



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

**December 2019**

[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 **6:00PM**  
Meeting Start Time: **6:45PM**

**Officers (2019-2020)**

President: Eric Harmon  
Vice President: Dan Washburn  
Secretary: Open  
Treasurer: Enrique Nater  
Director: Jerry Anderson  
Director: Sharon Balsley  
Director: Robbie Roberts

**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  
Steward – Leo Perez  
Support Services - Sharon Balsley  
Webmaster - Jim Polozeck

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**VVA 920**  
**Annual Christmas Dinner**  
**December 10<sup>th</sup>**  
**6:00 pm**

**Veterans Day 11-11-19**



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



## President's Corner

Dear Brothers and Sisters of VVA 920,

I wish for a very happy and healthy holiday season for all our VVA and AVVA members and their families, including a very Merry Christmas to all y'all. It is taking me awhile; but I'm slowly picking up on the Texan vernacular (with apologies aplenty for my occasional destruction thereof).

One thing I picked up on long ago was the friendliness of a Texan and how important family is. This is the time of year where family is everything and this means some of you have a very heavy heart with the loss of someone who recently passed. I would like to reach out to all of you to be especially kind to our VVA and AVVA family that has experienced such a recent loss. And let's celebrate all that we have to be grateful for, including our memories of those who helped us become the folks we are, and for the freedoms we enjoy from their sacrifices.

I and all the VVA board members thank you for all that you have done, and we look forward to seeing you in the new year.

Eric



Over 100 baskets sponsored by "Kama Jui Jitsu" and assembled/distributed by Camille and her Women Veterans of America team. Baskets contained a turkey, two bags of mixed vegetables (frozen), butter, half-half, pie (large pumpkin), dozen Hawaiian rolls, two packets of gravy, roasting pan, basket, two cans of cranberry sauce, stuffing, 5 pound bag of red potatoes, large holiday plates, napkins and plastic-ware and a greeting card. "Kama Jui Jitsu" has sponsored the baskets for four years, giving them to veteran families in need.

# VVA 920 Events

## December 2019

No Meeting

10<sup>th</sup> – **Annual Christmas Dinner**

## January 2019

22<sup>nd</sup> – VVA 920 Board Meeting

28<sup>th</sup> – VVA Stated Meeting

## February 2019

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

25<sup>th</sup> – VVA Stated Meeting

## Honor Guard Activities:

Alan Lessard, SOG

08 December 2019 10:45 am

Veterans coming from Bonham military nursing home. Sponsored by Elk Lodge 228 E Oak St. Denton.

No uniform required just wear vest.

09 December 2019 Monday –

NO Practice/Meeting

13 December 2019 07:30 am

Lineman College  
5110 Dakota Ln. Denton Tx.

18 December 2019 02:30 pm

Veterans Court – Denton Courthouse

Contact Alan for Details on each event.

## Honor Guard Activities:

Lockheed Martin 11-7-19



## Honor Guard

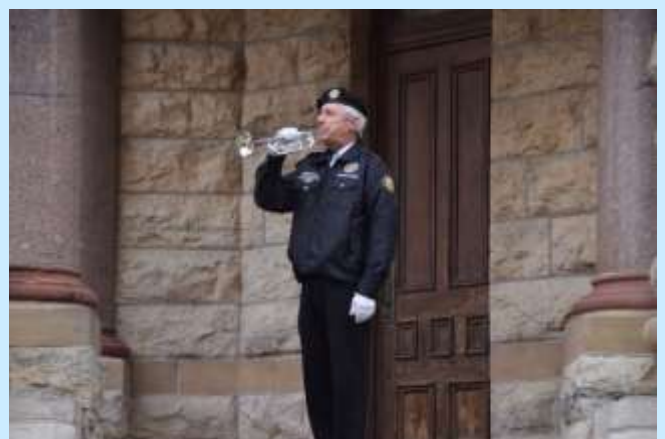
Texas Veterans Hall of Fame  
Inagural Induction  
11-9-19



VVA 920 presented colors & provided service flags for MIA/POW table.

## Honor Guard

Veterans Day 11-11-19



## Around the Chapter

### The Power of One

#### **KUDOs to the VVA 920 charter member who spent Veterans Day at Brookdale South.**

"I was made aware at the last moment that the Veterans at Brookdale Denton South, Assisted Living were not having any functions on their behalf and were a little down. With no time for planning or adding another function for the Chapter, instead of going to the Denton Square I dawned my VVA vest, military cover, got some American flags and went to Brookdale at their lunch time and on behalf of Chapter 920 visited each of the nine veterans living at the facility. I gave them a flag on behalf of the Chapter telling them we appreciated their service. I believe all appreciated the visit and one more straw in the hat from VVA."



### **Mathew W. Freeman Memorial Scholarship**

New **Application forms** for the Mathew W. Freeman Memorial Scholarship will soon be available:

on the **VVA 920 website** ([www.vva920.org](http://www.vva920.org)),  
from any **VVA 920 Officer**, or  
**Lloyd Kinnison, Scholarship Chairperson**  
( [lkinnison5@msn.com](mailto:lkinnison5@msn.com) or 940 368 2041 )

Deadline is **May 1, 2020.**

## From Alan Lessard:

My family and I want to send a very special thank you to all who sent emails, prayers, condolence cards, phone calls, attended the viewing or the funeral of my son-in-law Tyler Gullette.

The members of VVA Chapter 920 both Brothers, Sisters, their wives or husbands are very special to me.

Tyler held a special place in my heart he was a real good son-in-law, I could always depend on him if I needed help with something. Tyler had a way about him that attracted people to him one thing he did have was the voice of a Angel and the knowledge of the Bible that he love to share. Tyler's way of performing a church service was a real unique system he would cover many verses from different chapters in the bible and quite frequently add in a song many times that he had wrote.

He spent time praying with prisoners, he worked for hospice and he would sit and sing and pray with someone that hospice was called in for. He told me that he had quite a few people in hospice that died in his arms as he sang to them.

At one time Tyler was a member of the Honor Guard and would often sing the National Anthem at special occasions.

So, you see what kind of a man he was - real special.