

“Never again will one generation of veterans abandon another”



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“Happy New Year!”

Denton, TX – The headlines appear to be fading. We are already three fourths of the way into the first month of the New Year. Time flies and this year will be no different.

This Newsletter cannot display all that VVA 920 has accomplished in its nine years of existence. But VVA 920 is NOT existing, but living and breathing and contributing to our community each and every year. Parades, church restoration, speaking engagements, and Honors Funerals for veterans who have passed, are but a few of the myriad of things VVA has been a part of these past years.

If you want to be a part, join the Motor Pool, the Honor Guard, sign up to help at the North Texas Fair or the Golf Tournament, bring your hammer and saw to the church restoration and get your hands dirty. We do a lot and never, never without food!

2012 is going fast. If you are involved in any of the extra-curricular activities it goes even faster. But it is time well spent.

Let us pray we have a prosperous 2012 and that all our needs are met and we are all healthy. We meet again at the VFW on Sunset on Tuesday, January 24th with dinner at 6 and meeting at 6:45. 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.

Vietnam Veterans . . . “Brothers Forever”

The Editor

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Meeting Reminder!

Date: January 24th

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've learned.... That being kind is more important than being right.

A smile is an inexpensive way to improve your looks.

Use your VSO and Outpatient Clinic. They are there for us and we earned them.

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 are sent under separate email.

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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.

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.

At an Optometrist's Office:

**"If you don't see what you're looking for,
you've come to the right place."**

"We give thanks to you, O' God, for all that we have and all that we are. We thank you for holding our brothers and sisters in your healing arms. We thank you that all our needs are met and we are out of debt. We thank you for staying focused on this great nation under God, even though there are so many calamities. We believe God will never take us where the Grace of God will not protect us.
Amen.



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.

Vocabulary Word for the Day:

LIQUIDITY

Definition: *Liquidity is when you look at your retirement funds and wet your pants.*



GOOD MORNING

Some people wake up, stretch and enjoy Freedom.
Some people wake up, stretch and defend it.



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"Best Email of 2011"

After being interviewed by the school administration, the prospective teacher said: 'Let me see if I've got this right; You want me to go into that room with all those kids, correct their disruptive behavior, observe them for signs of abuse, monitor their dress habits, censor their T-shirt messages, and instill in them a love for learning.

'You want me to check their backpacks for weapons, wage war on drugs and sexually transmitted diseases, and raise their sense of self esteem and personal pride. You want me to teach them patriotism and good citizenship, sportsmanship and fair play, how to register to vote, balance a check book, and apply for a job.

'You want me to check their heads for lice, recognize signs of antisocial behavior, and make sure that they all pass the final exams. 'You also want me to provide them with an equal education regardless of their handicaps, and communicate regularly with their parents in English, Spanish or any other language, by letter, telephone, newsletter, and report card. and make sure that they all pass the final exams.

'You also want me to provide them with an equal education regardless of their handicaps, and communicate regularly with their parents in English, Spanish or any other language, by letter, telephone, newsletter, and report card. 'You want me to do all this with a piece of chalk, a blackboard, a bulletin board, a few books and a big smile.

'You want me to do all this and then you tell me.... **I Can't Pray!**