



**Vietnam Veterans Of America
Chapter #920
Denton, TX**

www.vva920.org

January 2019

Meeting Information:

Date: Meet the **4th Tuesday** of Each Month

Location: 6900 FM 2153, Aubrey, TX 76227

Dinner: At **6:00PM**

Meeting Start Time: **6:45PM**

Officers (2018-2019)

Gary Steele-President

Dan Washburn-Vice President

Secretary-Eric Harmon

Treasurer-Enrique Nater

Director-Sharon Balsley

Director-Randy Grizzle

Director-Robbie Roberts

Committees

Webmaster-Jim Polozeck

Quarter Master/Steward-Horst Poethke

Motor Pool Sergeant-Bill Roberson

Support Services-Sharon Balsley

Membership-Jerry Anderson

Honor Guard-Alan Lessard

Chaplains-Tom Silva and Bill Coburn

Safety Officer-Ron Swain

Newsletter Editor-Anita Washburn

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



Picture of the Month



Support Services care package
to Norma Cabanas

Membership Update: (January 2019)

VVA-196 AVVA-28 Total-224

Welcome - President



NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION

Option A: lose some weight
Option B: buy a bigger basket

- New Year Resolutions 2019
1. Exercise ~~30~~¹⁰ minutes a ~~day~~⁵ week ~~month~~^{seconds}
Think about
 2. Lose ~~30~~⁵ pounds ounces by Christmas
 3. Eat more vegetables ~~and~~^{salad, lettuce, B.L.T's} potatoes
 4. Watch less TV. ~~movies~~^{youtube} forwarded pet videos
 5. ~~30~~⁶⁰ minutes on Facebook a ~~day~~^{morning/eve.}
 6. ~~stop~~^{cut back} fast food lunches
 7. Go to ~~church~~^{church} and ~~fast days~~^{pot luck} more.
 8. ~~Keep~~^{try to} the resolutions ~~this year~~^{until Epiphany} !!!!

Scholarship News

Mathew W. Freeman Memorial Scholarship Application

Applications are being accepted for the **Mathew W. Freeman Memorial Scholarship**.

Each year VVA Chapter 920 offers one or more scholarships of **\$500**.

The applicant must be a dependent or relative of a member of VVA Chapter 920 (immediate family member of Honorably Discharged Vietnam or Vietnam Era Veterans {e.g. spouse, children (including foster or step children) and grandchildren).

Application deadline is April 1st.

(Application and supporting documents).

Applications received after April 1st will not be considered.

Application forms for the Mathew W.

Freeman Memorial Scholarship are available:

on the **VVA 920 website** (www.vva920.org),

from any **VVA 920 Officer**, or

Lloyd Kinnison, Scholarship Chairperson

(lkinnison5@msn.com or 940 268 2041).



VVA 920 Events

January 2019

16th – VVA 920 Board Meeting

22nd – VVA Stated Meeting

February 2019

20th – VVA 920 Board Meeting

26th – VVA Stated Meeting

March 2019

20th – VVA 920 Board Meeting

26th – VVA Stated Meeting

29^h – Welcome Home Brunch

0900-1100 @ GVS

**Work Sessions at GVS
Every Thursday 8:30–11:30 am
(Weather Permitting)**

Honor Guard Activities:

Alan Lessard, SOG

January 14, 2019 – 17:45 Hrs, Monday
Honor Guard meeting at GVS.

February 11, 2019 – 17:45 Hrs, Monday
Honor Guard meeting at GVS

March 11, 2019 – 17:45 Hrs, Monday
Honor Guard meeting at GVS



Bob Cooper Funeral @ Global Spheres





Together Always®

AVVA (Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America) Corner:

Our AVVA team is working hard!

Scholarship Committee

Honor Guard

Quilting for Veterans

Supporting VVA 920 activities & members



AVVA attends VVA stated meetings:
January 22 - February 26 - March 26

AVVA is open to anyone interested in supporting Veterans but is not eligible to join VVA. Please, consider joining this active team of workers.

<http://www.avva.org>

Around the Chapter

Christmas Party 2018



THANK YOU! For a successful Stuffed Animal drive. Denton County children appreciate your generosity.



2018 Christmas Party



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Thank YOU
for donating Stuffed Animals.

Thank YOU
to all who brought delicious food.

Thank YOU
to our servers & kitchen help.

Thank YOU
to all who made or donated
decorations & helped decorate.

Thank YOU
to all who helped with clean up.

Thank YOU All
for wonderful evening of
camaraderie & good eats.

Notes from the President:

This year 52 years ago, I entered the USAF. Throughout these years I've managed to gather tons of friends and gained many life experiences and lessons of life in general. The most devastating experience is the loss of a child or loved one. I've experienced both of these. However, I've been blessed to be able to live a good life and have been given the talent to give back to those that I love and to those that I come in contact with; especially my family, friends and VVA920.

I've learned that having good friends is like a long highway. It has a beginning and an ending. Good friends will be there at both ends. The highway is not always smooth and does have rough areas; but will provide smooth travel most of the time. Special friends will be there for all your travels good or bad. The highway reminds us of where we've been and gives us hopes of where we want or need to go. So does life. We sometimes may need to let go of the past and look forward to a better tomorrow.

We are blessed to have VVA 920 as our highway. VVA920 continues to give back to our members and the community. We are there for the sick and those fallen on hard times.

Our Honor Guard will always be there paying the last respects to a brother or sister. They stand tall with honor over those wrapped in the arms of Old Glory, then quietly say "Thank You for Your Service" as that brother or sister is laid to rest with the sweet sounds of taps.

As we grow older, our window of life grows smaller. We are not promised a tomorrow, nor know what we will endure in the days to come. But, I can promise you this, that if you are on the VVA highway, you will not travel or be alone. Each and every one of you are special and my wish for you and your families is the happiest of all New Years.

Gary