



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

**September
2020**

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Meeting Information:

Date: Meet the **4th Tuesday** of Each Month
Location: **6900 FM 2153, Aubrey, TX 76227**
Dinner: At – **TBD** 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: Gary Raines
Director: Sharon Balsley
Director: Open

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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**September 2020
Installation of Officers 8-25-2020**



Standing, L to R, Harmon, Anderson, Silva, Raines, Nator, Grizzle, and Daniel Washburn (seated). (Cliff McLeod sat in for Dan)



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



President's Corner

Members of Vietnam Veterans Chapter 920,

First a big Thank You to the Nominating committee. Also, Thank You to the members who attended our meeting for the election of Officers and Directors. The election was due in April but postponed because of Covid-19 restrictions.

Welcome to our newly elected Board of Directors members. Looking forward to a successful year.

Special thanks to Eric Harmon our past President.

Sincere appreciation to Robbie Roberts who has been a director for many years and a very active volunteer.

Looking forward to our fall meetings & getting back to normal. The last two meetings we have concentrated on Chapter business. We are working on a plan for meals – especially for October when our Fallen Brothers ceremony is held.

Due to Covid-19, it is very likely that we will not have our annual fund raiser at the North Texas Fair this year. The Chapter is financially sound.

As in the past there will be no stated meetings in November and December, as our meeting dates fall too close to Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. We are in hopes that the Covid situation will improve so that we can have our annual Christmas Dinner.

We would like once again to have a stuffed animal drive for Denton County First Responders. Perhaps a drive thru dropoff at the School.

Currently, Texas State Council is still planning on meeting October 30-31st in Denton. TSC will make their decision regarding that meeting very soon. Again, this is based on Covid-19 guidelines.

We truly appreciate your patience during this difficult time. We hope that we can soon get back to our normal activities and camaraderie in a safe manner.

Thanks,
Dan Washburn
VVA 920 President

VVA 920 Events

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

September 2020

Covid-19 Guidelines

16th – VVA 920 Board Meeting

22nd – VVA Stated Meeting

October 2020

Covid-19 Guidelines

21st – VVA 920 Board Meeting

27th – VVA Stated Meeting

30th-31st - TSC – Denton

November 2020

December 2020

Covid-19 Guidelines

No Meetings

Honor Guard Activities:

Alan Lessard, SOG

Multiple Funeral Requests

Contact Alan for Details on each event.

Honor Guard Activities:

I asked the chapter if they would donate \$50 to Stephanie for making our HG masks, that was very quickly approved. I bought a card put all the HG names on the card and included a picture of the HG. Here is the picture of Stephanie and me presenting the card to her. All she could say was “You guys don't owe me, I owe you.” For those of you that don't know Stephanie; she is an assistant manager at Whataburger on loop 288 in Denton. Once a month on a Wednesday morning she would bring cupcakes or cakes in it was for everyone that came in but mostly for someone that had a birthday or anniversary during that month. On the week of, the Fourth of July she brought in cupcakes decorated for the Fourth. On Veterans day she makes up little boxes of different fudge and puts a military coin in each one and gives it to the Veterans who come there often.

Real special Lady to a lot of us.

Alan Lessard, SOG



Chapter ELECTION Results

**Board of Directors
through April 2021**

President – Dan Washburn
Vice President – Jerry Anderson
Secretary – Eric Harmon
Treasure – Enrique Nater
Director – Gary Raines (3 year)
Director – Sharon Balsley (1 year)
Director – Open (2 years)

Support Services

Card support continues & is appreciated.

Our Navigators are serving Veterans.

If you need assistance, please contact
Support Services.

Support Services Care Packages



This care package is for **Airman First Class Morgan Griffin** stationed somewhere in the African Continent. The Denton Quilt Guild provided a handmade quilt because she told her mother that she is cold at night. Also, I am sending heavy fuzzy Sox which she asked for. I hope she enjoys everything.

Bob Creamier



This care package is for: **LTCDR Brett Vining** he is on temporary assignment to Okinawa. We received the referral from Eric, he has met Brett.

Around the Chapter

Thank YOU

Dan is recovering very well from his bypass surgery on 8/25.

Looking forward to being with his VVA friends.

We truly appreciate your prayers & support.

Dan, Anita & family.

*Good friends
are like stars.
You don't
always see
them, but you
know that
they are
always there.*