.

Following the parade, Chapter 201 had an information booth at Santana Row during the first annual UVC Veterans' Day "Honor on the Row" event. Chapter Past President Bob Johnston and Board Director Dennis Foggie provided information on the VVA to the public attending the event.



## Chapter 201 Conducts Fundraiser

Chapter 201 held a fundraising event at the Moffett Field Commissary in Mountain View, California on 12 November. The Chapter holds periodic fundraisers at the former Naval Base at Moffett Field to support Chapter events and activities such as BBQs at the local Veterans Administration hospitals. In addition to collecting contributions, the Chapter hands out Agent Orange poppies and provides information on Agent Orange. Chapter 201 President David Sanders and Chapter Board Director Dennis Foggie also handed out VVA and AVVA brochures to recruit new members as well as handed out educational brochures on Agent Orange.



## Chapter 201 Holiday Luncheon

A rejuvenated Chapter 201 ended a successful year with the 2015 Holiday Luncheon held at Harry's Hof Brau Restaurant in San Jose, California. Thirty-one members, prospective members, and guests gathered on 19 December to celebrate the holidays and review the accomplishments of the year.



Chapter 201 members and guests gather for the 2015 Holiday Luncheon at Harry's Hof Brau in San Jose

During the luncheon, Chapter 201 member Fran McVey, in his position as the current President of the United Veterans Council of Santa Clara County (UVC), presented the Chapter, President David Sanders and Vice President Bob Kadlec with Certificates of Recognition for the support provided for planning the annual Veterans' Day Parade and the successful 2015 Veterans' Day events in Downtown San Jose and at Santana Row on behalf of the UVC.



United Veterans Council President Fran McVey Presents Certificates Of Recognition To VVA-201 And President Dave Sanders & Vice President Bob Kadlec For 2015 Veterans' Day Support

Additionally, prospective new Chapter 201 member, retired Army Major General Robert Ostenberg presented Vietnam Veteran 50th Anniversary lapel pins to all Vietnam and Vietnam Era veterans who gathered for the Holiday Luncheon.



VVA-201 Recipients Of Vietnam 50th Anniversary Pin From MG Robert Ostenberg During The 2015 Holiday Luncheon (IMG\_0126)