



Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #920 Denton, TX

February 2020

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

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Over 100 stuffed animals Donated to Denton County Sheriff’s Department

1-28-20



Capt. “Hino” Hinojosa & Deputy Tim Keffer

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



President's Corner

Welcome back to a new decade, a time of reflection and for the anticipation of a great year ahead.

There are a few notable items to consider as we venture into this new year:

- Elections! We are now soliciting for an election committee to help identify new chapter leaders among all y'all for this new year. Feel free to contact any board member with your name. We realize the challenge of volunteering; but I cannot emphasize how critical it is for our existence as a corporation to fill our officer positions. Also, it is good to keep our leadership team fresh with new faces and their ideas. All office positions are open: President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. We also have one Director position (two-year) open. Elections are this April.
- If you won't consider a position on our board then join a committee! A great way to get involved is to be a part of one of our chapter's committees. After every annual election our committees are requested to reaffirm its members new and old. The Texas State Council (below) is a great one to engage with because we need all level of volunteers and leaders.
- Honor Guard – Why not begin the year with a new uniform to add to your wardrobe, compliments of our chapter by joining the honor guard? We can always utilize new faces among this prestigious group of men and women.
- Texas State Council – We have the honor to host VVA chapters from across Texas October 30-31 at the Denton Convention Center and Embassy Suite. **What we can do as soon as possible is for you to bring in tangible items to be auctioned off at the TSC meeting.** The proceeds help us recover convention expenses. Contact any board member for more information or to assist with picking up your item.

We look forward to seeing you at the February 25 meeting!

Eric

VVA 920 Events

February 2020

19th – VVA 920 Board Meeting

25th – VVA Stated Meeting

March 2020

18th – VVA 920 Board Meeting

21st - GVS Veterans Car Show @
Cycle Center of Denton

24th – VVA Stated Meeting

27th – “Welcome Home Vietnam
Veterans” Breakfast

April 2020

22nd – VVA 920 Board Meeting

28th – VVA Stated Meeting

Save the Date!

Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans!

Breakfast

Friday, March 27, 2020

9:00 – 11:00 am

Host: Cathy Poethke 214-763-9514

Signup sheets will be available at February & March meetings for RSVP & food donations.

RWB Quilt Group presented
Quilt of Valor to Felix Cintron

1-28-2020



Honor Guard Activities:

Alan Lessard, SOG

10 February 2020 - Monday – HG Practice/Meeting 18:00 hours

Contact Alan for Details on each event.





Mathew W. Freeman Memorial Scholarship

New **Application forms** for the Mathew W. Freeman Memorial Scholarship are available:
on the **VVA 920 website** (www.vva920.org),
from any **VVA 920 Officer**, or
Lloyd Kinnison, Scholarship Chairperson
lkinnison5@msn.com or 940 368 2041

Deadline is **May 1, 2020**.

Eligibility: The applicant must be a dependent or relative of a member of VVA 920, Denton, TX. Immediate family members of Honorably Discharged Vietnam or Vietnam-Era: e.g. (spouse, children including foster or stepchildren, or grandchildren.

The Mathew W. Freeman Memorial Scholarship application has been updated for 2020 and now includes a Vietnam Veteran interview and essay.

Interview/Essay

- The applicant is to interview a Vietnam or Vietnam-Era veteran.
- Upon completion of the interview, the applicant is to write a formal paper which explains what the interviewer learned from the Veteran. The committee estimates that this formal paper should be approximately 1,000 words to adequately “tell the veteran’s story”.
- The committee recommends that the veteran selected NOT be a relative! The story you receive from a non-relative will provide new and additional insights of the person’s experiences.

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

VVA 920 will award five \$1,000.00 Scholarships in 2020.