



Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #920 Denton, TX

July 2024

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Meeting Information:

Date: Meet the **4th Tuesday** of Each Month
Location: **6900 FM 2153, Aubrey, TX 76227**
Meal At – **Noon**
Meeting Start Time: **12:45 pm**

Officers (2024-2025)

President: Dan Washburn
Vice President: Gary Raines
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Treasurer: Robin Kain
Director: Garrold Roberts
Director: Rev. Bill Coburn
Director: Bill Roberson
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Sgt. of the Guard: Alan Lessard

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)
Scholarship – Lloyd Kinnison (AVVA)
Steward – Horst Poethke (AVVA)
Support Services – Steve Knox
Webmaster - Anita Washburn (AVVA)

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4th of July

Thank YOU to all who attended our
Annual Family Gathering!



Cook - Horst

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



President's Corner

Brothers and Sisters,

Our Annual Family Gathering was very successful. We filled the hall with camaraderie. Thank you to the Board & Horst for cooking & serving, Also, our members who brought sides and/or desserts. Lunch was delicious! See pics on pages 4-11.

Honor Guard was very busy with Independence Day Celebrations.

Our **Annual Fundraiser "Rifle & Safe Raffle"** is coming up. Tickets will be on sale soon. This is our only fundraiser. Your support is greatly needed.

Hot, hot weather is upon us – take time to check on friends and relatives.

Thanks,

Dan Washburn

VVA 920 President

Honor Guard



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VVA 920 Events

July 2024

4th – Independence Day

4th – Family Gathering 11a-1p

8th –NO Honor Guard Practice

17th – VVA 920 Board Meeting

23rd – VVA 920 Stated Meeting

August 2024

12th – Honor Guard Practice

16th - 24th

**VVA 920 Annual Fund Raiser
North Texas Fair & Rodeo**

21st – VVA 920 Board Meeting

27th – VVA 920 Stated Meeting

September 2024

9th – Honor Guard Practice

18th – VVA 920 Board Meeting

24th – VVA 920 Stated Meeting

If you have not received

Quilt of Valor

Contact:

Barbara Angel – 940-206-3027

Or

Patti Bauch – 469-763-1718

Honor Guard Activities:

Alan Lessard, SOG

**HG Present Colors, Rifle Volley & Taps
for celebrations at:**

Shady Shores Baptist - 6/23

Southmont Baptist - 6/30

Robson Ranch

Assisted TVHOF with Service Flags &
answering questions about the Vietnam Wall
replica at the Mall – 7/5-7.

June Military Rites

None



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.

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Cake by Stephanie (WAB)

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Cowboy the “Can Man”



*Nikki & Adrian Washburn
Visiting from Camp Humphries South Korea
Helped with kitchen clean up.*

Quilts of Valor



A Quilt of Valor was awarded to Dwight Hartzill on Friday, July 5, at his home with friends and family present. Captain Hartzill served 10 years in the Air Force, (1956-1966). He flew the A-One Sky Raider in Vietnam, and was awarded a Silver Star. Captain Hartzell was nominated by friend and neighbor VVA member Sam Phillips. Sam assisted in wrapping along with RWB member Belinda Summers, who pieced his quilt. VVA member Bob Creamer took pictures for us.

We thank Captain Hartzell for his service.


Quilts of Valor

Posted 6-14-24 by Judge Andy Eades, Denton County Judge.

A wonderful tribute to women vets and a wonderful thank you to Quilts of Valor.

These events could not happen without the dedication and commitment of you, members of our Bee. It has been a wonderful experience to “discover” all these vets and to say Welcome Home.

Thank you Red White and Blue Bee!

Sew on 

Honoring the Flag and Women Veterans



In 1777, the Second Continental Congress adopted the flag of the United States by a resolution stating that the original flag would consist of thirteen stripes and thirteen stars. The stripes would be red and white, and the stars would be white on a blue background. The flag was set in place to represent our nation, and though new stars were added to represent each state, the original design is still recognizable.

In 1916, President Woodrow Wilson issued a proclamation to officially establish June 14 as Flag Day. National Flag Day was established by an Act of Congress on August 3, 1949, although it was not an official holiday.

Quilts of Valor

The American flag is recognized around the globe, and at home, it remains a symbol of freedom, patriotism, and sacrifice. We see it at sporting events, flying at government buildings, and in our neighborhoods because it is dear to us.

Earlier this week, we all stood during Commissioners Court and pledged to our flag while being led by our Denton County employees, who are Women Veterans. They were honored in recognition of Texas Women Veterans Day, celebrated yearly on June 12.

These veterans understand the cost of the sacrifice, which is embedded in the symbols of our flag. The beauty of the words of the pledge was a moving moment during Commissioners Court.

Before Commissioners Court, a breakfast honored our women veterans and their service.



During Commissioners Court, a proclamation recognized June 12 as **Texas Women Veterans Day**. Veterans were given quilts from Quilts of Valor, each created and stitched by local quilters. Barbara Angel led the presentation, while Liz Emerson and Paul Bastaich with the Denton County Veterans Services Office wrapped each recipient in their new quilt.



Barbara Angel, a volunteer with **Quilts of Valor** from the local Red, White, and Blue Bee, shared about the organization and its work to distribute quilts to veterans in Denton County and throughout the United States.

The Red, White, and Blue Bee meets twice monthly at Green Valley School, 6900 FM 2153 in Aubrey. If you'd like to know more about this group, don't hesitate to contact Barbara at **bangeltexas@gmail.com**. To receive communication and

updates or to donate, follow this **link**.

To date, over 393,000 quilts have been distributed nationwide to veterans. Quilts of Valor is a national organization that provides quilts to service members and veterans to give them comfort and healing.

On Tuesday, each veteran was not just given a quilt but lovingly wrapped in it. During this heartwarming quilting moment, the words "Welcome Home" were spoken to them. Ten women veterans were quilted this week, each receiving a unique symbol of our gratitude.



Quilts of Valor

On Saturday, June 15, we had the honor of awarding a Vietnam vet who is a member of MOAA (Military Officers of America Assn). We award 5-6 a year to MOAA.

Saturday's recipient was retired Lt. Colonel Gene Koger, a 20 year vet of the US Army, and a Legion of Merit recipient.

I was assisted by RWB Bee member Sharon Balsley. Sharon is also a Vietnam veteran and a member of MOAA. She has assisted with MOAA awards in the past and it was a pleasure for her to come on Saturday.

Lt. Col Koger and his wife were so pleased with their QOV and surprised by its generous size. I'm told it will be displayed in their living room, and used this winter. The quilt was pieced by Mary Devlin and quilted by Cathy Kreter.

It was good to have Sharon Balsley join me in awarding this quilt.

Thank you, RWB Bee, for all you do for our warriors!

Barbara Angel, Group Leader

RWB Bee, QOVF.org

