



# Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #920 Denton, TX

February 2024

[www.vva920.org](http://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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**“Never Again Will One Generation  
of Veterans Abandon Another”**



## President's Corner

Brothers and Sisters,

We apologize for the delay in your receiving this months' newsletter. Anita has been fighting upper respiratory – Mountain Cedar.

This month, we will name the Nominating Committee for the Elections in April. All positions are open – President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasure and one 3-year Director.

March will be VVA 920's 21<sup>st</sup> birthday. It is amazing to look back at all the events and volunteers. We are so fortunate to be a part of this wonderful organization.

Remind your Grandkids to get their Scholarship applications completed & sent in.

Texas & Local Primary Elections are March 5<sup>th</sup>. Early voting 2/20/24 through 3/1/24  
Many Thanks,

Dan Washburn

VVA 920 President

## Quilts of Valor - Jan 23, 2024



**Dan Youse**



**Dale Haun**

**Save the date:** **March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024 - National Vietnam War Museum**

For National Vietnam Veterans Day, the museum will be hosting activities throughout the day for free! The event will end with a ceremonial "lighting" of candles at our replica Wall Memorial. 12685 Mineral Wells Highway, Weatherford, Texas.

Please send inquiries to [info@thenvwm.org](mailto:info@thenvwm.org)

# VVA 920 Events

## February 2024

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

21<sup>st</sup> – VVA 920 Board Meeting

27<sup>th</sup> – VVA 920 Stated Meeting

## March 2024

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

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

26<sup>th</sup> – VVA 920 Stated Meeting

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

29<sup>th</sup> – National Vietnam War Museum –  
Mineral Wells

31<sup>st</sup> --VVA 920 21<sup>st</sup> Birthday

## April 2024

8<sup>th</sup> – Honor Guard Practice

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

23<sup>rd</sup> – VVA 920 Stated Meeting

Election of Officers

## Honor Guard Activities:

Alan Lessard, SOG

Honor Guard practice

Feb 12<sup>th</sup> – 17:45 hrs

January Military Rites

JW “Coop” Goin  
US Army

Jimmy W. Frazier  
US Army

Lloyd Dale Pitts  
US Army



## 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.

If you have not received a

**Quilt of Valor**

Contact:

Barbara Angel – 940-206-3027

Or

Patti Bauch – 469-763-1718



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

2024 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, 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.**



## Thank You for sharing, Alan Lessard

### Super Bowl Sunday:

From a Marine Corps Colonel in Afghanistan: "So with all the kindness I can muster, I give this one piece of advice to the next pop star who is asked to sing the national anthem at a sporting event: save the vocal gymnastics and the physical gyrations for your concerts. Just sing this song the way you were taught to sing it in kindergarten - straight up, no styling. "Sing it with the constant awareness that there are soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines watching you from bases and outposts all over the world. Don't make them cringe with your self-centered ego gratification. Sing it as if you are standing before a row of 86-year-old WWII vets wearing their Purple Hearts, Silver Stars and flag pins on their cardigans and you want them to be proud of you for honoring them and the country they love - not because you want them to think you are a superstar musician. They could see that from your costume, makeup and your entourage. Sing 'The Star Spangled Banner' with the courtesy and humility that tells the audience that it is about America, not you."

Semper Fi !

