

“Never again will one generation of veterans abandon another”



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Elections and “Items of the Month”

Denton, TX – President Anderson continues our quest in ‘filling the needs’ of those serving overseas by collecting certain items each month and bringing them to the monthly meeting. So far we have collected Shaving Cream, Foot Powder, Toothpaste and Baby Wipes. This month it’s **“Beef Jerky”**. This is a great idea to give everyone the opportunity to support our troops. Pick up these items on your next trip to the grocery store.

The 920 Honor Guard has stayed busy. All of us should try to be a member or support our unit. These guys make a huge impression on the community-at-large when they perform funerals for our departed veteran brothers and sisters.

Elections are here! If you are willing to take part in leading this great group, get nominated from the floor, at the meeting. Don’t wait to be “invited.” Step up and be a part of something bigger than yourselves. Go “920”!

The Medal of Honor Parade was a great success. Super kudos to the Motor Pool and all the mechanics that made it a great showing for 920.

Get behind your candidates. The time to serve is now. Gear up, men. Let’s roll!

Vietnam Veterans . . . “Brothers Forever”

The Editor

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What is a Vet?

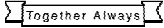
A Veteran - whether active duty, retired, national guard or reserve - is someone who, at one point in his life, wrote a blank check made payable to "The United States of America," for an amount of "up to and including their life."

That is honor, and there are way too many people in this country who no longer understand it.



AVVA Mission Statement

To advance the work of Vietnam Veterans of America through cooperative projects and programs to facilitate, enhance and improve communication with our members and the general public and to continue legislative efforts to ensure the rights and benefits for all veterans and their families.



Blue Star Banners

The Blue Star Service Banner is a long-standing American tradition. First used during World War I, the banner was designed by a U.S. Army captain who had two sons serving on the front line. Soon, it became an unofficial symbol of a child in the service, now it is the symbol of an active duty military person in the immediate family.



Pocket Prayer Quilt

Badges, Pins and Ribbon of a "Proud Blue Star Mother"



****REMEMBER
OUR POW/MIAs****
www.pow-miafamilies.org
**"Bring 'em home or send
us back!"**

Meeting Reminder!

Date: April 26th

Time: 6:00 PM Dinner

6:45 PM Meeting

Place: National Guard Armory
Get there early for dinner!

Directions from North:, south on I-35 to University Drive/380 (or a little further to Oak Str.) exit. Go thru Oak. and south on frontage road to Armory (on right).
From Corinth and South: north on I-35E to Bonnie Brae. Left on Bonnie Brae and stay right over bridge (Airport Road). Immediately over bridge, take first right, down hill. Armory is on the left.
From Argyle and South: north on I-35W to Bonnie Brae exit. Follow around to Bonnie Brae, turn right on Bonnie Brae. Stay right over bridge (Airport Road). Immediately over bridge, take first right, down hill. Armory is on the left.

V.A. Briefs

Contact your county VSO, or the points of contact shown, if any of these impact you.
Denton County Veterans Service Office
1505 E. McKinney Street, Suite 183
Denton, TX 76209
(940) 349-2950 FAX (940) 349-2951
Monday thru Thursday: 8:00-noon, 1:00-5:00
Fridays: 8:00-noon, after 1 by appt. only

Contact your Congressmen via;
<http://cornyn@senate.gov> or
<http://hutchinson@senate.gov> or
www.house.gov/burgess/.

Legislation and other veteran and military briefings will be sent under separate email.

My Veteran Brothers,

This reading is special. It rings true to my heart and I ask you to read it with the dignity the words require.

The Brotherhood

**“I now know why men, who have been to war, yearn to reunite.
Not to tell stories or to look at old pictures. Not to laugh or weep.
Comrades gather because they long to be with the men who once acted at their best; men
who suffered and sacrificed who suffered and were stripped of their humanity.**

**I did not pick these men . . . they were delivered by fate and the military.
But I know them in a way I know no other men. I have never given anyone such trust.
They were willing to guard something more precious than their life.**

**They would have carried my reputation, the memory of me. It was part of the bargain we
all made, the reason we were willing to die for one another.**

**As long as I have memory, I will drink to them all, every day. I am sure that when I leave
this world, my last thought will be of my God, my family, and my comrades . . . such good
men.”**

Author Unknown

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Name _____ Sex _____ DOB _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone () _____ Work Phone () _____

E-mail _____

Type: ___ Individual member – 1 year @ \$20 ___ Individual member – 3 years @ \$50

Life member: ___ \$225 (ages 50-55) ___ \$200 (ages 56-60) ___ \$175 (ages 61-65)

___ \$150 (ages 66+) ___ Optional Life member time payment plan - \$50 down, \$25/month

___ Associate member – 1 year @ \$20

Payment Method: ___ Check ___ Money Order

___ Credit Card (Visa, Master Card, American Express, Discover)

Credit Card Number _____ Exp. Date _____

Signature _____

Eligibility: Membership is open to U.S. armed forces veterans who served on active duty (for other than training purposes) in the Republic of Vietnam between February 28, 1961 and May 7, 1975, or in any duty location between August 5, 1964 and May 7, 1975.

New members and new life members must submit a copy of their DD-214 along with this application and dues payment.

The Matthew W. Freeman Memorial Scholarship

If you are a Vietnam Veteran, the spouse of a Vietnam Veteran, the child or step-child of a Vietnam Veteran, or the grandchild of a Vietnam Veteran you are eligible. **The Matthew W. Freeman Memorial Scholarship** was established in 2008. VVA 920 established the scholarship program to provide financial assistance to: Vietnam era veterans, dependent children, grandchildren, for costs associated with undergraduate studies at accredited education/technical institutions.

The Matthew W. Freeman Memorial Scholarship is funded from specific donations and funds directed to the Scholarship Fund by the Board of Directors. In 2011, applications may be submitted by April 1st. The winner will be announced May 1st.

Contact Virgil Aldag, or one of your officers for the application and guidelines.

HACKSAW: One of a family of cutting tools built on the Ouija board principle... It transforms human energy into a crooked, unpredictable motion, and the more you attempt to influence its course, the more dismal your future becomes.



Father, we pray for all the families of our brothers and sisters. We ask your continued grace and peace as we strive to be the followers you would have us be.

We pray for all our brothers and sisters and that peace, love, and comfort fill their homes. We pray You fill all their needs.

Gracious God, continue to remember our troops and their families who sacrifice so much in service to their country. God give them strength and courage.

Grace and peace to you all.



Some of our DFW Greeters. Good lookin' crew.



The VVA 920 "Deuce" in the background with Bill Robinson in the 920 Jeep, surrounded by Air Force personnel, in left foreground. Standin' tall and lookin' good.

VVA 920's "Wrecker" tows the gooseneck thru the streets of Gainesville for the Medal of Honor Parade.



I Believe...
That heroes are the people
Who do what has to be done
When it needs to be done.
We have a few in VVA 920



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