



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

**July 2020**

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**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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**01 July 2020  
Honor Guard with  
Alan West, US Army LTC, Ret.**



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



## **President's Corner**

### **When prosperity smiles, beware of its guiles – Dutch proverb**

Hello, my VVA and AVVA brothers and sisters and may prosperity smile upon us all. I trust none of us have done anything so adventurous (or as my wife says "stupid") that our health has been jeopardized? Good, because your board of directors has some encouraging news for us all and anticipates a gathering later this month.

We just concluded our June board of director's meeting, the second consecutive month that we successfully met since the virus outbreak in February. We established a safe process to activate our honor guard with Alan's guidance and from suggestions at the May board meeting. Alan has successfully and safely completed several ceremonies since then. Board meetings, honor guard events and our general membership meetings all differ in size, character, and environment and each requires its own set of safety rules. Your board of directors is at work, creating safety rules for a potential July meeting.

No one really knows for certain what our social climate will be like July 28, but many feel fairly optimistic that we can put that date on our schedule. We will compose a letter around mid-month either cancelling the meeting or confirming our session with some guidelines, including the decision regarding a meal and how to safely distribute.

Why the urgency? The most important reason to meet is to address our elections. We must meet one time before voting the following month. The good news is that we now have a full slate of candidates for each open position; but we certainly welcome you to add your name to the list for President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and two Director positions. We will have no guest speakers, no awards or presentations and will work to get everyone out of the building as early as possible.

We would like to commend Alan Lessard and our Honor Guard members for stepping up in these difficult times to meet the needs of grieving families and community events. We also want to give huge KUDOS to Dr. Lloyd Kinnison, Gerard Balsley, Gary Steele and Anita Washburn for an excellent scholarship program. We will celebrate our Scholarship recipients at our next general meeting. Checks for \$1,000 have been sent to five educational institutions in the accounts of our recipients to use as needed for their educational needs. There isn't much else to report as far as chapter news since we're otherwise hunkered down with grandchildren, hobbies and television. If you have something to share, please respond to this email as we would love to share.

Stay safe and we hope to see each other soon!

Eric Harmon – VVA 920, Inc. Chapter

# VVA 920 Events

**Watch your email for event updates due to Covid-19 restrictions.**

## July 2020

### Covid-19 Guidelines

4<sup>th</sup> – USA Independence Day  
NO Activities – Enjoy your family.

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

28<sup>th</sup> – VVA Stated Meeting

## August 2020

### Covid-19 Guidelines

TBD - North Texas State Fair – Denton

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

25<sup>th</sup> – VVA Stated Meeting

## September 2020

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

22<sup>nd</sup> – VVA Stated Meeting

## Honor Guard Activities:

Alan Lessard, SOG

### Multiple Funeral Requests

Contact Alan for Details on each event.

## Honor Guard Activities:

**IOOF Cemetery 04June2020**



# Chapter ELECTIONS

## Positions Open:

President

Vice President

Secretary

Treasure

Director

(3-year Term)

## Nominating Committee:

Ed Hall, Kurt Hyde & Bill Roberson

If Covid restrictions allow us to meet on July 28<sup>th</sup>, the Nominating committee will present slate and nominations from the floor will be accepted at that time.

Hopefully, election will be held August 25.

## Support Services

Card support continues & is appreciated.

Our Navigators are serving Veterans.

If you need assistance, please contact  
Support Services.

## Around the Chapter

### Helping a Veteran in Need:

A couple of our members **Johnny Jackson and Horst Poethke** recently performed some work for a local veteran. Susan Frank, Director of Hearts for Homes requested help from VVA 920 to do some needed work on a bathroom sink, guest toilet and patio door for a disabled veteran in Aubrey, John Motz. He needs some additional work on his patio extension.

### GVS & VVA members have been working at the School.



### Grounds mowed.



### The school has a new coat of paint – bright & beautiful!

