



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

August 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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July 2020



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



President's Corner

Dear VVA and AVVA members of Chapter 920,

I trust this note finds each of you and your families in good health and spirit. I believe it is fitting to refer to this period as "trying times". Hang in there and know that we will get through this pandemic and merge together once again at our schoolhouse and reengage in public events.

As I write this, last evening is fresh on my mind where some 23 members attended our first general meeting since February 25. We served neither meals or snacks, but had a plentiful supply of bottled water. Masks were mandatory and we had plenty of sanitary gel to be used throughout the evening. Jerry set up tables and chairs for safe distancing which made the room appear to me as if it was full.

We met for one hour in total and in that time held our usual ceremonies, a brief read of the last BOD minutes and our election committee chairman, Bill Roberson announced the slate of candidates for the 2020-2021 board of directors:

- President – Dan Washburn
- Vice President – Jerry Anderson
- Secretary – Eric Harmon
- Treasurer – Enrique Nater
- Director – Gary Raines (Robby Roberts term expired)

Sharon Balsley is serving her second year of a three-year term as director (2018-2021) and should Jerry Anderson be elected as vice president the new board of directors will select a volunteer for his position as director to serve the remainder of Jerry's three-year term. Our election and appointment process is in accordance with Articles III and VI of our bylaws.

The election slate includes volunteers for these positions, but if you are a VVA member in good standing you can include your name on the slate as well, for any position I've listed above. You would contact Bill Roberson, Ed Hall or Kurt Hyde (election committee members) with questions and guidance.

At this time, we do anticipate there will be an August 25 general meeting at which time we will read the candidates for all positions and vote in our new board of directors. The new board will then take over the meeting. Remember – all positions are open until we hold the actual elections so give it some thought to include your name to the slate.

And now it is time for me to reflect on my time as your president as my term comes to an end. We started out the gates with a Spring fundraising golf tournament as well as a very successful raffle last August, giving us a combined donation fund that enabled us to increase our five scholarships to \$1,000 each. And our support services committee continued to assist veterans in need, not denying any request due to a lack of funds. Having a healthy financial resource and a talented treasurer to manage it has also allowed our chapter to survive the horrible pandemic of 2020 rendering us unable to hold either of our annual fund raisers. We will be financially strong going into 2021 and ready to reengage with these important events. And we have the opportunity to host our state's semi-annual council meeting this October 30-31, if the virus does not block us. Add in all the activities of our honor guard - held back only momentarily from providing families with the last special recognition of their loved ones – and I think I can look back at this year (plus) with satisfaction, honor and gratitude. I am blessed to be a part of chapter 920 and I am grateful to all of you for allowing me to serve as your president.

Thank you and God bless,



VVA 920 Events

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

August 2020

Covid-19 Guidelines

19th – VVA 920 Board Meeting

25th – VVA Stated Meeting

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

Honor Guard Activities:

Alan Lessard, SOG

Multiple Funeral Requests

Contact Alan for Details on each event.

Honor Guard Activities:

17 July 2020 – Roselawn



22 July 2020 - DeBerry



Chapter ELECTIONS

Nominating Committee
Slate For 2020-2021

President – Dan Washburn
Vice President – Jerry Anderson
Secretary – Eric Harmon
Treasure – Enrique Nater
Director – Gary Raines (3 yr)

Nominating Committee:
Ed Hall, Kurt Hyde & Bill Roberson

Covid permitting, election & installation of officers will be held August 25, 2020.

Support Services

Card support continues & is appreciated.
Our Navigators are serving Veterans.
If you need assistance, please contact
Support Services.

Around the Chapter
Thank you, Doug Ebersole!
Bugles Across America
VVA Honor Guard



VVA General Meeting 7-28-2020
Masks & Social Distancing



August 1, 2020
R. B. Pennington, USMC
Friend of GVS & VVA 920

