



HOMESTEAD VALLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

One Voice for the People of Homestead Valley

Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans

At the September 21 meeting, Carl Gorham, a veteran of World War II, invited the Council to attend a ceremony at the Marine Base in 29 Palms, which was the result of years of effort by Carl and other veterans. Assemblyman Paul Cook's bill establishing March 30 as Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day in California was signed into law by Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger.

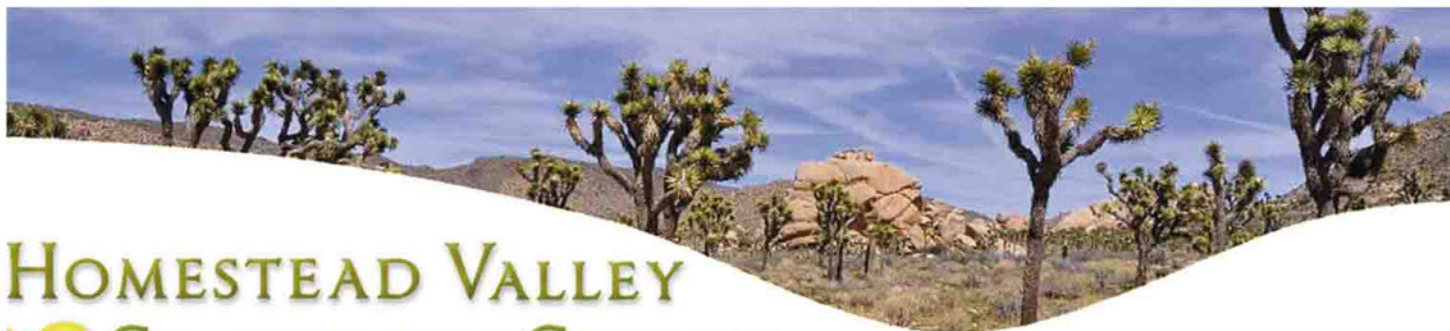
Although notice was short, seven HVCC delegates were on hand to witness the ceremony. They were surrounded by an excited crowd of veterans from several wars, their families and well-wishers, and active duty Marines at attention. It was a colorful, emotional event, characterized by many as "long overdue".



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Upcoming HVCC Meetings:
 • **Mon Nov 16** **Yucca Mesa**
 • **Mon Dec 21** **Johnson Valley**

The Homestead Valley Community Council is a union of four historic homestead communities: Yucca Mesa, Flamingo Heights, Landers, and Johnson Valley.

It acts as our voice to the county on issues that affect us all.

HVCC meets on the 3rd Monday of every month. The meeting place rotates among the four community centers.

If you have any question or problem that should be brought before the county, you are welcome to come to a meeting and tell about it.

Or you can contact an HVCC delegate from your community and have them bring your issue up before the council.

FLAMINGO HEIGHTS

Maryan Barkley 760-364-2737
 Phyllis Burns 760-364-4391
 Elizabeth Karman 760-219-7924
 Barbara Renton 760-364-4210

JOHNSON VALLEY

Jim Hanley 760-364-4829
 Jim Harvey 760-401-1015
 Betty Munson 760-364-2646
 Joyce Wheeler 760-364-3392

LANDERS

Ken Stermetz 760-364-2754
 Judy Kemp 760-364-3842
 Linda Willgues 760-364-9203

YUCCA MESA

Earlene McCloskey 760-365-8422
 Mike McGrath 760-369-9463
 Nancy Sammons 760-365-8507
 Rick Sayers 760-574-6598

HVCC PROJECT UPDATES

- The Town of Yucca Valley has withdrawn its request to extend its Sphere of Influence over the Homestead Valley Community of Yucca Mesa.
- The designation of Highway 247 as a Scenic Highway is now in the hands of County officials to present to CalTrans.
- A CalAware Workshop for both the public and government officials for education in the laws concerning open government is in the planning stages for sometime early next year.
- The problem with getting a permit if you rely on hauled water is now being vigorously pursued with the County board of supervisors, in Tandem with the Lucerne valley Economic Development Association.

DESERT PLANT SALE AT THE YUCCA MESA COUNTRY FAIRE RAISES FUNDS FOR HVCC

Jim Harvey, Cathy Janowicz, and Jim Hanley donated plants and worked the highly successful HVCC Plant Sale at the Yucca Mesa Improvement Association annual Country Faire. Earlene McKlosky, Nancy Sammons, and Charlie and Nancy McHenry also donated plants for the sale. Trees, flowering shrubs, and various cacti were featured, and the new HVCC brochures were distributed. All proceeds went to HVCC, and will help us work on the many issues that affect the Homestead Valley communities.



Everything from Palo Verde and Mesquite trees, to Desert Birds of Paradise and Aloe Vera made it to the HVCC table at the YMIA Country Faire.

CHRISTMAS PARTY DECEMBER 19th

Plans are now being made for the HVCC Christmas Party...and two who have promised to attend are Supervisor Neil Derry and his Field Representative, Alan Rasmussen, our HVCC contact with the County. Neil Derry will entertain with his Frank Sinatra stylings, so don't miss it! Details will be announced in the various member organization meetings, in the newspaper and on the radio.



Old Woman Springs Road history project...can you help? See the story on www.hvccsite.org

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