

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

**November 2023** 

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#### **Meeting Information:**

Date: Meet the **4th Tuesday** of Each Month Location: **6900 FM 2153, Aubrey, TX 76227** Dinner: At – **No meeting November 2023** Meeting Start Time: **No meeting Nov. 2023** 

#### **Officers** (2023-2024)

President: Dan Washburn
Vice President: Gary Raines
Secretary: Steve Knox
Treasurer: Robin Kain

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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

Scholarship – Lloyd Kinnison (AVVA)

Steward – Horst Poethke (AVVA)

Support Services – Steve Knox

Webmaster - Anita Washburn (AVVA)

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### *Important Dates:*

11/5/2023 - Clocks Fall Back

11/8/2023 – Veterans Day QOV Awards

Pilot Point 1:00 pm

11/10/2023 –Veterans Day on the Denton

Square 11:00 am

11/11/2023 - Veterans Day

11/13/2023 – Last day to register for

Thanksgiving baskets

11/19/2023 – Pick up Thanksgiving Baskets

10:00 am - 12:00 Noon

11/24/2023 - Thanksgiving

12/12/2023 - VVA 920 Annual Christmas

**Gathering 12:00 Noon** 

12/25/2023 - Christmas Day

"Never Again Will One Generation of Veterans Abandon Another"



### **President's Corner**

Brothers and Sisters,

Happy Thanksgiving to you & yours. May your travels be safe.

Our Annual Christmas Gathering will be on Tuesday, December 12 at Noon.

Chapter will provide meat, drinks & tableware. Members & guests are asked to bring sides & desserts. Always a fun time with copious amounts of good food. As in past years, we will be collecting new Stuffed Animals to donate to our 1<sup>st</sup> Responders.

Many Thanks,

Dan Washburn VVA 920 President







# Annual Christmas Gathering

Tuesday, December 12 at NOON

Members to furnish sides and lor desserts.

Bring Stuffed Animals to be donated to 1st Responders.

Please, **RSVP** to Anita Washburn 940.206.7466 or <a href="mailto:anitawashburn@gmail.com">anitawashburn@gmail.com</a>

## VVA 920 Events

## November/December 2023 No meetings

(Meeting dates fall during Holiday weeks)

Dec. 12, 2023 - Noon Annual Christmas Gathering

### January 2024

8<sup>th</sup> – Honor Guard Practice

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

23<sup>rd</sup> – 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 T B D (Nov & Dec)

**October Military Rites** 

Donald Peden Jr. US Navy

Edward Finley Buchanan US Navy





#### 2023 Military Dates

Nov. 10, 2023 - Marine Corps Birthday

Nov. 11, 2023 - Veterans Day

Dec. 7, 2023 - National Pearl Harbor Day

Dec. 13, 2023 - US National Guard Birthday

Dec. 18, 2023 - Wreaths Across America Day

## **Quilts of Valor**

October 24, 2023

### **The Bauch Family Veterans**



**Earl & Patty Bauch** 



Weldon Boyles (Son)



Tonya Aguilar (Daughter-in-law)







If you have not received a Quilt of Valor, please contact Cathy Poethke at 214-763-9514.



### **Veterans Thanksgiving Turkey Baskets**

We are doing the Veterans Thanksgiving Turkey Baskets again this year so it's time to broadcast the information for those that need this wonderful gift.

All the veterans on my list who picked up their basket last year will get a call to see if they want to participate again this year. So, unless your phone number changed, you are on the call back list.

All new people should call me to be added to my list no later than November 13th as we must finalize the list by then.

The pickup this year will be at the Denton CBOC, 2223 Colorado Blvd., Denton on Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup> between 1000 hrs. and 12 noon. If you sign up, you need to pick up the perishable food by noon. You can designate someone to pick up for you, but we need that noted when you add your name to our list.

Please call me **Sharon Balsley** at **214-952-5106**. You may leave a callback phone number with your name if needed. Even if you are not in need but you know of a needy veteran you could offer to deliver a basket as a good neighbor.

### Quilts of Valor – Veteran Awards

Wednesday, November 8, 2023 at 1:00 pm Pilot Point Gazebo on the Square, 123 E Main, Pilot Point

With Flags flying and a trumpet played by a veteran, we will honor 5 Vietnam veterans.

Additional seating available.

Alternate location in event of weather will be 310 S Washington.



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