

“Never again will one generation of veterans abandon another”



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“Back to Business, as Usual”

Denton, TX – Chapter 920 continues its quest in ‘filling the needs’ of those serving overseas by collecting certain items each month and bringing them to the monthly meeting. This month it’s **“Body Wash”**. 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.

Elections have come and gone, so it’s safe to return to the meetings! You won’t be cornered into an office. A big thanks to Steve Knox, who will step down after serving as Secretary for over five years. Gary Raines will no longer be Treasurer, but remains ‘in touch’ as our newest Director, on the Board. Thanks for your service Gary. See the Officers and Board on the page 6.

As for the 2011-2012 year:

President – Jerry Anderson
V.P. – Mark Hannah
Secretary – Bill Roberson
Treasurer – Robert Hunt

Installation will be at this Tuesday’s meeting. Thanks to these men for stepping up to serve as our leaders for the coming year. Their commitments are truly a blessing. Just, thanks.

So, now is the time to serve on the Guard, the Motor Pool, the renovation team, or the Food Committee. Gear up, men. Let’s roll!

Vietnam Veterans . . . “Brothers Forever”

The Editor

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What is a Vet?

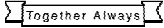
A Veteran - whether active duty, retired, national guard or reserve - is someone who, at one point in his life, wrote a blank check made payable to "The United States of America," for an amount of "up to and including their life."

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: May 24th

**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.

It's Official! The Purple Heart Stamp is now a forever stamp. Remember our troops and all who served their country.

Share this with a friend

(Return to: VVA Chapter 920, P.O. Box 241, Denton, Texas 76202-0241

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 May 31st. The winner will be announced in June.

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



Gracious Lord, we thank you for our manifold blessings. We thank you for the strength and peace you give to those we hold dear in our hearts and minds.

Be with those who have lost loved ones. Be with our troops who serve this great nation under God. And please be with the families of those who serve. Give them strength. Bring their loved ones home safely. In Jesus name, Amen.

WELCOME HOME A HERO!

**Greet the troops at DFW Airport as they come home for R & R.
Troops come in 24/7 from OEF/OIF deployments.**

**CALL THE HOTLINE NUMBER: 972 574-0392 FOR
FLIGHT ARRIVAL GATE AND TIME.**

Go on a Monday and dine with the DFW Greeters afterward.

**TWO-TON ENGINE HOIST: A tool for testing
the maximum tensile strength of everything
you forgot to disconnect.**

**'The happiest of people don't necessarily have
the best of everything;
they just make the most of everything they have**

**"A common mistake people make when trying to design something completely
foolproof is underestimating the ingenuity of complete fools."**

Douglas Adams

Don't be too Proud to let us Know?

**Need a Hospital visit? Need to talk to a Chaplain? Need a number to drop on a fellow
Vietnam Vet that would like more information? Call (940) 387-9920. Someone will be
back in touch within a week. And when you leave a message, let us know what its about.**

**You can also visit our website at <http://www.vva920.org>. Check out what our Webmaster
Jim Polozeck has done for 920.**

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**Have you ever talked to a veteran,
And stopped to say hello?
Have you ever asked what branch they were in?
Or don't you want to know?**

**Do you stand on the street as a parade goes by,
And clap as the veterans appear?
Have you ever bothered to think of how very blessed
All of us are in this land over here?**

**Have you been one who has just simply been there,
Never really realizing how blessed you are?
To have a nation that has so many freedoms.
Like a simple one of owning a car.**

**I have reasons for asking those questions
And there are others I could ask as well;
But I thought maybe it was time to explain
So read on so I can begin to tell.**

**You see, over time there have been many causes
To defend the freedoms this nation has had.
The wars have never been very easy
In fact they always can make you very sad.**

**Some of those who have served this nation,
Gave their lives so that we could be free.
And it is up to those back home to remember them
The simple people like you and me.**

**And there are still others who came back here
Who have never had a thank you or a welcome home said.
And then there are some of the others out there
Who live on the streets; and don't even have a bed.**

**They were all veterans who served this nation
All did their job when duty called for them to serve.
And isn't a simple welcome home and a thank you
Just what some of those war heroes deserve.**

**But is it right for us to forget them?
Is it right for us to turn our back and walk away?
Or wouldn't it be nice to remember them,
And say thanks on Memorial Day.**

**So the next time you see a veteran,
Or when you see the flag wave in the breeze;
Thank God for the ones who gave their lives for you
And tell the old soldiers they can now stand at ease.**



Denton, Texas – Denton County Veteran’s Service Office salute the “Welcome Home” that was officially recognized in Texas. As always, our office and staff are ready and willing to help all veterans, from all wars and service. Their diligence has helped thousands in Denton County. Thank you, Denton County VSO.



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Chapter 920**

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