

*“Never again will one generation of veterans abandon another”*



*Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 920*



*‘In Service to America’*  
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# Gazette

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## *“Veteran’s Day, Parades, and Thanksgiving”*

**Denton, TX** – The UNT Homecoming Parade is a done deal. Aaaah the memories of walking that whole route. It’s a very long parade.

Following Halloween is Veteran’s Day. There is a lot planned at the Square in Denton. UNT and TWU are heavily involved in what used to be a Denton VSO/VFW affair. VVA 920 took the reins for a short while as Denton became more aware of all the veterans in the area. Now the two universities in this town are taking active roles and we are hoping for an outstanding event. The Program starts at 1100 hours.

The Ernie Dallas Jr. Memorial Park will be dedicated later in the day . . . 1230 hours to be exact. There will be some good food and the Dallas Jr. family will attend. I pray we have a good turnout to honor Dallas Jr. and his family.

We have a Guard Unit getting ready to deploy to the field (Afghanistan) and we need to make sure they and their families know they are in our thoughts and prayers.

You are still asked to bring “care package” items to our monthly meetings for our troops. We’ve asked for baby wipes (the most asked for), beef jerky, men's deodorant, and 2&1 hair body wash combo. All are great. And bring those pull top tabs too. We are still meeting at the VFW on Sunset. See you Tuesday. And bring your ‘care package goodies’.

**Vietnam Veterans . . . “Brothers Forever”**

The Editor

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## Meeting Reminder!

**Date: October 25<sup>th</sup>**

**Time: 6:00 PM Dinner**

**6:45 PM Meeting**

**Place: VFW Post 2205**

**Get there early for dinner!**

**Directions from North:** south on I-35 to University Drive/380. Turn Left, or East, at signal. Go to Sunset, on right. VFW is on the right.

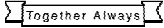
**From Corinth and South:** north on I-35E to Ft. Worth Drive/Carroll Boulevard exit. Turn right at signal. Stay on Carroll to Sunset. Turn left, go straight at stop sign. VFW is on the left at end of street.

**From Argyle and South:** north on I-35W 35E/35W merge. Continue North and exit on to University. Turn right on University. Go to Sunset, on right. VFW is on the right.



### 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"

**I don't make jokes. I just watch the government and report the facts.**  
**-- Will Rogers**

## 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/](http://www.house.gov/burgess/).

**Legislation and other veteran and military briefings are sent under separate email.**

### Social Security recipients getting 3.6% raise, first in two years

Some 55 million Social Security recipients will get a 3.6 percent increase in benefits next year, their first raise since 2009. The increase, which starts in January, is tied to a [measure of inflation released Wednesday morning](#).

Federal law requires the program to base annual payment increases on the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W). Officials compare inflation in the third quarter of each year — the months of July, August and September — with the same months in the previous year.

There was no COLA in 2010 or 2011 because inflation was too low. Those were the first two years without a COLA since automatic increases were adopted in 1975.

"Despite the absence of a Social Security COLA, over the last two years out-of-pocket health care costs rose 14.1 percent for seniors and people with disabilities, effectively reducing the value of Social Security benefits," Altman said.

Some of the increase in January will be lost to higher Medicare premiums, which are deducted from Social Security payments. Medicare Part B premiums for 2012 are expected to be announced next week, and the trustees who oversee the program are projecting an increase.

If consumer prices increase from year to year, Social Security recipients automatically get higher payments, starting the following January. If price changes are negative, the payments stay unchanged. Many rely on it for more than 90 percent of their income.

Social Security payments increased by 5.8 percent in 2009, the largest increase in 27 years, after energy prices spiked in 2008. But energy prices quickly dropped and home prices became soft in markets across the country, contributing to lower inflation in the past two years.

As a result, Social Security recipients got an increase that was far larger than actual overall inflation. However, they can't get another increase until consumer prices exceed the levels measured in 2008. Wednesday's announcement shows that prices have exceeded those measured in 2008,

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**In my many years I have come to a conclusion that one useless man is a shame, two is a law firm, and three or more is a Congress.**

**-- John Adams**

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**Share this with a friend**

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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.**

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## **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 it's about.**

**Visit our website at <http://www.vva920.org>. Jim Polozeck has done a great job for 920.  
Thank you, Jim!**

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## **Another question from the Full Civic Liberty Exam of 2008. Do you know?**

**Which of the following is a policy tool of the Federal Reserve?**

- A. Raising or lowering income taxes.**
- B. Increasing or decreasing unemployment benefits.**
- C. Buying or selling government securities.**
- D. Increasing or decreasing government spending.**

Answer on Page 6

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**Gracious Lord, we thank you for our manifold blessings. We thank you for being with those brothers and sisters of this chapter who need your love and strength.**

**We thank you for being with our troops who serve this great nation under God. And we thank you for the strength you give to the families of those who serve, for their sacrifices for this great nation under God. Bring their loved ones home safely.**

**In Jesus name, Amen.**



**Dana Perrino (Fox News) describing an interview she recently had with a Navy SEAL. After discussing all the countries he had been sent to, she asked if they had to learn several languages.**

**His reply: "No ma'am, we don't go there to talk."**

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## *Great Words*

*You cannot help the poor by destroying the rich.*

*You cannot strengthen the weak by weakening the strong.*

*You cannot bring about prosperity by discouraging thrift.*

*You cannot lift the wage earner up by pulling the wage payer down.*

*You cannot further the brotherhood of man by inciting class hatred.*

*You cannot build character and courage by taking away  
people's initiative and independence.*

*You cannot help people permanently by doing for them, what  
they could and should do for themselves.*

*... Abraham Lincoln*

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## **Ernie Dallas Jr. Park Dedication November 11, 2011**

**All veterans and families are invited to attend the Ernie Dallas Jr. Park dedication on November 11, 2011. It will be held at 12:30, so other Veterans Day activities will likely have been "kicked off" and be continuing throughout the day. This ceremony will be a one time event. Several organizations donated monies for the plaque that will be unveiled.**

**The event is east of I-35E, off Shady Shores exit.**

**Take the Shady Shores/Post Oak exit and head east. Go straight, thru the intersection at the bottom of the hill, and look for the park dedication/celebration.**

**Chaplain Virgil Aldag will be giving the opening prayer.**

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# WELCOME HOME A HERO!

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

CALL **972 574-0392** FOR ARRIVAL GATE & TIME.

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

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**I Believe...**

**That you should always leave loved ones with Loving words.  
It may be the last time you see them.**

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Answer to Civics Test: C (Did you get it right?)



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