



Pinole **Historical** Society

E-News



VETERANS DAY MEMORIAL

The Pinole Police Explorers Color Guard began the Seventh Annual Veterans Day Memorial and Flag Retirement Ceremony on November 11 in Fernandez Park. Participants included Boy Scout Troop 86, West Contra Costa Girl Scouts, Pinole Valley High School Marching Band, St. Joseph School Choir, Pinole Mayor Tim Banuelos, PHS co-founder George Vincent and his wife, Christie, PHS Director Emeritus Jack Meehan, and Scott DeVenney, of VFW Post 1525, Clayton Valley. Photos of this event may be found here: www.pinolehistoricalsociety.org/2014VetsDayphotomontage.

Photos needed

Lifelong Pinole resident Stella Faria has written a beautiful story about her childhood memories of Ruff's Grocery Store, which stood on the site now occupied by the Pear Street Bistro.

The story will be published in the Winter 2015 issue of *PHS Newsbriefs*.

There was also a life-size children's playhouse in the space between Ruff's store and the Bank of Pinole.

The PHS does not have any photos of Louis Ruff, of his store (exterior or interior), or the playhouse.

If you have one of these photos we'd like to see it for possible publication along with this story.

Please contact us at info@pinolehistoricalsociety.org or (510) 724-9507.

Thank you.

PHS QUARTERLY PROGRAM DATES WILL BE ANNOUNCED SOON

Pinole featured on KGO Radio

KGO radio reporter Jennifer Jones Lee interviewed PHS Vice President Jeff Rubin to discover the origin of the word "Pinole."

Listen to the segment here:

<http://www.pinolehistoricalsociety.org/KGOPinoleorigin.mp3>



PHS PROGRAMS ADDED TO CITY'S WEBSITE

Five PHS programs have been added to the city's website: www.ci.pinole.ca.us/about/videos.html

- 2012 Veterans Day Memorial/Flag Retirement
- 2013 Veterans Day Memorial/Flag Retirement
- Japanese American Internment (2012)
- Old School bell dedication (2013)

- February 7, 2014, program: Bars, Barbers and Characters of Early Pinole.

We thank Bob Kopp, who recorded all of these events for the society.

Scroll down to PINOLE HISTORY on the city's website to find all the Pinole history programs

ALSO: The video of the 2014 Veterans Day Memorial and Flag Retirement Ceremony is airing on Pinole Community TV Channel 28.



PHS AT PINOLE FARMERS' MARKET THROUGH DECEMBER

December 13th and 27th will be the last two dates to visit with the Pinole Historical Society at the Pinole Farmers' market this year.

Please stop by and say hello — and take home a free newsletter.

We'll be taking the first quarter of 2015 off and will return to the farmers' market in April.

We'll also have a booth in the December 6 Winterfest downtown Pinole.

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WELLS FARGO PINOLE MURAL VIDEO ON OUR WEBSITE

Click this link: www.pinolehistoricalsociety.org/PinoleMural.mov

PHS SEEKING FAMILY FILMS FOR HISTORICAL ARCHIVE

Got film?
The Pinole Historical Society is embarking on a major project to archive the city's history.

We want to establish a permanent, digitized collection of Pinole's history.

Do you have film of past Holy Ghost parades, Pinole Valley High School Homecoming parades, Memorial Day or July 4 parades?

How about important athletic events, such as a high-school football, basketball, baseball, softball, or volleyball games?

Perhaps you have film of an important event that took place in Fernandez Park, or a ribbon cutting or an event that has a place in Pinole's history — such as the 1958 flood?

We're looking for any video or film you have — VHS, Beta, camcorder, DV tape, 8mm, Super 8mm, 16mm, 35mm, motion picture.



Nearly everyone has taken home movies. That makes everyone who has taken film a historian.

We want to collect, digitize, catalog, and preserve old movies on DVD (and whatever formats are to come) to exhibit, educate, and entertain.

The PHS will share these videos on a film archive that we will establish, similar to the The Pioneers Film Archive on YouTube created by the

California Pioneers of Santa Clara (www.youtube.com/scppioneers).

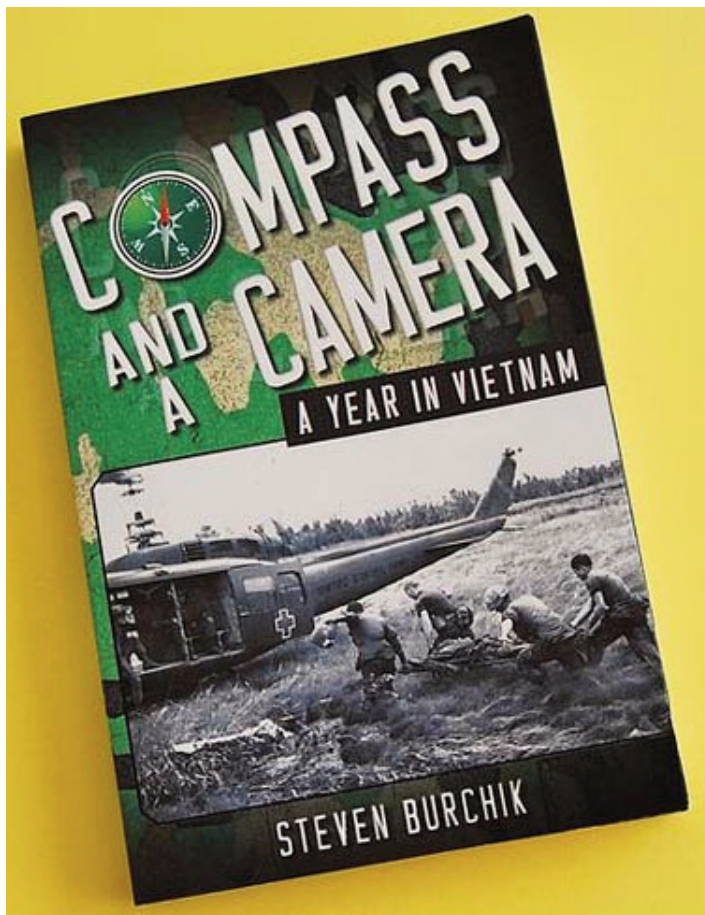
Film connects with the past in a unique way. It's immersive, educational, and entertaining. It's a way to get young people interested in history.

Got film? Please contact us at info@pinolehistoricalsociety.org. We'll return your film; we just want to borrow and digitize it.

The Pinole Historical Society promotes awareness and appreciation of history through preservation and education, and chronicles the city's heritage for current and future generations.

Compass and a Camera: A year in Vietnam

BOOK CHRONICLES EXPERIENCES THROUGH PHOTOS



About the author:

Steven Burchik grew up in New York City and earned his bachelor's degree from Manhattan College during the turbulent sixties.

He worked his way through school, including a stint at the New York Daily News, and remained active on campus—even starting a second student newspaper to provide an outlet for students to voice different views.

After graduating, he entered the U.S. Army at the peak of the Vietnam War. He trained at various bases in the U.S., then spent a year in the rice paddies northeast of Saigon in the role of a forward observer as a sergeant with the 1st Infantry Division. He later earned his MBA from Michigan State University and had a successful career as a marketing executive and entrepreneur in the food industry.

Married with grown children, Burchik enjoys pursuing photography and sailing on San Francisco Bay. *Compass and a Camera*, his memoir of his Vietnam War experience, is his first book.

With a compass to direct him in his job as a forward observer and a personal camera to document his experiences—and keep him connected to his creative side—Vietnam veteran Steven Burchik was lucky enough to make it home and years later decided to write about the most challenging year of his life.

Like any experience, his year spent with the 1st Infantry Division stationed in the rice paddies near Saigon included good times as well as bad. He candidly recalls how, although he believed communism to be a serious threat in the world, he soon learned that a guerilla war is a difficult one to fight, and survival rather than victory quickly became his focus. But he also remembers the exhilaration of helicopter rides over serpentine rivers and the time he introduced village kids to a gumball machine.

A unique memoir of the war, *Compass and a Camera* pulls not only from Burchik's memories, but also from the daily letters he wrote to his fiancée (she kept every single one) and includes numerous photographs from his collection of over four thousand. The images alone make this book a must-have for any history buff or fellow veteran.

Available at Amazon.com:

www.amazon.com/Compass-Camera-Vietnam-Steven-Burchik/dp/0692276297/ref=sr_1_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1415896867&sr=1-1&keywords=Compass+and+a+Camera

COMPASS AND A CAMERA: A YEAR IN VIETNAM

Experience the Vietnam War through the candid personal observations of a young infantry soldier whose favored gear was his compass, his camera—and a dry pair of socks.

RECEPTION AND BOOK SIGNING

Saturday, December 6, 2 to 4 p.m.

Lindsay Dirx Brown Gallery

12501 Alcosta Blvd

San Ramon, CA 94583

PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION

December 1-22

Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Lindsay Dirx Brown Gallery

Rosie the Riveter/WWII Home Front
National Historical Park

National Park Service
U.S. Department of the Interior



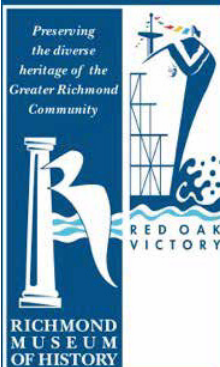
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Third Thursday

FILM SERIES

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Turning Points

The four films in this series represent four crucial turning points during WWII that led to Allied victory. Films will be shown aboard the historic SS Red Oak Victory on the dates below.

■ Fat Man and Little Boy (1989)

December 18 at 7pm

Paul Newman leads the team of Manhattan Project scientists in the development of the first atomic bombs.

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE HOSTS “GET ACTIVE ON THE BAY TRAIL”

Visitors of all ages and fitness levels are invited to join National Park Service rangers for outdoor fitness and fun at 10 a.m. Saturday, December 13, at the Rosie the Riveter Memorial in Richmond, part of Rosie the Riveter/WWII Home Front National Historical Park. The Memorial is located in Marina Bay Park, at the intersection of Marina Bay Parkway and Melville Square.

NOTE: There is a detour on Marina Bay Parkway. For directions to the Rosie the Riveter Memorial, visit <http://www.nps.gov/rori/planyourvisit/directions.htm>, and scroll halfway down the page.

This free exercise program will feature stretches, outdoor exercises and games, all while learning more about healthy initiatives that began in the Richmond shipyards during WWII.

Reservations are not required for this event. Park Rangers are First Aid and CPR certified. All children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. All

visitors are advised to wear comfortable clothing, closed-toed shoes and bring water. Sunscreen and snacks are not provided, so please bring your own. Programs will take place rain or shine, so please bring raingear.

Working in collaboration with the “Healthy Parks Healthy People Bay Area” initiative, Rosie the Riveter/World War II Home Front National Historical Park is hosting this program to encourage park visitors to make healthy lifestyle choices while spending more time outdoors.

For more information about this national park, visit the Rosie the Riveter Visitor Education Center, 1414 Harbour Way South, suite 3000, Richmond. It’s open seven days a week from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information and directions to the Visitor Education Center, please call (510) 232-5050 x0 or visit <http://www.nps.gov/rori/planyourvisit/directions.htm>. Admission to the Visitor Center and all park sites and programs is free.



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HOLIDAYS ON THE HOME FRONT

Celebrate the winter holidays with the National Park Service!
Programs For All - Multiple Dates!

Even Christmas Was Rationed

How did Americans celebrate the winter holidays in the Kaiser shipyards, overseas and across the country during WWII? Come see a slideshow and reminisce about wartime Christmases of the past.

Mondays 11/24, 12/8, 12/15, at 2 PM

Saturday 12/6 at 4 PM

Location: Visitor Education Center,
1414 Harbour Way South, Richmond, CA

Holiday Crafts For Kids

Kids and their families are invited to make winter arts and crafts and listen to holiday stories at this annual event at the historic Maritime Center. At 2:30 PM, enjoy a holiday concert by members of the Contra Costa Chorale. All children will receive a free book of their choice from West County Reads. Free and festive fun!

Saturday 12/6, 12-3 PM

Location: Maritime Center
1014 Florida Avenue, corner of Harbour Way,
Richmond, CA

"It's A Wonderful Life"

Put off your holiday shopping and come watch this post-war classic starring Jimmy Stewart as the troubled George Bailey, who is visited by an angel who shows him the significance of his life and the difference he made in his community.

Friday 11/28 at 2:30 PM

Location: Visitor Education Center
1414 Harbour Way South, Richmond, CA

For more information or directions, please call 510-232-5050 x0



SUPPORT THE ACTIVITIES OF THE PHS BY BECOMING A MEMBER IN 2015

For only \$30, you can help the PHS accomplish its mission of bringing the history of Pinole to our residents through exhibits at the Pinole Library, quarterly membership programs, history programs in schools, Pinole Community TV programs, Walking tours of downtown Pinole, the Veterans Day Memorial and Flag Retirement Ceremony in Fernandez Park — and you'll have the satisfaction promoting and preserving Pinole's history for future generations.

**JOIN THE PINOLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY (OR RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP)
AND HELP PROMOTE AND PRESERVE THE HISTORY OF OUR CITY.**

Please mail the membership application today!

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2015 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

(PINOLE RESIDENCY NOT REQUIRED FOR MEMBERSHIP)

**PLEASE PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION, AND SEND CASH OR YOUR CHECK,
TO PINOLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY, P.O. BOX 285, PINOLE, CA 94564**

MEMBERSHIPS ARE FOR THE 2015 CALENDAR YEAR (EXCEPT LIFETIME MEMBERSHIPS)

NAME (each member): _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY/ZIP: _____

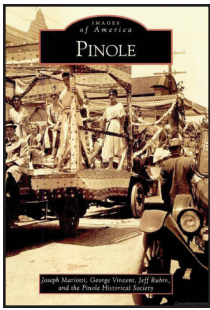
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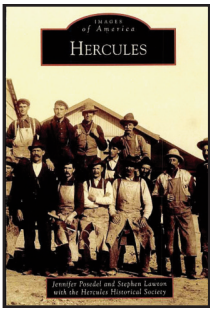
CIRCLE ONE: Annual-new (\$30) Annual-renewal (\$30) Business (\$50) Life (\$150)

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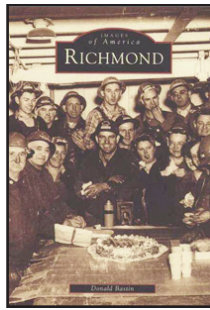
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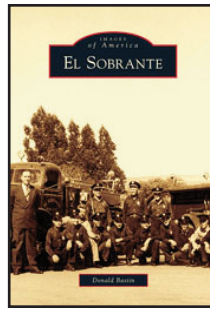
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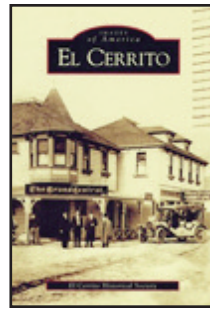
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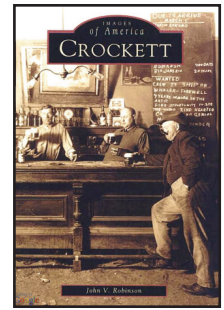
Richmond



El Sobrante



El Cerrito



Crockett

LOCAL HISTORY BOOKS AVAILABLE FROM THE PINOLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

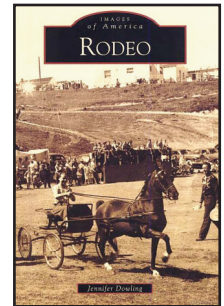
The Pinole Historical Society has Arcadia Publishing books about Hercules, Richmond, El Sobrante, El Cerrito, Crockett, Rodeo, Martinez, Port Costa, and Maritime Contra Costa County. And, of course, we have plenty of Pinole books in stock.

You may purchase one or more of these books from us at the Pinole Farmers' Market—we'll be there every other Saturday through the end of December.

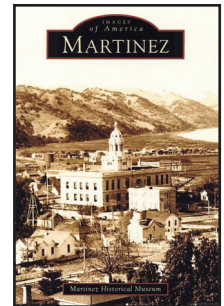
The Pinole, Hercules, Richmond, El Sobrante, El Cerrito, and Maritime Contra Costa County

books retail for **\$24**, including 8.75% sales tax. The Crockett, Rodeo, Martinez, and Port Costa books are **\$22**, including 8.75% sales tax.

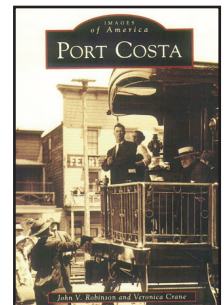
Or, you may order one or more by mail and we'll ship them to you. Send your order to **Pinole Historical Society, P.O. Box 285, Pinole, CA 94564.**



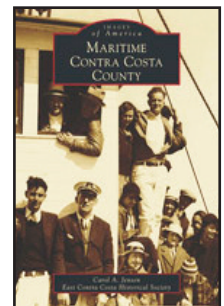
Rodeo



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Please mail your check for the total amount due, payable to Pinole Historical Society, to:

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