



Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #920 Denton, TX

December 2024
& January 2025

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 (2024-2025)

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,

Welcome to 2025. 2024 was a busy year and we capped it off with an excellent Christmas Gathering! Hope you & your family had a wonderful holiday season.

Thank YOU to all the folks who helped decorate the building, all who brought yummy food and stuffed animals. The pic on page 1 includes all the stuffed animals – including those donated by RWB Bee.

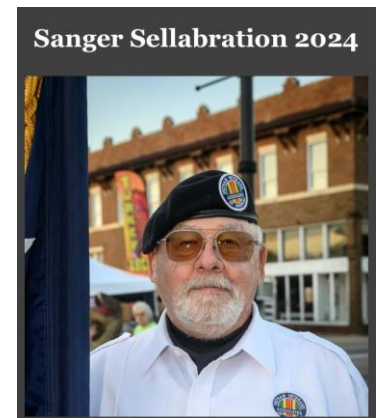
Next up is Nomination of Officers in March and Election in April 2025. Please consider serving Chapter 920. Many have served more than 10 years and would appreciate a break. Yes, we are getting older.

Stay warm, healthy & safe as we navigate our Texas winter.

Thanks,

Dan Washburn

VVA 920 President



Honor Guard at opening of the Sanger Sellabration Nov. 2024

(Invitation by Janie McLeod)



TVHOF Annual Awards Nov 16, 2025



Stuffed Animal Donation to Denton Sheriff's Dept. Nov 26, 2024.

VVA 920 Events

January 2025

13th – Honor Guard Practice

22nd – VVA 920 Board Meeting

28th – VVA 920 Stated Meeting

February 2025

10th – Honor Guard Practice

19th – VVA 920 Board Meeting

25th – VVA 920 Stated Meeting

March 2025

10th – Honor Guard Practice

19th – VVA 920 Board Meeting

25th – VVA 920 Stated Meeting

April 2025

Election of Officers

Honor Guard Activities:

Alan Lessard, SOG

Honor Guard Practice

Monday - 13 January 2025 17:45 hours

Nov-Dec Military Rites

None



If you have not received a

Quilt of Valor

Contact:

Barbara Angel – 940-206-3027

Or

Patti Bauch – 469-763-1718

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.

Veterans Day 2024



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VVA 920 Christmas Gathering Dec 10, 2024



Thank YOU to our "Deck the Hall" crews.

Trees & Tables: Patty Bauch, Joyce Kain, Barbara Angel. Outdoor décor: Horst Poethke & Mike Ward.

Wreaths: Randy & Sharon Grizzle.



Thank YOU to everyone who donated Stuffed Animals! Our Denton County First Responders will appreciate each & every one!!

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Happy Birthday Dan!



Thank YOU Members for bring Sides & Desserts!



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Red White Blue Bee Dec 12, 2024



Thank YOU to
Eathan, Will & Nolan

For bagging all those
Stuffed Animals for
VVA 920!

We appreciate you!

**VVA 920 - Quilts of Valor needs your assistance.
If you have not received a Quilt of Valor, the RWB Bee would like to honor you and your service to our country. We can award at a monthly meeting, or if you prefer, we will come to your home. If you know a member who has not yet received a quilt, let me know and we will reach out to them.**

Please call me or text your contact information to Barbara Angel at 940-206-3027. Thank you.



Matthew W. Freeman Memorial Scholarship

2025 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, 2025**.

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 for Undergraduates are: Application **A** - first time applicants, Application **B** - returning applicants.

New for 2025 – Graduate Student Scholarships. Application **A-G** is for first time applicants, Application **B-G** 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 2025.