

### Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #920

Denton, TX

December 2023 January 2024

www.vva920.org

### **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
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 Scholarship – Lloyd Kinnison (AVVA) Steward – Horst Poethke (AVVA) Support Services – Steve Knox Webmaster - Anita Washburn (AVVA)

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Wishing you & yours a Happy 2024. May you be blessed with good health, good friends, love and laughter.

### "Never Again Will One Generation of Veterans Abandon Another"



Membership Update: (11-30-2023)

#### VVA-216 AVVA-25 Total-241

### **President's Corner**

Brothers and Sisters,

Happy New Year!! 2024 has arrived after a very busy November & December 2023. We presented colors at the Denton Square for Veterans Day and military rites for many funerals. We participated at the Texas Veterans Hall of Fame Induction ceremony. We broke bread & enjoyed camaraderie at our Christmas Luncheon. All successful events.

Elections are in April, and we will be requesting Nomination Committee volunteers in January & February. Krys Murray of Corner Cafe will be providing our lunches again. Hope to see you at our next meeting January 23<sup>rd</sup>.

This organization is strong because of our Members. We could not accomplish anything without our volunteers. **Kudos are in order!** 

- Meat-U-Anywhere BBQ for smoking our brisket for the Christmas luncheon. <u>https://www.meatuanywhere.com/trophy-club/</u>
- ➤ Krys Murray & family for the patriotic decorations and the second tree.
- Randy & Sharon Grizzle, Barbara Angel, Patty Bauch for decorating.
- ➤ Members who donated stuffed animals for our 1<sup>st</sup> Responders.
- Everyone who brought sides & desserts. Wonderful meal!
- → Horst & GVSHS for our chapter home. Alan for our Honor Guard.

Many Thanks, Dan Washburn VVA 920 President

## Veterans Day on the Denton Square 11-10-2023



### VVA 920 Events

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

February 2024 12<sup>th</sup> – Honor Guard Practice 21<sup>st</sup> – VVA 920 Board Meeting 27<sup>th</sup> – VVA 920 Stated Meeting

### March 2024

11<sup>th</sup> – Honor Guard Practice 20<sup>th</sup> – VVA 920 Board Meeting 26<sup>th</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.

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

### **Honor Guard Activities:**

Alan Lessard, SOG

Honor Guard practice Jan 8<sup>th</sup> – 17:45 hrs

November / December Military Rites

Kent Edward Ledlow US Navy

Adrian Eugene Bradshaw US Army

> Roy Jefferson Botts US Army

Charles "Charlie" Arthur Grahl US Army

> Melvin Charles Dutton US Army



### In Memory Dallas Smith March 8. 1935 - November 2, 2023



https://www.billdeberry.com/obituary/dallas-smith

# Veterans Day on the Square 11-10-23



### TVHOF 11-11-23



Ed Hall was inducted into TVHOF





























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