

Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #920 Denton, TX

February 2021

www.vva920.org

Meeting Information:

Date: Meet the **4th Tuesday** of Each Month Location: **6900 FM 2153, Aubrey, TX 76227** Dinner: At – **6:00PM -** Covid-19 guidelines Meeting Start Time: **6:45PM**

Officers (2020-2021)

President:	Dan Washburn
Vice President:	Jerry Anderson
Secretary:	Eric Harmon
Treasurer:	Enrique Nater
Director:	Sharon Balsley
Director:	Larry Kellogg
Director:	Gary Raines

Committee Leads

Chaplains - Tom Silva and Bill Coburn Honor Guard - Alan Lessard Membership - Jerry Anderson Motor Pool Sergeant - Bill Roberson Newsletter Editor - Anita Washburn (AVVA) Public Affairs – Frenchy Rheault Quarter Master - Horst Poethke (AVVA) Sergeant at Arms - Randy Grizzle Scholarship – Lloyd Kinnison (AVVA) Steward – Leo Perez Support Services - Sharon Balsley Webmaster - Jim Polozeck

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"Never Again Will One Generation of Veterans Abandon Another"



Membership Update: (12-31-2020) VVA-200

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President's Corner

Members of Vietnam Veterans Chapter 920,

First meeting 2021 was well attended with 38 present. Covid vaccinations are now available. Honor Guard will resume practice in February. Election of Officers will be held in April.

Spencer & Paul from Denton County Veterans Service Office discussed the new VA Program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers - for spouses of Veterans with 70% or higher disability rating. <u>https://www.va.gov/family-member-benefits/comprehensive-assistance-for-family-caregivers/</u>

Although we are slowly returning to a normal routine, we cannot let our guard down regarding Covid. We will continue to follow CDC Guidelines– Masks, Social Distancing and Hand Sanitizer.

We need to combat the isolation Covid has caused. Pick up the phone and call another member to chat. Let us rebuild our Chapter camaraderie. Check on others via phone, email, or text. Attend meetings. Hope to see you at our Stated Meeting on February 23rd. Until then, stay safe.

Thanks,

Dan Washburn

VVA 920 President



Meeting 1-26-2021





Camaraderie - "When We Meet, We Eat!"



Guests: Spencer & Paul . Denton County Veterans Service Office

Denton County Veterans Service Officers:

Paul Bastaich - 940-349-2950

Spencer Kimball- 940-349-2950





QOV Presentation to Jerry & Dan

VVA 920 Events

Watch your email for event updates due to Covid-19 restrictions.

February 2021 Covid-19 Guidelines 8th – Honor Guard Practice 17th – VVA 920 Board Meeting 23rd – VVA 920 Stated Meeting

March 2021 Covid-19 Guidelines 8th – Honor Guard Practice 17th – VVA 920 Board Meeting 23rd – VVA 920 Stated Meeting VVA 920 18th Birthday

April 2021 Covid-19 Guidelines 12th – Honor Guard Practice 21th – VVA 920 Board Meeting 27th – VVA 920 Stated Meeting

Honor Guard Activities: Alan Lessard, SOG

Honor Guard practice will resume February 8th.

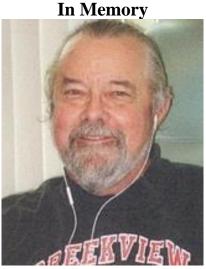
Support Services

Card support continues & is appreciated. Our Navigators are serving Veterans If you need assistance, please contact Support Services: http://vva920.org/id20.html

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Around the Chapter

Covid Vaccinations are now available at VA Dallas and in Denton County.



James William "Bill" Hill III VVA 920 Life Member 1947 – 2020

Bill Hill obituary: https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/dfw/obituary.aspx? n=james-william-hill-bill&pid=197355411

Thank YOU

Our **Stuffed Animal** drive in December 2020 was successful and we will begin distributing to **Denton County First Responders** in February.



Matthew W. Freeman Memorial Scholarship

New **Application forms** for the Matthew W. Freeman Memorial Scholarship are available at www.vva920.org or may be requested from <u>VVA920Scholarship@gmail.com</u>

Covid-19 guidelines may present challenges. Applicants should direct any questions to: Lloyd Kinnison, Scholarship Chairperson, 940 368 2041 or email <u>VVA920Scholarship@gmail.com</u>

Deadline is **May 1, 2021**.

Eligibility: The applicant must be a dependent or relative of a member of VVA 920, Denton, TX. Immediate family members of Honorably Discharged Vietnam or Vietnam-Era: e.g. (spouse, children including foster or stepchildren, or grandchildren).

The Matthew W. Freeman Memorial Scholarship application has been updated for 2021 and includes an interview and essay - Application A is for first time applicants, Application B is for returning applicants.

Please encourage your family members to participate. Full scholarship requirements and explanations are on the Application forms.

VVA 920 will award five \$1,000.00 Scholarships in 2021.