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Thumbs up! Navy veteran Dan Emslie expresses his appreciation for the repairs made to his home in Sequoia Mobile Home Park by Alex Gavidia and his crew (Gavidia RRP).

Veterans Helping Veterans Meet Navy Veteran, Dan Emslie

AVAG has been able to do home repairs thanks to generous donors. In just the last six months, we have worked on 18 homes with various repairs such as emergency water heater repairs, roof repairs, painting, skirting porches, stairs, ramps for safety and, for the first time, we did a wheelchair lift. We could not do it without our amazing supporters.

Meet Dan... he lives at Sequoia Mobile Home Park in San Bernardino. When Dan was still in high school, he signed up to join the Navy. Dan served in the Navy from June 26, 1962 to February 23, 1968. The highest rank he achieved was E3. Dan said "I had passed the E4 test but I didn't stay in long enough to receive the title."

Being in the Navy means you get to travel all over the world which Dan did. His travels in the military included Hawaii, Japan, Philippines, and Hong Kong, China. Dan said "We were on our way to Australia when President Kennedy was shot so we had to go back to Okinawa, Japan. It took 14 days to get from Japan to San Diego." While on the ship in Okinawa, a typhoon hit that lasted 4 days. You could hear it in his voice that it was really rough!

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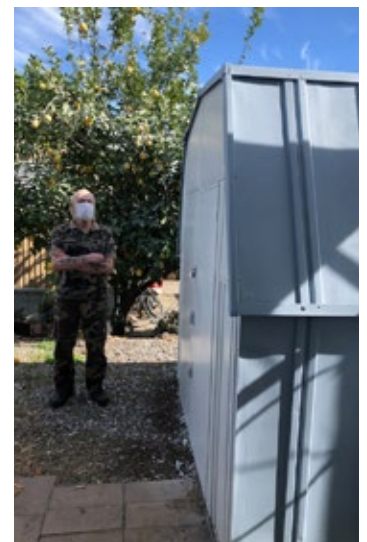
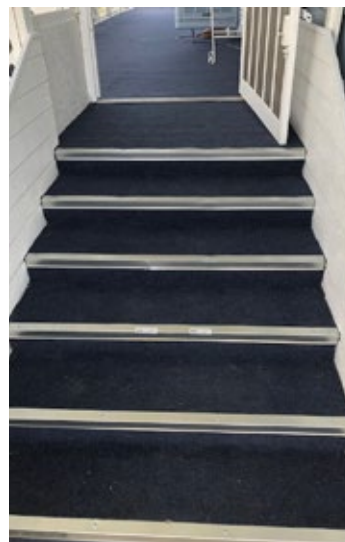
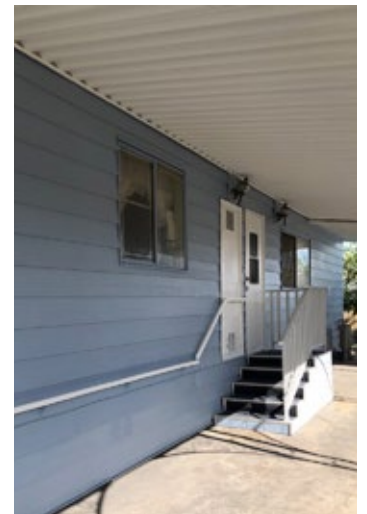


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Dan's job was an FM which means fireman and a machinist mate down in the engine room on the ship. He went to school to be a pharmacy tech but "I truly was a machinist by trade."

One thing Dan liked the least was having to wake up at 5 AM, for breakfast was served at 7 AM. Dan liked getting the chance to see the world during his service and his favorite place was Hong Kong but it would've been a lot better if he had more money. Dan said "One day I broke it all down and it showed that we were making


eight cents an hour but we did get three meals a day so I couldn't complain too much."

We asked Dan how the process was for applying for home repairs. He said, "Doreen has been really good about keeping me updated on all of that so it's been going pretty good. My home needed to be painted and my stairs needed to be repaired." After the work was done Dan said the work was even more than he expected and he was very grateful.

AVAG was able to help with his request. We painted his house and carport, re-carpeted his front porch and stairs and back porch and the stairs. Even his shed was painted to match the house. Dan said that the crew did more than he ever expected. Alex Gavidia and his crew did a great job. By the way, Alex is an Iraqi war veteran.

Dan told us that he inherited the house from his grandfather, Navy veteran Theldon Daniel Osborn, who purchased the house in the 70s. He also shared that his great-grandfather, Navy veteran Jesse Osborn, served on the USS Maine, which was sunk in the Cuban harbor.

What a great opportunity to help our senior veterans who predominantly depend on Social Security and don't have extra spending money to work on their house.

This was a great opportunity for our slogan *Veterans Helping Veterans.* 

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Helping a Veteran and Their Family During a Time of Devastating Loss



Michael Soto

We hear so many sad stories of families being hit with the Coronavirus. The Soto family, who have a multiple generation home, was one that was hit hard.

On November 28, 2020, Korean War veteran, Soledad Soto, passed away three days before his 87th birthday. A week later Soledad's son, Michael Soto, contracted COVID-19. Michael was in the ER for two days and then was taken to the Intensive Care Unit (ICU). He would be in the ICU for three and a half weeks. Michael was given a 20% percent chance of survival, was sedated, and then was put on a ventilator. He could not even lift

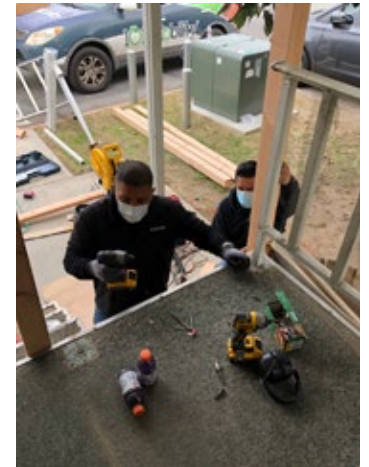
his head off of his pillow. Miraculously, Michael survived and is recovering. He was sent to a rehab and convalescent home in Upland to help him with regaining muscle strength and functionality of his body. He was in the rehab facility for a week, but before he could come home there was another problem.

His wife was not sure how she was going to care for him as he had limited mobility. She needed to get him to his doctor's appointments and was unsure how she could get him out of the house as they live in a 12x60 mobile home built in 1975. They have five steps that are in front of the house and knew there was no way they could lift him, especially with his wheel chair. She also needs double total knee replacements, so there is no way she would be able to bear the weight of her husband up or down the steps.

His son, Kyle Soto, reached out to Veronica Padilla, the Manager at Orangewood Estates Mobile Home Park, to find out what they could do to get some kind of help or a ramp installed at their house. Veronica told them about Chaplain Doreen of the American Veteran Assistant Group (AVAG). Kyle got in touch with Chaplain Doreen right away and got the ball rolling. They needed to get something to help their dad get inside the house.

Chaplain Doreen started by getting a request to the AVAG board of directors. Due to rules and logistics, AVAG couldn't put a ramp along the driveway side and on the other side of the mobile home there is a giant avocado tree and giant hibiscus plants. If AVAG were to put the ramps on the side, the doorway and hallway would have to be extended to accommodate for the wheelchair. The cost would have been overwhelming.

Alex Gavidia came out to give AVAG a bid and he suggested installing a lift instead. AVAG received a quote from 101 Mobility Company. The lift was approved by AVAG's Scott McReynolds and the deposit



was made. But it would take time for installation and Mr. Soto was heading home.

Kyle shared, "Picking up my dad from the convalescent home was difficult. They brought him out in a wheelchair to the car, which was easy. But the hard part was getting him from the car to the house. I had to carry him piggy-back-style up the five steps and my brother Angel carried the oxygen tank my dad needs to get to the front door where we had a wheelchair waiting. I live in San Diego, California, my parents live in San Bernardino, California, which is the distance of 105 miles. Due to the distance, there is no way I could come down daily nor help them on doctor's appointments with the distance between our homes."

They really needed the help ASAP!

AVAG received the call February 9, 2021 from 101 Mobility that they would be at the Soto home to install the lift. Gus and Arthur from 101 Mobility who installed the lift, were so polite and professional. They put the lift in and it only took one day. They worked efficiently and cleaned up when they were done.

The family was so grateful that AVAG would help a veteran and their family. ✨



Thanking Our Partners

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QMHI, Inc.

From Brenda Pinto of QMHI:

“We had the opportunity to meet Doreen through one of our employees, our Warehouse Manager, Steve Gandara. Our Team at QMHI is all about giving back and wanted to partner with an organization that would allow us to be hands on. Giving back is such a blessing, by partnering up with Doreen, the Chaplain at American Veterans Assistance Group (AVAG), we were able to set up our Thanks for Giving Event and deliver 130 hot turkey dinners for Veterans at Casitas La Verne Mobile Estates last Thanksgiving. We would like to give a special thanks to AVAG for allowing us to participate. It was such a successful event and a heartwarming experience. We can't wait to see how much more we can do together this year.”

To read more about the Thanks For Giving event visit the QMHI blog at <https://www.qmhinc.com/thanks-for-giving-2020/>



Julia and Brenda Pinto of QMHI proudly displaying the appreciation plaque received from AVAG.



Brenda Pinto of QMHI (third from left) receiving an appreciation plaque from AVAG Chaplain Doreen Matsumoto.



From left to right is AVAG's Richard Simonian, AVAG Chaplain Doreen Matsumoto, Brenda and Hector Pinto (QMHI), and AVAG Board of Directors Mike Keele, and Scott McReynolds.

Upland South Bay Divas

Another big thanks goes out to the Upland South Bay Divas for collecting canned and packaged goods for the community to select from and for helping deliver the turkey dinners sponsored by QMH. Almost 4,000 items were collected by the Divas.

Comments from the South Bay Divas on their volunteering experience:

“Working with AVAG was a wonderful experience not only for myself but for my athletes as well. I personally was surprised about how much canned food both of our locations brought in. It takes a village to get things done and SBD is so grateful that we could do it for such an amazing organization. It was an experience these athletes will hold with them forever. It also taught them that not all people have what they need and that it is good to give back.” – *Coach Marissa Zendejas*

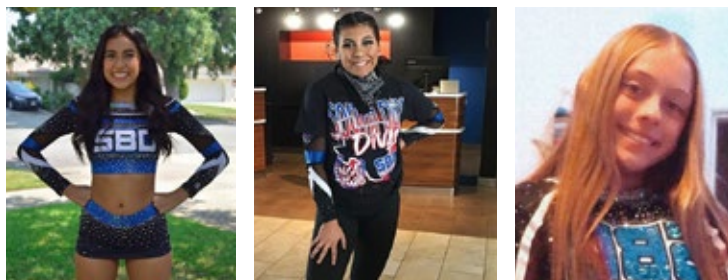
“I thought that this canned food drive for the veterans was really fun and a great learning experience. I got some knowledge about some of the veterans’ stories and their daily routines. It was really heartwarming to see so many smiles on their faces and I am so happy I got to donate and help these amazing people.” – *Alyssa Flores*

“This event was amazing. I’m really glad we had an opportunity to help and meet these wonderful people. This generation sometimes forgets what it’s like to help people out of kindness and getting to do this reminded a lot of us how important it is. It truly made me so happy knowing that we were all helping to make someone’s day a little better. Having the opportunity to go and pass out this food was amazing and truly heartwarming. The best part is knowing that our gym came together to donate so much to help the AVAG organization and it made me realize that SBD isn’t only raising great athletes but great people as well.” – *Kaylee Ruedas*

“Saturday’s charity event was very fun and it felt good to give back to the people in need and help others that aren’t able to have what we have.” – *Annabell Crummey*



These are the kids, pictured above and in the photos below, that collected 4000 cans and dry food for our organization to give out to our communities.



PennyMac Donates to AVAG

From Linda Harris of PennyMac

“We decided to donate to the veterans housing for the holidays as they are dear to us here at PennyMac. We have several veterans and military personnel on staff. We also assist with their mortgages throughout our corporation and servicing department. They

all give so much and we wanted them to know we remember and we are grateful. I am hoping to continue again next year and hope to get an earlier start. I am grateful to my sister-in-law, Candy Coulston, for connecting us with AVAG and making this possible.”

Candy and James Coulston

James Coulston served in the U.S. Navy from 1974-1977 aboard the USS Coral Sea CV-43. He was a Machinists Mate in the #2 Engine Room as a Throttle Man.

He served during the Vietnam War and participated in what is considered historically to be the last battle of Vietnam, the Retaking of Mayaguez.

The last 41 names on the Vietnam Memorial Wall are those of the soldiers that gave the ultimate sacrifice for their Country in the retaking of the Mayaguez.

Pictured at right, Candy and James Coulston recently, and U.S. Navy Veteran James C. Coulston — Honorary Discharge in 1977.



Flagman Frank



A big thank you to one of our amazing supporters, Flagman Frank, who helps us every week to provide food for our veterans and their families.

Bracken's Kitchen



Special thanks to Bracken's Kitchen for all their support during this pandemic. AVAG has been able to help so many communities by partnering with your organization.

Meet Our AVAG Veterans

Luis Viemann

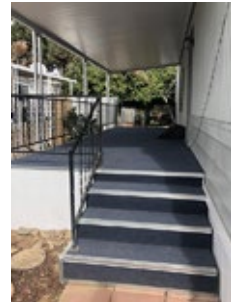
Luis served in the Marine Corps from 1970 to 1976 and the highest rank that he achieved was Sergeant. He was stationed in San Diego and El Toro, California and Japan. His job was to be the meds chef for the Marine Headquarters Quadrant 3 and also did the aircraft load planning.

What Luis liked best about the service was the respect that was given to him, answering the call for his country and that he was good at his job. There was nothing he disliked about his time in the Marines. "I loved everything about it and I would do it all over again."

Wilma, another veteran at Glen Aire Mobile Home Park introduced him to AVAG about three years ago and he went to a few meetings.

"It was great applying for home repairs. I had been working with Doreen the whole time. I've never met anyone like her; she's just really great."

"The outside of my home needed new paint and the ramp needed to be redone including the front porch. AVAG had helped me before by fixing my roof and getting me a new water heater, which was a huge help and I really appreciated it. AVAG's contractor, Alex, was great. He's a really nice fellow and he supervised everything that his guys were doing. They did a really good job."



Luis said he would recommend this program to other veterans because AVAG has helped a lot. "It's overwhelming with everything that needed to get done because I can't really do much with my shoulder and knee injury." 🦋



Thomas Sowers Pacific Palms Veteran

Thomas served in the Army from 1967-1969 during the Vietnam War. He was drafted when he was 19 years old. When he first received the draft letter, he was excited and said "alright I'm gonna serve my country!"

The highest rank he achieved was Corporal and was part of the artillery. Thomas did basic training in Fort Louis, Washington then did his AIT in Fort Sill, Oklahoma. He was stationed in Korea for 13 months. When asked what the first thing was he noticed when he first got to Korea and he said, "the smell, they would use human feces to fertilize their rice fields and other crops and it smelled so bad."

His duty in Korea was to keep the enemy from crossing the Imjin River, or as he also called it "freedom bridge" or "liberty bridge". He and his crew stayed in the fox holes to prevent the enemy from crossing to the other side. "If we fell asleep it would be bad, if we got caught then that would be it. We would have to watch the river and notice the flow changed, that's how we would know if the enemy was trying to cross."

When Thomas came home from the war he was welcomed back. "When my buddy Harvey and I first landed in LAX all we had to do was put our thumb out and we were able to get a ride really fast back to San Bernardino and my church threw a party for me."

"I was proud to serve my country and I would do it all over again." 🦋



Margaret Gurule

How did you hear about AVAG and what activities have you been involved with through AVAG?

"I first heard about AVAG when it first started at Sequoia Mobile Home Park back in 2013/2014. I received a flyer for a veterans meeting in the clubhouse. Abel and I decided to go since it was about veterans and this was back when Lee Martin, John Meyer, and Mike Keele were leading it.

I just love the program; it was a very nice experience and a lot of good came out of AVAG coming to Sequoia. If anyone needed anything AVAG was there to help no matter what. I've been involved with a lot of events and activities with AVAG, and try to help as much as possible. When Doreen came into the picture, she brought so many blessings and she is so great.

They have been such a blessing to the community with helping the kids with school supplies, Give Back Days where they give out food, necessities and clothing, and I loved the dinners at Mimi's with everyone that comes to the meetings. The meetings were so important especially for the older generation to have something to do and get out of the house and we were all able to meet new people. One Easter we had at least 250 people attend and there were just so many eggs for the kids to find. It was so fun.

I have so many good memories and I love that it's all about giving back and serving others. And if it wasn't for the meetings and the special guests that come in and talk about the veterans benefits, I wouldn't have my burial information set up; now I don't have to worry about what is going to happen.

How was the process of working with AVAG on applying for the home repairs?

The application part was easy and of course Doreen was a huge help and made it happen. I am beyond thankful because I never could have afforded it myself. Before my house was blue, so no more Smurf house (haha). It's now a chocolate brown color and it looks great. I had to get my house repainted because the management at the park said that it needed new paint."

Would you recommend this program to other veterans?

"Oh yes I've been recommending them from day one, since the very first meeting I attended. AVAG was able to help out my brother with a new couch and he is a Vietnam veteran who lives in apartment housing for veterans. I've even recommended this program to some of my friends who are veterans as well."

Has AVAG helped you with any other needs?

"Yes, they have been a blessing in our lives. They were able to give us a new living room set, my new bed that I am so grateful for, food, rent assistance, even helped with giving my grandkids clothes and shoes.

Even my pressure cooker I received from AVAG. I truly believe that God gave me that pressure cooker. When Doreen came to do a Giveback day I came to volunteer and I went to help unload the truck. Doreen told me to go to the other side because there were things that were less heavy and said if you see anything that you need please help yourself and right there was the pressure cooker and I yelled this is it this is all I need and it just truly was a huge blessing, I was just saying the week before that I needed one." ✕



Patricia Torres

I have been a resident of the Sequoia Plaza Mobile Home Park since 1980.

A few years back, I received a flyer in my mailbox regarding a “Veterans Dinner” in the Park Clubhouse. I called the Park office to volunteer to assist with the function. The office informed me it was being put on by AVAG. I had never heard of AVAG. Who are they? What do they do? I contacted Chaplain Doreen to assist in any way I could. Since that first meeting with Doreen, I have volunteered and assisted at their monthly meetings (prior to COVID-19), and many other activities AVAG has put on at Sequoia Plaza as well as

other mobile parks in the area. It has been a rewarding activity to volunteer and meet veterans and their families in the area. Everyone is so friendly and I thoroughly enjoy helping whenever I can.

Recently, AVAG was instrumental in helping me get my home painted. I am so grateful; it was well over due for a new coat of paint. I just love the job they did on my home. When I came around the corner and saw my newly painted home, I wanted to cry happy tears; it is beautiful! Thank you from the bottom of my heart. AVAG does wonderful work. I am so glad I am able to help them perform the work they do. My father was a WWII veteran (Julio L. Torres - RIP) and my brother was a Vietnam veteran (Joseph E. Torres). Veterans hold a loving place in my heart. ✕



William Turner

William Turner was in the US Army from 1972 to 1975. He did basic training at Fort Ord and was stationed at Fort Jackson before going to Berlin, Germany. His job was infantry rifle man. What he liked most about the service was that he was able to get weekends off and got to visit Europe. “Being in Europe you got to see how old it was out there; Germany was pretty leveled out because of the war. I remember going to this town and there was a replica of a church that replaced the one that got bombed and we called it the ‘bombed out church’.”

William said what he liked least was that in the middle of winter they stayed in the woods. They left them on a mountain the whole time and half the troops got frost bite but luckily, he didn't.

“I first heard about AVAG from my neighbor, Linda Eager, at Hillside Estates in San Bernardino. She invited me to the AVAG meeting at Sequoia Mobile Home Park. At the meetings I was introduced to AVAG's Board of Directors and other veterans. We would enjoy food and have guest speakers to learn about benefits and other activities.

I needed help with my water heater so AVAG was able to give us a new one and was even able to get us a new heater inside the house. And just recently I was getting write ups for the paint on my house so they were able to come to repaint, fix the steps, the ramp, and replaced the carpet. AVAG's contractor, Alex, was great and efficient.

AVAG helped us during the beginning of the pandemic by dropping off necessities, which helped a lot and has given us some food.” ✕

Renata Hewitt

Renata met her husband shortly after he joined the Army in 1967 and was stationed in Augsburg, Germany.

“When I first met my husband, I was with my friend and when I first saw him, I told her in German that I would make him mine no matter what because I knew that he had a girlfriend at the time, and she was actually in one of my classes in college. A few days passed and I got a call from him asking me if I would like for him to speak German or English; I had no idea he knew what I said to my friend. He ended up asking me out. But then he had to leave because he was getting stationed somewhere else for four weeks, but we spoke on the phone every single day.

“One day on the phone he asked me if I would marry him and I said that he was crazy, we haven’t known each other for that long. But he was determined and said his friend could get me the marriage paperwork, but I never went and got them. When he came back, he asked me again if I had gotten the paperwork and I said no. We went to get the paperwork and filled it out.

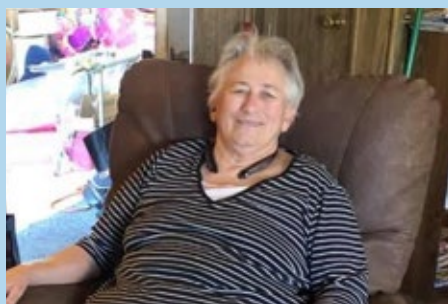
“We met in August 1967 and got married in November 1967. I knew from the beginning that I loved him.”

They were married in the court house in Kriegshaber, Germany. When they moved to the States, they were able to get married in the church that was on the base.

Because her husband was in the Army they moved around a lot. They lived in Germany, Canada, Georgia, Kansas, and Panama. Her favorite place she lived in was Fort Benning, Georgia where her husband was in the officers candidate school to be an officer.

“I really do appreciate everything that AVAG has done for me. They’ve helped me with rent assistance and fixed the lattice on the side of my home. And Doreen is just great; I love her and she’s so helpful.”

Renata shared how grateful she was for AVAG for repairing some window trim and sealing her windows, pulling her carpet, and installing a new toilet. AVAG also helped her with rent assistance and a recliner. She is now participating in our Zoom Bible Study on Mondays. ✕



Wilma Henning

Wilma joined the Navy when she was 21 years old. Her tour of duty was from August 17, 1961 to August 17, 1965. She’d gone in to get a scholastic education but instead got a lot of life education. The highest rank she achieved was E3 seamen and she worked as a Yeoman secretary taking care of the aircraft maintenance logs.

On June 8, 1963 Wilma married her husband who was also in the Navy. After one year of marriage, they received new assignments but were to be sent to different places. “He was placed in Italy and I was placed in San Diego, but that wasn’t going to work because we had only been married for one year. So I made sure to get it changed.” They were able to change it and were both assigned instead to Rhode Island.

Wilma has been an active AVAG member for over five years at Sequoia Mobile Home Park, San Bernardino Chapter. She has recruited other veterans to attend the meetings and learn about benefits of AVAG membership. Wilma has participated in the monthly meetings and community Give Back days, and she brings Cowboy Bob Smith and Little Paul with her. ✕



AVAG Veteran Gives Back

Ronnie Hayden

Ronnie is from San Diego California, he left home at 16 and joined the Army at 17 years old in 1974 and finished his service in 1995. For a few of those years he was a part of the 82nd Airborne. Over his 21 years of service, he traveled all over the world, but his favorite place was Germany where he was stationed for 10 years. The towns he was stationed in were Schweinfurt and Vanberg, Germany. There he trained people before they deployed to Iraq. He was also stationed in Iraq and was part of the Second Division and was the 10th Company platoon sergeant.

What he didn't like about the service was the politics of it all and the outcome for himself and many other servicemen and women where they've had bad PTSD and suffered a lot of mental and physical trauma. At that the time of his service, they offered everybody after their four years \$20,000-\$40,000 to retire but he turned it down and stayed in the army.

What Ronnie liked the best were the people he was able to meet because they all became family. Because they weren't able to go back home for the holidays, he loved spending Christmas with his team. "One year when we spent Christmas in Germany we went out and cut down a tree in the German forest and used empty rations as ornaments on the tree, and we would laugh, sing, and line dance together — that was one of my favorite memories." Ronnie also enjoyed being able to see the world and during his R&R he traveled to Thailand and still knows how to speak a little bit of Thai.

Ronnie did many tours and deployments; he went on an 18-month tour in Korea, was part of Desert Storm, the Granada conflict and he went to Panama where he took jungle training. "I remember in Panama in order to get the dictator General Noriega, we had to bring him out from his home. In order to do that we had these huge speakers the size of a car and surrounded his house with them. We blasted AC/DC and cut off all the streets surrounding him that helps supply him with food and necessities. Eventually we were able to lead him out.

"Being away from my family for so long was very hard but I was able to provide for them without being there and able to give them a good life. Although I missed a lot of Christmases and birthdays and PTA meetings, I wouldn't change a thing. I tried doing pizza delivery but wasn't good at it. I tried the roofing thing but didn't like it. The one thing I knew I was good at was being a soldier so that's why I stayed in for so long."

Ronnie wants to thank AVAG for being a blessing and giving him food, which helps save a little money.

Ronnie has lived in Hemet RV Park for the last 16 years and has been involved in the community in many ways. "I was the secretary at Red Dog, which is closed now. It was a 12-step program where I helped



Ronnie Hayden

volunteer with the events and the meetings. I was clean for nine years but relapsed and now I am six months sober again.

"I have my own Christian ministry outreach for kids and I would rebuild bikes to give out and drop some off at the police stations for them to give away. I wasn't able to do as many this year but I'm glad I was still able to do a couple, this is a way for me to give back."

Ronnie is very passionate about the aftermath of war for veterans — when some get out, they never truly get out. "A lot of us end up homeless or have PTSD that we can't quite shake and a lot of times the homelessness leads to suicide and addiction. After Iraq there was a veteran suicide every minute of every hour and during that time it was considered the highest suicide rate. I myself have suffered from PTSD and experienced everything that I've mentioned."

When we first met Ronnie, he had a Bible strapped to his leg and when we asked, "why do you carry the Bible around?" He responded, "I always carry it with me so I can talk and share the gospel whenever it comes up. I try not to bring it up all the time just because of how some people may react but when the situation arises, I like to be able to open it and spread the word." 🦋

Rialto Serve Day



From AVAG Chaplain Doreen Matsumoto:

Thank you to everyone who came out to our first Serve Day in Rialto, special thanks to QMH, Inc. and all their employees who joined our Jesus Project. Yea! Jesus is our example.

On March 6, 2021, we went to Santiago Parkside Estates mobile home park in Rialto where we worked on multiple homes needing cleanup. The park manager, Patricia, gave us a list of homes that had received write ups regarding clutter that needed to be cleaned up.

First we went to the home of 91-year-old Joyce Sport, who lives with her sons, Salvatore Jr. and Steven. They are older and were trying their best to get the stuff done, but it was just too hard for them. There was so much to clear out — trees needed trimming and lots of weeds removed. A jacuzzi and freezer need to be removed from their porch. Joyce had been married to an Air Force veteran who passed away, and the father of her sons was a Marine Corps Veteran.

We also went to Nancy Harding's home, who recently lost her husband to COVID-19 and had been trying to manage the upkeep of the house. We were able to clean up some debris, pull weeds, and clean her windows. She was very grateful and we were even able to pray for her. The owners of QHM, Inc. invited her to go to church and even offered to pick her up. The best part of our serve day was praying for Nancy.

Next, we went to Rosa Garcia's home, She had lots of old stuff piled up. We cleared all

that out and took out a old mattress and file cabinet. She had been wanting to remove it, but it was too heavy for her to do herself. She had a lot of happy tears after we were done.

Then we went to the homes of Susan Gibson and Patricia Zermeno. They needed weeds pulled, which took quite a bit of time because the weeds had grown in between those little rocks used for landscaping. The veterans and active-duty military that came out to help worked on that job. The homeowners were at work but I'm sure they were happy when they come home.

We also went to the homes of Christine Stark and Evelyn Marchman. Christine's mother recently passed away and she had a lot of stuff to be removed. QHM Inc. owner Hector Pinto lead the volunteers to remove the broken down shed in her driveway, load it in the truck and take it to the dumpster.

We literally filled the big dumpsters in the back lot to the top with all that junk.

The owners of QMH Inc., Hector, Brenda, and Julia Pinto gathered over 25 employees to help on this project. Brenda Pinto has such a big heart for the Lord that she was gathering us together to pray for the homeowners and their families.

Two active-duty Marines, Josh Hyselo and Tahi Fakava, and Army veteran Art Flores and his son, Evan Andrade also came out to volunteer.

God always brings the right people to cross your path when you're doing His work. 🙌

