



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

January 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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Veterans Court 12-19-19



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



President's Corner

Happy New Year to all VVA and AVVA members of Chapter 920, Inc!

The board of directors hope each of you and your families had a blessed holiday season and know that our hearts go out to all who suffered a loss of one dearest to you as you endured your journey into 2020.

Our first general membership meeting is scheduled for January 28 at 6:00 p.m. at the historic schoolhouse. There are a few notable items to consider as we venture into this new year:

- Elections! We begin soliciting and voting for an election committee at the meeting. We realize the challenge of this task but it is essential to fill our officer positions in order to sustain our corporation/chapter by meeting this legal requirement. Also, it is good to keep our leadership team fresh with ideas and new faces. All office positions are open: President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. We also have one Director position (two-year) open.
- 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.
- 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 will have the honor to be hosts to chapters across Texas at the Denton Convention Center and Embassy Suites this coming October 31. Check-in is Friday the 30th and the meeting and banquet on Halloween. **What we can do as soon as possible is for you to bring in tangible items to be auctioned off at the TSC meeting.** There will be both a silent as well as a full auction on items of greater value. Each chapter will also bring one item but the host chapter (us) must assemble 25 items. The proceeds help us recover convention expenses. (And a very good way to redirect one of your new Christmas gifts?) Contact any board member for more information or to assist with picking up your item.
- New opportunities for veterans in 2020:
 - Commissary and Exchange benefits opening to many veterans including Purple Heart recipients and others with disabilities and other additions to be discussed at our meeting

We look forward to seeing you on January 28 at 1800 hours.

Eric



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.

VVA 920 Events

January 2020

22nd – VVA 920 Board Meeting

28th – VVA Stated Meeting

February 2020

19th – VVA 920 Board Meeting

25th – VVA Stated Meeting

March 2020

18th – VVA 920 Board Meeting

24th – VVA Stated Meeting

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

Honor Guard Activities:

Alan Lessard, SOG

13 January 2020 Monday – 18:00 hours
HG Practice/Meeting

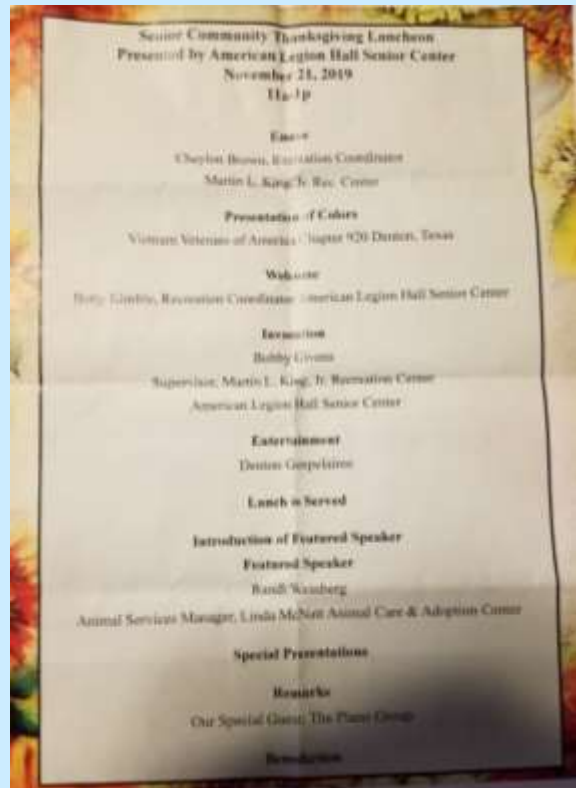
Contact Alan for Details on each event.

Honor Guard Activities:

Denton Senior Thanksgiving dinner
11-21-19



VVA 920 Honor Guard – Presentation of Colors



Honor Guard

VVA & AVVA visited with Veterans from the
Bonham VA at BPOE Lodge, Denton
12-8-19



Lineman's College 12-13-19
Sorry – no picture

Funerals

12-27-19 – National Cemetery
Audrey John Short

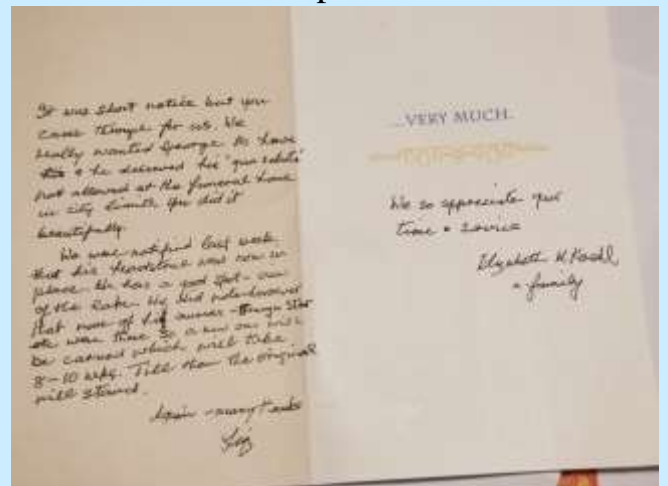
West Point Graduate, Served in Korea & Vietnam
After Vietnam, he served as a Battalion Commander
of the 2nd Battalion, 14th Artillery, Second Armored
Division at Fort Hood in Texas.

Honor Guard

Veterans Court
12-19-19



Thank You HG
Koehl – September 2019



Around the Chapter The Power of One

KUDOs

Dan delivered Christmas Dinner to Rex King
12-11-19



Support Services

Care Package mailed to:
Lt. Brad L'Huillier, a deployed Naval Officer.
12-6-2019



John Kaslik, US Navy
12-23-19



Effective January 2020

Please read the attached
Expanded Access file.

The **Department of Defense** is proud to **expand commissary, exchange and morale, welfare and recreation retail eligibility** to:

- Purple Heart recipients
- Former prisoners of war
- All veterans with service-connected disabilities
- Individuals approved and designated as the primary family caregivers of eligible veterans under the Department of Veterans Affairs Program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers

Christmas Party 2019

Thank YOU to all who helped decorate, donated stuffed animals & yummy food, then helped to clean up.



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