



Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #920 Denton, TX

February 2023

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 (2022-2023)

President: Dan Washburn
Vice President: Gary Raines
Secretary: Steve Knox
Treasurer: Robin Kain
Director: Garrold Roberts
Director: Rev. Bill Coburn
Director: Bill Roberson

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)
Sergeant at Arms - Randy Grizzle

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As we left our January 24th Meeting.
Hello Winter!

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



President's Corner

Members of Vietnam Veterans Chapter 920,

Hopefully, everyone is staying warm while waiting for the ice to melt.

We had a good discussion at our January meeting regarding changing the hour for our meetings to earlier in the day. Decision was made to change the meeting time for March 2023 only. February will be at 6:00 pm as usual. Thank you to all who braved the storm warnings and attended the January meeting.

The March meeting will be held at Noon along with our Chapter's 20th Birthday Party.

Chapter Elections will be held in April. Nominating committee will be formed in February with slate presented at the March meeting. Please consider serving on the board.

Thanks,

Dan Washburn

VVA 920 President

January 2023 Quilts of Valor Red White & Blue Bee



Sam Karr



Michael Gonzales

Note: If you have not received your Quilt of Valor,
please contact Cathy Poethke 214-763-9514 or poethke@yahoo.com

VVA 920 Events

February 2023

13th – Honor Guard Practice

22nd – VVA 920 Board Meeting

28^h – VVA 920 Stated Meeting

March 2023

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22nd – VVA 920 Board Meeting

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12:00 Noon

VVA 920 20th Birthday Party

29th – Vietnam Veterans Day

31st - VVA 920 20th Birthday

April 2023

10th – Honor Guard Practice

19th – VVA 920 Board Meeting

25^h – VVA 920 Stated Meeting

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.

Honor Guard Activities:

Alan Lessard, SOG

Honor Guard practice

February 13th ~ 17:45 hours

January Military Rites

None



2023 Military Dates by Veterans.com

February

Black History Month

Four Chaplains Day

USO Birthday

National Salute to Veteran Patients Week of Feb. 12

Valentine's Day

President's Day

Coast Guard Reserve Birthday

Feb. 3

Feb. 4

Feb. 14

Feb. 20

Feb. 19

March

Women's History Month

Navy Reserve Birthday

Hug a GI Day

Seabee Birthday

March 3

March 4

March 5



Matthew W. Freeman Memorial Scholarship

2023 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, 2023**.

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 2023. 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 2023.



Military and Veteran Benefits Lunch & Learn For Spouses & Surviving Spouses

Recent changes to Federal benefits make it even more important to learn about benefits you may be eligible for as a Military or Veteran Spouse or as a Surviving Spouse.

Like U.S. military Veterans themselves, spouses of Veterans are eligible to receive a variety of benefits and compensation through the Veterans Administration (VA). Those benefits may include health care coverage, survivors' pension, education aid and job training, career counseling, home loans, grief counseling, and final arrangements.

For example, did you know that you may be eligible for a monthly stipend of \$1,500+ from the VA, if your spouse died due to a service-connected illness under the New PACT Act? Did you know that you may be eligible for special employment considerations under VA and/or Texas Law? Want to learn more?

Mark your calendars to join us for a free lunch& learn in February. Please email Ginger Simonson at vgws56@gmail.com if you have questions and to make sure you get an EVite once location is finalized.

Mark Roy has invited Chapter 920 members to the Men's Conference, March 3rd & 4th:



REGISTER NOW
www.dentonbible.org/rmc

MEN'S CONFERENCE
March 3 - 4
2023

REACH - ESTABLISH - ASSIST - LEAD

9M REAL MEN

SCHEDULE

9M REAL MEN
of Denton Bible Church

Friday - March 3rd
6:00 pm Doors Open
7:00 pm Conference Begins
9:00 pm Games & Fellowship

Saturday - March 4th
7:00 am Doors Open | Breakfast
8:30 am Conference Begins
10:30 am 30-Minute Break
11:00 pm Conference Resumes
12:30 pm Lunch, Games, & Fellowship