



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

November 2019

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

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Support Services Care Package

Sent to **Syndie Burt**, AMAN, U S Navy
USS Ronald Regan – Japan.



Granddaughter of Alan & Barbara Lessard

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



President's Corner

We celebrated our Fallen Brothers last week, as we do in our annual October tradition to celebrate their lives and the memories that we had with them in their final years. We know it is a matter of time before we tack on "Sister" to that title, not to be male exclusive – and none are anxious to see another of us ride off into that good night. I want to thank all who attended this very special meeting. I also want to thank our Quilt of Valor ladies who presented not one, but two of these beautiful winter warmers, one to our very special chaplain Tom Silva and one to our chapter's elder Top Gun pilot Dallas Smith.

It is an interesting observation about "Thanks". Some give it generously and some accept it graciously and others – well, I like to hang with the first two and pray for everyone. In a few weeks we can celebrate Thanksgiving and if you signed Director Sharon Balsley's clipboard at the meeting, as a veteran - you get the full unprepared dinner thanks to Kama Jui Jitsu, to be picked up prior to the holiday at the Denton Veterans Service Center. We give and we get and we are thankful to do both.

My last comments relate to the October Texas State Council held October 19 as I did not include in our general meeting's agenda. Much of my feedback can wait until January's general meeting but a couple timely notes are as follows:

- 1) If you served "in country" or within 12 miles off the shore of Vietnam – make certain you are registered for Agent Orange. No one is questioned as to your exposure; but should you suffer an ailment that is listed in association with this exposure you want to be in the system
- 2) Sharon Balsley was sworn in as an official delegate of Chapter 920
- 3) two more MIA's were accounted for this year bringing the present count at 1,587
- 4) Chapter 920 officially recognized as hosting the TSC October 30 and 31, 2020
- 5) Dan Washburn received the cherished red ribbon with national recognition of his many achievements or known as "National Achievement Award". Congratulations Dan, we are all thankful to have you help guide our chapter.

May each and every one of our VVA and AVVA members and their families enjoy your Thanksgiving – be safe, don't count calories and we'll see all y'all December 10th at the party.

Eric



VVA 920 Events

November 2019

No Meeting

11th – Veterans Day
Denton Square 11:00 am

December 2019

No Meeting

10th – Annual Christmas Dinner

January 2019

22nd – VVA 920 Board Meeting

28th – VVA Stated Meeting

Honor Guard Activities:

Alan Lessard, SOG

November 2, 2019 Saturday – 8:45 am
Walk for the Cure of Alzheimers
2500 Hinkle Dr, Denton

November 2, 2019 Saturday – 9:30 am
UNT Parade

November 10, 2019 Sunday – 2:00 pm
US Veterans Recognition - Aubrey Historical
Society at Aubrey Library

November 11, 2019 Monday – Veterans Day
9:30 Veterans Day on the Square - Denton
18:30 Robson Ranch Veterans Day Concert

November 11, 2019 Monday – NO Meeting

Contact Alan for Details on each event.

Honor Guard Activities:



Denton County Stand Down
10-24-19



Texas State Council Allen, TX 10-19-19



Sharon Balsley sworn in as Delegate



S.A.R. Presented Colors



Ladies of Liberty entertained

Meeting 10-22-19

Fallen Brothers Ceremony



44 Deceased Members honored

Eric presented VVA National Achievement Medal to Dan Washburn



**VVA 920
Annual Christmas Dinner
December 10th 6:00 pm**

Meeting 10-22-19

Dallas Smith shared an experience & presented the Chapter with a picture of a Russian Badger in flight.



Rev. Bill & Gail Coburn celebrated 31st Anniversary.



Frenchy & Terry Rheault celebrated their 40th.
Frenchy's Lawn Service turned 45.

Bill Coburn shared his Quilt of Valor received in 2015
from this church in Oklahoma.

RWB Bee presented Quilts of Valor to Dallas Smith
and Tom Silva. (see pg. 6)

Around the Chapter Work Party 10-17-19



Working together to build camaraderie.



We Meet – We Eat



Thank YOU, **Robbie Roberts** for delivering numerous stuffed animals to **Friends of the Family** in October.

VVA 920
Annual Christmas Dinner

December 10th

6:00 pm

Seating limited - Member + one guest.
Members providing Sides & Desserts.

Collecting small Stuffed Animals for
Denton County First Responders & Friends
of the Family.

RSVP to
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AVVA

(Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America)

AVVA is a separate national organization open to anyone interested in supporting VVA 920 and other Veterans but is not eligible to join VVA.

Dues: \$20 Annual – \$50 for 3 years
Lifetime - \$150 under 65 / \$100 65 or over

<http://www.avva.org>

AVVA members may attend VVA 920 stated meetings; but may not vote or hold office.

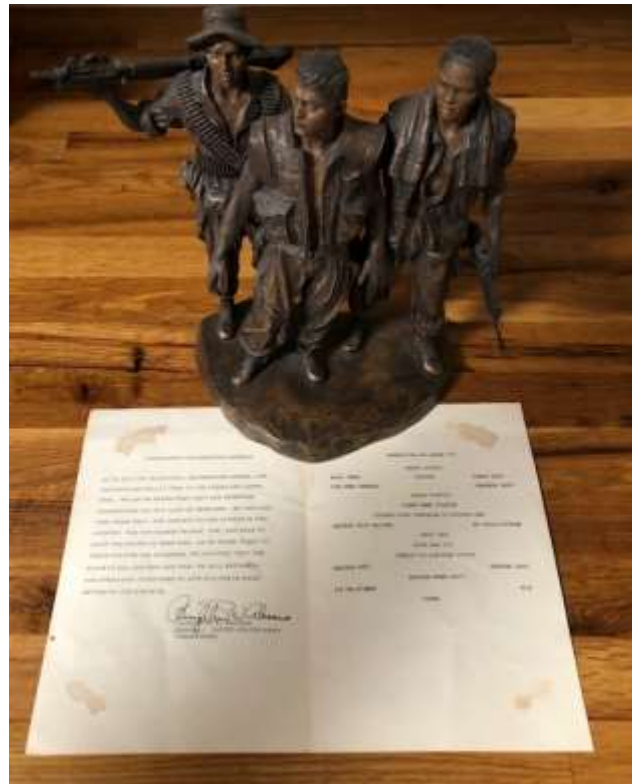
RWB Bee of Denton Quilt Guild & the
Quilt of Valor Foundation

Dallas Smith




Tom Silva





COMMANDER'S THANKSGIVING MESSAGE

AS WE EAT OUR TRADITIONAL THANKSGIVING DINNER, OUR THOUGHTS NATURALLY TURN TO OUR HOMES AND LOVED ONES. WE CAN BE PROUD THAT THEY ARE OBSERVING THANKSGIVING DAY IN A LAND OF FREE MEN. WE CAN ALSO TAKE PRIDE THAT, DUE LARGELY TO OUR ACTIONS IN THIS COUNTRY, THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE, TOO, ARE ABLE TO ENJOY THE RIGHTS OF FREE MEN. AS WE PAUSE TODAY TO THANK GOD FOR OUR BLESSINGS, WE CAN PRAY THAT OUR EFFORTS WILL SUCCEED AND THAT WE WILL RETURN TO OUR HOMES AND LOVED ONES TO LIVE IN A WORLD MADE BETTER BY OUR EFFORTS.


 CREIGHTON W. ABRAMS
 GENERAL, UNITED STATES ARMY
 COMMANDING

THANKSGIVING DAY DINNER 1971

MEAT TURKEY	DRINK COCKTAIL	TURKEY GRAVY
EGG SALAD DRESSING	CRACKING	CRANBERRY SAUCE
	MASHED POTATOES	
	GLAZED SWEET POTATOES	
	BUTTERED MIXED VEGETABLES OR BUTTERED PEAS	
ASSORTED CHEESE DELICIOUS		HOT WINGS w/ BUTTER
	FRUIT CAKE	
	MIXED MEAT PIE	
ASSORTED RICE	PUMPKIN PIE w/ WHIPPED TOPPING	ASSORTED CASSEROLE
ICE TEA w/ LEMON	ASSORTED FRESH FRUIT	MILK
	COFFEE	