



# Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #920 Denton, TX

October 2023

[www.vva920.org](http://www.vva920.org)

### Meeting Information:

Date: Meet the **4th Tuesday** of Each Month  
Location: **6900 FM 2153, Aubrey, TX 76227**  
Dinner: At – **NOON 10/24/23**  
Meeting Start Time: **12:45 pm 10/24/23**

### Officers (2023-2024)

President: Dan Washburn  
Vice President: Gary Raines  
Secretary: Steve Knox  
Treasurer: Robin Kain  
Director: Garrold Roberts  
Director: Rev. Bill Coburn  
Director: Bill Roberson

### Committee Leads

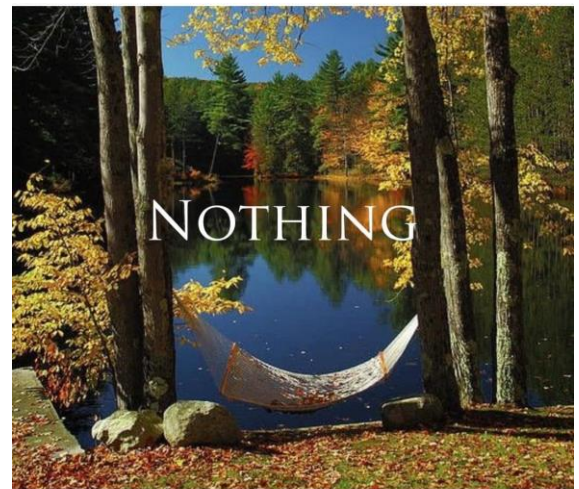
Chaplains - Tom Silva & Rev. Bill Coburn  
Historian – Alan Lessard  
Honor Guard - Alan Lessard  
Membership – Steve Knox  
Motor Pool Sergeant - Horst Poethke (AVVA)  
Newsletter Editor - Anita Washburn (AVVA)  
Public Affairs – Frenchy Rheault  
Quarter Master - Horst Poethke (AVVA)  
Sergeant at Arms - Randy Grizzle  
Scholarship – Lloyd Kinnison (AVVA)  
Steward – Horst Poethke (AVVA)  
Support Services - Sharon Balsley  
Webmaster - Anita Washburn (AVVA)

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It’s fall in Texas and you  
know what that means!



Absolutely nothing.  
It’s still 97 degrees out.

**“Never Again Will One Generation  
of Veterans Abandon Another”**



## President's Corner

Brothers and Sisters

Cooler temps and comfort food will be here soon!

Saturday, October 7 is the Aubrey Peanut Festival. Our Honor Guard will lead the parade with colors.

Our Annual Fallen Brothers ceremony will be at our October 24<sup>th</sup> meeting. This is a time set aside to remember those who served our country, supported VVA 920 and have gone before us.

November 11 is Veterans Day. We will participate in the Denton Veterans Celebration on Friday, Nov 10 at 11:00 am. Celebration is held at the Old Courthouse on the Square. Please attend – we need VVA members to hold the Service flags as well as be part of the Honor Guard.

Our Annual Christmas Gathering will be on Tuesday, December 12 at Noon. Chapter will provide meat, drinks & tableware. Members & guests are asked to bring sides & desserts. Always a fun time with copious amounts of good food. As in past years, we will be collecting new Stuffed Animals to donate to our 1<sup>st</sup> Responders.

Many Thanks,

Dan Washburn

VVA 920 President

### Aubrey Peanut Festival - 01Oct2022



# VVA 920 Events

## October 2023

7<sup>th</sup> – Aubrey Peanut Festival

9<sup>th</sup> – Honor Guard Practice

18<sup>th</sup> – VVA 920 Board Meeting

**24<sup>th</sup> – VVA 920 Stated Meeting  
Fallen Brothers Ceremony**

## November/December 2023

**No meetings**

(Meeting dates fall during Holiday weeks)

**Dec. 12, 2023 - Noon  
Annual Christmas Gathering**

## January 2024

8<sup>th</sup> – Honor Guard Practice

17<sup>th</sup> – VVA 920 Board Meeting

**23<sup>rd</sup> – VVA 920 Stated Meeting**

## Support Services

If you need assistance, please visit the Support Services at:

<https://www.vva920.org>

or call 940.387.9920 & leave message.

Support Services works with the Denton County Veterans Coalition Navigators to access county wide resources.

Support Services also sends Care Packages to active duty, deployed soldiers in addition to card support for VVA members & families.

## Honor Guard Activities:

Alan Lessard, SOG

Honor Guard practice

October 9<sup>th</sup> ~ 17:45 hours

September Military Rites

None



### 2023 Military Dates

Oct. 13, 2023 - Navy Birthday

Oct. 26, 2023 - National Day of the Deployed

Nov. 10, 2023 - Marine Corps Birthday

Nov. 11, 2023 - Veterans Day

Dec. 7, 2023 - National Pearl Harbor Day

Dec. 13, 2023 - US National Guard Birthday

Dec. 18, 2023 - Wreaths Across America Day



# Quilts of Valor

September 26, 2023



**Robert Voss**



**Terry Brantley**



**If you have not received a Quilt of Valor, please contact Cathy Poethke at 214-763-9514.**