

**VIETNAM WAR COMMEMORATION
AFTER-ACTION REPORT**

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INSTRUCTIONS

Please file an After-Action Report no later than 30 days after your event is complete. Your information will help other organizations in their planning of commemorative events. We encourage you to share your photos and articles of the events on the Commemorative Partner Portal on our Commemoration website to show other Vietnam veterans from around the United States how you recognized their service to our country. Submit reports using one of the following four preferred methods:

1. Through the Commemorative Partner Portal online: <http://www.vietnamwar50th.com/partners/login> (preferred)
2. Email to: WHS.VNWar50th_CPP_AAR@mail.mil
3. Fax to: 703-692-4691
4. U.S. Mail to: The United States of America Vietnam War Commemoration
Attn: Events Team Chief
241 18th Street South, Suite 101
Arlington, VA 22202

FOR EACH EVENT, PLEASE SUPPLY THE FOLLOWING:

1. NAME OF ORGANIZATION: The EC-47 History Site	2. NAME OF EVENT: 94th Intelligence Squadron Heritage Day
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3. ADDRESS OF ORGANIZATION:				
a. STREET ADDRESS: 4213 Green Meadow Drive	b. CITY: San Angelo	c. STATE: Texas	d. ZIP CODE: 76904	e. COUNTRY USA

4. EVENT LOCATION: a. SITE NAME (Example: The Pentagon) Ft. George G. Meade					
b. STREET ADDRESS: 9800 Savage Road	c. CITY: Ft. Meade	d. STATE: MD	e. ZIP CODE: 20755	f. COUNTRY USA	

5. START DATE OF EVENT (MMDDYYYY): 05/10/2018	6. END DATE OF EVENT (MMDDYYYY): 05/11/2018	7. ACTUAL ATTENDANCE	8. HOW MANY VIETNAM VETERANS WERE PRESENT? 12	9. HOW MANY VIETNAM VETERAN FAMILY MEMBERS WERE PRESENT? 03
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10. DID YOU COLLABORATE WITH ANY OTHER COMMEMORATIVE PARTNERS? (If so, list the commemorative partners you collaborated with for the event.) None

11. ANY MEDIA COVERAGE? None
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12. SUMMARY: (Include the following information and anything else you would want other Commemorative Partners to know, such as: Was your event a success? How were your objectives fulfilled? Were there any issues that came up? List any helpful suggestions or changes for future and lessons learned. Attach additional pages as necessary. If unrepresented lapel pins need to be returned to the program office, please indicate and we will send you a shipping label.) <p>The 94th Intelligence Squadron (IS) personnel hosted the fifth annual Heritage Day tribute to the Vietnam War 6994th Security Squadron veterans and their families. The two-day event included arranged lodging, transportation to and from activities, coordinated clearance and entry to the National Security Agency campus, and a warm welcome by the commander and all 94th IS personnel. It was a special treat to be allowed entry to the squadron breakroom/study lounge named Cougar's Cavern after the infamous 6994th Security Squadron bar of the same name at Tan Son Nhut Air Base, South Vietnam. The room is full of squadron artifacts and keepsakes. The first day's itinerary opened with a welcome by the squadron commander, Lt. Col. Laura Bunyan. She echoed the same sentiments and steadfast interest in the legacy of the Vietnam War-era veterans as expressed by two previous commanders. Her comments were reassuring to all attendees. The 94th IS operations officer, Maj. Swinarski, gave an unclassified mission brief, which was followed by a POW/MIA accountability update presented by Defense POW/MIA Accountability Agency representative, Chief Petty Officer Ramirez. Chief Ramirez was very familiar with the Baron 52 accountability case and she made a personal connection with all attendees. Former 6994th Security Squadron operations officer, retired Maj. Harold Frye, offered interesting and candid comments about his career and experiences with the EC-47 airborne radio direction finding (ARDF) mission. This concluded with a moment of silence in memory of all those ARDF crewmembers lost during the war, followed by the singing of TAPS by the 94th IS Baron 52 Choir. The day concluded with the telling of war stories and visiting with squadron personnel in the day room and later that evening with a no-host dinner at the Hideaway, a popular local restaurant. //See continuation sheet for more of the report & photos//</p>
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13. MATERIALS ACTUALLY USED: (For each category of materials below, subtract the amount remaining from what was sent to you.)			
(1) ITEM NOMENCLATURE	(2) QUANTITY	(1) ITEM NOMENCLATURE	(2) QUANTITY
Brochures	25	Bumper Sticker: I Served	25
Vietnam Veteran Lapel Pins	05	Bumper Sticker: Join The Nation	25
Surviving Spouse Lapel Pin	00	Bumper Sticker: We Heart	25
Tin Pin: Family Member	05	Presidential Proclamations	25
Tin Pin: Lone Soldier	00	Other:	00

12. Summary (Continuation-page 2) 94th Intelligence Squadron Heritage Day

6994th Security Squadron veterans Joe Martin and Tom Nurre, also co-managers of ec47.com and co-chairs of the EC-47 History Site 50th Vietnam War Commemorative Partner Program (CPP) Committee, hosted a commemoration ceremony during the evening dinner. This included an EC-47 mission video stitched together from original classified 16-millimeter films from Vietnam that Joe Martin located at the National Archives. The Vietnam veterans appreciated the 50-year look-back, and the active duty personnel got a glimpse of an actual wartime mission. The second half of the video included the 50th Commemoration story narrated by Sam Elliott and closed with photos of previous 6994th Security Squadron commemorative pinning ceremonies.

The second day started with a great guided tour of the National Cryptologic Museum located near the National Security Agency. The museum curator, Mr. Patrick Weadon, personally conducted the tour, with highlights on the Vietnam-era encryption devices. The 94th Intelligence Squadron personnel were again attentive to all attendees during the tour and provided transportation to the squadron barbecue immediately following. The squadron provided all the food and drinks and organized activities that included softball, cornhole, horseshoes, frisbee golf, eating hamburgers and hotdogs, and story-telling. The weather was wonderful, and the veterans and family members basked in the sunshine and the squadron friendship. Joe Martin and Tom Nurre presented the commander a copy of "The Vietnam War: The Definitive Illustrated History" (DK Publishing), which the attending veterans signed as a small token of appreciation for organizing and hosting the Heritage Day event. Event coordinators, especially MSgt Cole Davis, TSgt Nathan Glickler & MSgt Dameon Launert did an outstanding job...it was a grand two days of attention.



May 10, 2018: Above photo: The Hideaway restaurant, Odenton, MD. Lt Col Laura Bunyan presents a 50th Vietnam War Commemorative lapel pin to 6994th Security Squadron veteran John Fitzpatrick.

Below photo: Lt Col Bunyan presents a 50th Vietnam War Commemorative lapel pin to 6994th Security Squadron veteran Robert Spitler. From left to right are Aiden Davis, Tom Nurre, Bunyan, Joe Martin, and Spitler.





May 10, 2018: Above photo: The Hideaway restaurant, Odenton, MD. Lt Col Laura Bunyan presents a 50th Vietnam War Commemorative lapel pin to 6994th Security Squadron veteran Jim Trozzo.

Below photo: From left to right: Aiden Davis, Lt Col Bunyan, Jim Trozzo, John Fitzpatrick, Robert Spitler and Joe Martin following presentations of 50th Vietnam War Commemorative lapel pins and EC-47 History Site challenge coins during the 94th Intelligence Squadron tribute to 6994th Security Squadron veterans.





May 10, 2018: The Hideaway restaurant, Odenton, MD, was the setting for a 50th Vietnam War Commemorative lapel pin and EC-47 History Site challenge coin presentation honoring the 6994th Security Squadron Vietnam veterans. The 94th Intelligence Squadron commander, Lt Col Laura Bunnan presented commemorative lapel pins to Fitzpatrick, Spitler and Trozzo, greeting each veteran with a heartfelt "Welcome Home—Thank You For Your Service" message. Immediately following the pinning ceremony, all the 6994th Security Squadron veterans assembled for this group photo. Left to Right: Tom Nurre, Lewis Foster, Jim Trozzo, John Fitzpatrick, Robert Spitler, Rich Milklaucic and Joe Martin.

Left: Master Sergeant Cole Davis (L) is presented an EC-47 History Site challenge coin by the website co-manager, Joe Martin, in recognition of Sergeant Cole's outstanding planning and directing of the 5th Annual 94th Intelligence Squadron Heritage Day events.



May 11, 2018: Above & below: 6994th Security Squadron Vietnam War veterans enjoy a tour of the National Cryptologic Museum as they visit with 94th Intelligence Squadron active duty personnel that hosted the annual Heritage Day events near the National Security Agency located on Fort George G. Meade, Maryland. Photos by: Jeddi Valdez





May 11, 2018: (L) Mr. Patrick Weadon, museum curator, takes questions from 6994th Security Squadron Vietnam War veterans during a tour of the National Cryptologic Museum as part of the 94th Intelligence Squadron hosted Heritage Day events near the National Security Agency located on Fort George G. Meade, Maryland. 6994th Security Squadron veteran, (R) Mr Joe Martin, has visited the museum often and also offered meaningful information about various displays. Photo by: Jeddi Valdez



May 11, 2018: The 94th Intelligence Squadron and their families host 6994th Security Squadron Vietnam War veterans at the annual Heritage Day BBQ and "field day" at Burba Lake located near the National Security Agency located on Fort George G. Meade, Maryland. (L-R) Squadron commander, Lt. Col. Laura Bunyan; Carole Martin, spouse of Vietnam War veteran Joe Martin; and 6994th Security Squadron veteran, Robert Spitler, enjoy the food, friendship and activities. Photo by: Jeddi Valdez