



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

June 2020

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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 (AVVA)
Steward – Leo Perez
Support Services - Sharon Balsley
Webmaster - Jim Polozeck

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Honor Guard joined by Denton Chief of Police & Annie Kay Palasota who sang the National Anthem.

Memorial Day Observance

Denton Square
25 May 2020

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



President's Corner

Dear Chapter 920 VVA and AVVA members,

Light at the end of the tunnel. . .

On May 18, your board of directors met for the first time since February! I felt we needed to address three items: Scholarships, Honor Guard and our own TSC to be held in October and all board members came through with one joining via conference call, one with mask and all spread to individual tables while I led from the stage. We practiced all CDC safety measures and successfully got through the issues.

In the June newsletter you will learn who won our five - \$1,000 scholarships. I congratulate all five recipients and our scholarship committee as well for a job well done - Lloyd Kinnison, Gerard Balsley, Gary Steele and Anita Washburn. We heard Alan's proposal for firing up our honor guard, including safety precautions and agreed that we are ready to re-engage under his command. And we got an update on the Embassy Suites and Denton Convention Center and our Texas State Council scheduled for October 30-31. We are all on schedule and anticipating a great event which our chapter is hosting. Since the first of two annual TSC's was cancelled we will have the honor of hosting the only 2020 state event.

Our treasurer gave us our financial status and yes, we are still sound with funds. In fact, we have reason to believe we will still hold our annual raffle at the North Texas State Fair. Keep your fingers crossed on this one.

The bad news is we have lost three months and counting. The good news is our chapter's members appear to be weathering the pandemic and the state of Texas is coming out of its cocoon, albeit slowly.

There is indeed, light at the end of the tunnel.

Eric Harmon – President Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 920, Inc.

Eric's heart surgery was successful & he is recovering at home.

Per Mary, NO visitors till further notice.

VVA 920 Events

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

June 2020

TBD – Covid-19 Guidelines

17th – VVA 920 Board Meeting

23rd – VVA Stated Meeting

July 2020

TBD – Covid-19 Guidelines

4th – USA Independence Day

22nd – VVA 920 Board Meeting

28th – VVA Stated Meeting

August 2020

TBD – Covid-19 Guidelines

North Texas State Fair – Denton

19th – VVA 920 Board Meeting

25th – VVA Stated Meeting

Honor Guard Activities:

Alan Lessard, SOG

Multiple Funeral Requests

Contact Alan for Details on each event.

Honor Guard Activities:



Friday, 22 May 2020
Green Valley Cemetery
Placed flags on veterans gave sites.

May 2016



Left to right: Jerry Anderson, Mark Hannah, Lupe Martinez, Richard Handly, Congressman Burgess, Alan Lessard, Rick Ward, Tom Grizzle Robbie Roberts.

November 2009



Front Row. Robbie Roberts, Randy Grizzle, Jerry Anderson, Rick Ward, Bill Loader
Back Row Mike Haynes, Alan Lessard, Steve Knox



**Mathew W. Freeman
Memorial Scholarship**

**VVA 920 proudly announces the recipients
of our five \$1,000.00 Scholarships in 2020.**

Jack Sheehan	University of Texas at Dallas (Richardson, Texas) Computer Science Jerry Anderson
Audrey Fink	Oklahoma State University (Stillwater, Oklahoma) Business Leo Perez
Whitney Palasoto	Texas A&M University (College Station, Texas) Marketing Gary Raines
Gerald Balsley IV	Midwestern State University (Wichita Falls, Texas) Business Sharon and Gerald Balsley
Emily Almeida	Willamette University (Salem Oregon) Public Policy, Law, and Ethics Kurt Hyde

CONGRATULATIONS!!

Chapter ELECTIONS

Date – TBD

(To Be Determined)

Positions Open:

President

Vice President

Secretary

Treasure

Director

(3-year Term)

Nominating Committee:

Ed Hall, Kurt Hyde & Bill Roberson

Support Services

Card support continues & is appreciated.

Our Navigators are serving Veterans.

If you need assistance, please contact
Support Services.



Venue - TSC October 2020

Randy, Eric & Dan met with **Embassy Suites** on 5/14/2020.



Ample room for Social Distancing!