



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

**January 2023**

[www.vva920.org](http://www.vva920.org)

**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 (2022-2023)**

President: Dan Washburn  
Vice President: Gary Raines  
Secretary: Steve Knox  
Treasurer: Robin Kain  
Director: Garrold Roberts  
Director: Rev. Bill Coburn  
Director: Bill Roberson

**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)  
Sergeant at Arms - Randy Grizzle

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



## President's Corner

Members of Vietnam Veterans Chapter 920,

HAPPY New Year!! 2023 will be filled with veteran events – starting with the Chapter Birthday in March. VVA 920 turns **20** this year.

Christmas dinner was wonderful – sides & desserts delicious! See pics on pages 5-7. Our stuffed animal drive was very successful! Thank you to everyone for your donation.

Kudos to our decorating crew & to Griz for undecorating – Anita is very appreciative!

We need to discuss changing our meeting time to earlier in the day to ensure the safety of our members. Driving after dark becomes difficult as we age. Discussion of the time change will be on the agenda at our January 24<sup>th</sup> general meeting.

Thanks,

Dan Washburn

VVA 920 President

### December 8, 2022 - Christmas Dinner



Stuffed Animals for our First Responders



# VVA 920 Events

## January 2023

9<sup>th</sup> – Honor Guard Practice

18<sup>th</sup> – VVA 920 Board Meeting

**24<sup>h</sup> – VVA 920 Stated Meeting**

## February 2023

13<sup>th</sup> – Honor Guard Practice

22<sup>nd</sup> – VVA 920 Board Meeting

**28<sup>h</sup> – VVA 920 Stated Meeting**

## March 2023

13<sup>th</sup> – Honor Guard Practice

22<sup>nd</sup> – VVA 920 Board Meeting

**28<sup>h</sup> – VVA 920 Stated Meeting**

**29<sup>th</sup> – Vietnam Veterans Day**

**31<sup>st</sup> - VVA 920 20<sup>th</sup> Birthday**

## Honor Guard Activities:

Alan Lessard, SOG

**Honor Guard practice**

**January 9<sup>th</sup> ~ 17:45 hours**

## December Military Rites

12-19 ~ David Lee Fuller.  
US Army

12-19 ~ Thomas Mullen Wright



## 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.

## 2023 Military Dates by Veterans.com

### January

New Year's Day	Jan. 1
Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday	Jan 16

### February

Black History Month	
Four Chaplains Day	Feb. 3
USO Birthday	Feb. 4
National Salute to Veteran Patients	Week of Feb. 12
Valentine's Day	Feb. 14
President's Day	Feb. 20
Coast Guard Reserve Birthday	Feb. 19



## **Matthew W. Freeman Memorial Scholarship**

2023 Application forms for the Matthew W. Freeman Memorial Scholarship are available at [www.vva920.org](http://www.vva920.org) or may be requested from [VVA920Scholarship@gmail.com](mailto:VVA920Scholarship@gmail.com)

Applicants should direct any questions to:

Lloyd Kinnison, Scholarship Chairperson, 940 368 2041  
or email [VVA920Scholarship@gmail.com](mailto:VVA920Scholarship@gmail.com)

Deadline is **May 1, 2023**.

**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 2023. 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 2023.**



# Christmas Dinner 2022



Robson Ranch stuffed animal contribution.





# Christmas Dinner - 2022





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Sharon Balsley, Support Services, suggested the following events from the MVPN newsletter,

If you wish to receive the MVPN newsletter, please email: Kasey Brown  
[Kasey@DentonCountyMVPN.com](mailto:Kasey@DentonCountyMVPN.com)

## MVPN Newsletter

January 2023

### Veteran Spouse Resiliency Group

Social and Recurring Group

You may remember these groups from back in 2019, well we partnered once again with the Veteran Spouse Network to bring Veteran Spouse Resiliency Groups (V-SRG) back to Denton County! Due to an increasing need from Veteran spouses to connect and navigate lives challenges, we feel like this couldn't have come at a better time.

Army Veteran Spouse Becca Hobby and Marine Veteran Spouse Jill Evans will facilitate this **12-Week Series** beginning on **Sunday, February 12th from 4:30pm to 6:30pm** at Veterans Point. Please be sure to register at the link below to confirm availability.

However, before the groups begin, we wanted to give interested parties an opportunity to come to Veterans Point, meet some of the other spouses, and get a feel for what the 12-week series entails. This **Social Gathering** will take place **Sunday, January 29th from 4:30pm - 6:30pm** at Veterans Point.

The V-SRG Program offers veteran spouses/partners with a space to connect with others who have walked this path, without judgment, to share stories, challenges, successes, and strategies, and ultimately support one another and create lasting friendships. If you are interested in learning more about the program and upcoming group, as well as meeting the group's leaders, and other spouses in your area, then please come out!

Learn more about our groups, see the details for the social, and register for the 12-week series at the links below, or contact Becca Hobby at [Becca@DentonCountyMVPN.com](mailto:Becca@DentonCountyMVPN.com)

[V-SRG Social Registration](#)

[V-SRG 12 Week Series Registration](#)





## Military and Veteran Benefits Lunch & Learn For Spouses & Surviving Spouses

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Recent changes to Federal benefits make it even more important to learn about benefits you may be eligible for as a Military or Veteran Spouse or as a Surviving Spouse.

Like U.S. military Veterans themselves, spouses of Veterans are eligible to receive a variety of benefits and compensation through the Veterans Administration (VA). Those benefits may include health care coverage, survivors' pension, education aid and job training, career counseling, home loans, grief counseling, and final arrangements.

For example, did you know that you may be eligible for a monthly stipend of \$1,500+ from the VA, if your spouse died due to a service-connected illness under the New PACT Act? Did you know that you may be eligible for special employment considerations under VA and/or Texas Law? Want to learn more?

Mark your calendars to join us for a free lunch& learn in February. Please email Ginger Simonson at [vgws56@gmail.com](mailto:vgws56@gmail.com) if you have questions and to make sure you get an EVite once location is finalized.