



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

www.vva920.org

APRIL 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

Nominating- Alan Lessard, Jim Polozeck,
Kurt Hyde

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

Picture of the Month



**Welcome Home!
Vietnam Veterans Breakfast
3-29-19**

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



Welcome – President

Kudos:

To Tom Silva, who spent 3 weeks working and orchestrating one of the most memorable events that our Chapter has ever been involved in. Taking a Vietnam Veteran that had no relatives and making sure he had one of the most respectful memorial services that can be given to a Veteran.

From the escort of over 15 patrol cars from Denton to the National Cemetery where these officer saluted the procession at the entrance of the cemetery. To the City of Denton, Denton County and Dallas County Law Enforcement we are very grateful for the escort.

To DRC for the front page article.

Lastly to WFAA for their coverage. Because of them, we were able to bring closure with a relative coming forward to honor their loved one.

My special thanks to our membership for stepping up and providing enough donations to cover the entire expense of the service.

To the Honor Guard and Caisson Team, you were magnificent.

As Frenchy says “VVA 920 Rock”.



VVA 920 Events

April 2019

17th – VVA 920 Board Meeting

23rd – VVA Stated Meeting

23rd – **ELECTIONS**

29th – VVA Annual Golf Tournament

May 2019

22nd - VVA 920 Board Meeting

27th – Memorial Day

28th – VVA Stated Meeting

June 2019

19th – VVA 920 Board Meeting

25th – VVA Stated Meeting



Together Always

AVVA (Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America) Corner:

AVVA attends VVA stated meetings.

AVVA is open to anyone interested in supporting VVA 920 and other Veterans but is not eligible to join VVA. Please, consider joining this active team of workers.

<http://www.avva.org>

Membership Update: (March 2019)
VVA-196 AVVA-29 Total-225

Honor Guard Activities:

Alan Lessard, SOG

April 8, 2019 – 17:45 Hrs, Monday
Honor Guard meeting at GVS

May 13, 2019 – 17:45 Hrs, Monday
Honor Guard meeting at GVS.

June 10, 2019 – 17:45 Hrs, Monday
Honor Guard meeting at GVS



DFW National Cemetery
3-28-2019

GOLF TOURNAMENT 4-29-19

Volunteers report at 7 a.m.

Registration open about 7:15 a.m. on
Monday, April 29 at the
Oakmont Country Club - Clubhouse.

To volunteer contact:

Jerry Anderson 940-367-2690
or Leo Perez 940-453-9754.

All other questions can be sent to
Eric Harmon by calling
760-409-3722 or e-mail
ericharmon1969@gmail.com

We need sponsors and golfers.

Application is on our website
vva920.org.

Who Feeds our Chapter?

“When we Meet, We Eat!”

Mark Hannah 2004

In the earliest years, pot-luck was the fare.
Alan & Barbara Lessard some of the meals.
Before the move to the VFW, Wayne & Cici
Trevathan began cooking the meals and
continued to do so until 2013.

Snicker-Doodle cookies began to appear in
2004 and have continued to this date –
Thank YOU Jay Polozeck!!

For the Honor Guard, Alan & Barbara
Lessard fixed most of the meals along with
Jerry & Joan Anderson.

Today, Alan is in charge of ordering or
preparing the meal for Honor Guard
Practices.

When VVA 920 moved to Green Valley
School in 2013 and had their own kitchen,
Leo Perez assumed the duty of procuring
supplies & ordering meals.

In 2018, Horst Poethke assumed the
Steward duties.

Mom’s On Main in Aubrey has supplied
many delicious dinners for meetings.

Desserts have been provided by members,
members wives & AVVA.

Note from the President,

This will be my last note as President and I wanted to end by expressing my deepest gratitude and thank you for your support. It's been my honor to serve in this capacity. It's been a short term, but a great year and that's what makes our Chapter one of the best. No matter who's driving the train, everyone gets on board and helps along the journey. There is so much that our Chapter does that we never get to talk about or credited for, so I want to end this note and my year with another note that I received that shares my same feeling about VVA 920. I've taking the privilege of typing out the note. Again, thank you for a wonderful. year.

Gary

THANK YOU

April 4, 2019

Dear Vietnam Veterans of Chapter 920,

Please accept this humble gift as a token of my appreciation for all you have done on behalf of James W. Mount.

Unfortunately, I did not know him personally either, however, I am certain that he would have been so honored if he could have seen the outpouring of your love and respect.

As I attended the funeral, I was over-whelmed to be in the presence of so many true American Heroes!

Thank you all (including James) for your service to our Country.

Marsha Burleson

(Distant Cousin to James W. Mount)