



Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #920 Denton, TX

April 2024

www.vva920.org

Meeting Information:

Date: Meet the **4th Tuesday** of Each Month
Location: **6900 FM 2153, Aubrey, TX 76227**
Meal At – **Noon**
Meeting Start Time: **12:45 pm**

Officers (2023-2024)

President: Dan Washburn
Vice President: Gary Raines
Secretary: Steve Knox
Treasurer: Robin Kain
Director: Garrold Roberts
Director: Rev. Bill Coburn
Director: Bill Roberson
Sergeant at Arms: Randy Grizzle
Sgt. of the Guard: Alan Lessard

Committee Leads

Chaplains - Tom Silva & Rev. Bill Coburn
Historian – Alan Lessard
Honor Guard - Alan Lessard
Membership – Steve Knox
Motor Pool Sergeant - Horst Poethke (AVVA)
Newsletter Editor - Anita Washburn (AVVA)
Public Affairs – Frenchy Rheault
Quarter Master - Horst Poethke (AVVA)
Scholarship – Lloyd Kinnison (AVVA)
Steward – Horst Poethke (AVVA)
Support Services – Steve Knox
Webmaster - Anita Washburn (AVVA)

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7th ANNUAL VETERANS CAR SHOW

521 Acme Street, Denton, TX
Saturday, May 4th, 2024
Show: 11am – 3pm
Registration: 10am - 12pm
Registration Fee: \$20.00

Proceeds to benefit The Green Valley School
home of the Vietnam Veterans Chapter 920

Full Class Show with 26 Great Classes, 6 Best Show Awards
And Veterans Pick Trophy

50/50 Raffle, Food Vendor

Rain Date: June 1st, 2024



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



President's Corner

Brothers and Sisters,

Elections will be held April 23rd. All positions are open – President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasure and one 3-year Director.

We will greet the MOH caravan on 4/25 late afternoon at the Outlet Mall on I-35.

Remind your Grandkids to get their Scholarship applications completed & sent in. Deadline is May 1, 2024.

GVS Veterans Car Show is Saturday, May 4th at the Cycle Center in Denton.

Many Thanks,

Dan Washburn

VVA 920 President

Quilts of Valor – March 26, 2024



Johnny & Vicky Jackson



Aaron & Adrienne Washburn



VVA 920 Events

April 2024

8th – Honor Guard Practice

17th – VVA 920 Board Meeting

**23rd – VVA 920 Stated Meeting
Election of Officers**

25th – Greet MOH Caravan 4:00 pm

27th – MOH Parade Gainesville

May 2024

1st – Scholarship Applications Due

4th – GVS Veterans Car Show

13th – Honor Guard Practice

22nd – VVA 920 Board Meeting

27th – Memorial Day

28th – VVA 920 Stated Meeting

June 2024

10th – Honor Guard Practice

19th – VVA 920 Board Meeting

25th – VVA 920 Stated Meeting

If you have not received a

Quilt of Valor

Contact:

Barbara Angel – 940-206-3027

Or

Patti Bauch – 469-763-1718

Honor Guard Activities:

Alan Lessard, SOG

Honor Guard practice

April 8th – 17:45 hrs

March Military Rites

None



Support Services

If you need assistance, please visit the Support Services at:

<https://www.vva920.org>

or call 940.387.9920 & leave message.

Support Services works with the Denton County Veterans Coalition Navigators to access county wide resources.

Support Services also sends Care Packages to active duty, deployed soldiers in addition to card support for VVA members & families.



Matthew W. Freeman Memorial Scholarship

2024 Application forms for the Matthew W. Freeman Memorial Scholarship are available at www.vva920.org or may be requested from VVA920Scholarship@gmail.com

Applicants should direct any questions to:

Lloyd Kinnison, Scholarship Chairperson, 940 368 2041
or email VVA920Scholarship@gmail.com

Deadline is **May 1, 2024**.

Eligibility: The applicant must be a dependent or relative of a member of VVA 920, Denton, TX. e.g. (spouse, children including foster or stepchildren, or grandchildren).

The Matthew W. Freeman Memorial Scholarship applications have been updated for 2024. Application **A** is for first time applicants, Application **B** is for returning applicants.

Please encourage your family members to participate. Full scholarship requirements and explanations are on the Application forms.

VVA 920 will award multiple \$1,500.00 Scholarships in 2024.

AVVA Chapter 920



Volunteers bagged the Stuffed Animals for Distribution to First Responders.

Thank YOU to everyone who donated stuffed animals!

Red, White, Blue Bee – Quilts of Valor

RWB Bee celebrated Vietnam Veterans Day on Friday and Saturday (March 29 & 30). These two events show the wonderful blending of service to our vets by Chapter 920 and QOV.

I have awards in April for a Life Chapter 920 member, Dan Ottinger, who is an active Mentor with Vet Court. He has asked to be awarded at Vet Court. Also, another Vietnam vet through MOWW (Legion of Merit, 30 years of service). Sharon Balsley hopes to assist.

I think these awards demonstrate the commitment and dedication of chapter 920 Vietnam vets to the veteran community.

In addition to those awarded at Green Valley, the RWB Bee was honored to award quilts to two Vietnam Veterans at an Assisted Living/Memory Care home on National Vietnam Veterans Day. Chapter 920 member Sam Karr led the low-key ceremony. Sam, wearing his VVA vest, was a welcome surprise to the residents.

On Saturday, the Bee was the guest of the Texas Veterans Hall of Fame. Chapter 920 member and Museum Director Jere Delano, welcomed family and friends, sharing the history of the museum. It was the perfect setting to recognize the contributions of two Vietnam vets. Earl Bauch, 920 member, lead the wrapping of his friend, Dennis. Both served briefly in the same unit at the same time, but did not meet until last year. Bee member Sandra Schon, who made his quilt, assisted in wrapping.



Bill, a Legion of Merit recipient, was also awarded his QOV. He served in the US Army from 1969 to 1972. He was nominated by Bee member Kay Hinton-Sprout. His quilt was made by Marie Kaetzel. We are honored to say thank you for your service. Welcome Home.

