

**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:**

<b>1. NAME OF ORGANIZATION:</b> The EC-47 History Site	<b>2. NAME OF EVENT:</b> 6994th Security Squadron 50th Anniversary Reunion
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<b>3. ADDRESS OF ORGANIZATION:</b>				
a. STREET ADDRESS: 4213 Green Meadow Drive	b. CITY: San Angelo	c. STATE: Texas	d. ZIP CODE: 76904	e. COUNTRY: USA

<b>4. EVENT LOCATION:</b> a. SITE NAME (Example: The Pentagon) Marriott Courtyard					
b. STREET ADDRESS: 2572 Southwest Blvd	c. CITY: San Angelo	d. STATE: Texas	e. ZIP CODE: 76904	f. COUNTRY: USA	

<b>5. START DATE OF EVENT (MMDDYYYY):</b> 09/21/2016	<b>6. END DATE OF EVENT (MMDDYYYY):</b> 09/24/2016	<b>7. ACTUAL ATTENDANCE</b> 147	<b>8. HOW MANY VIETNAM VETERANS WERE PRESENT?</b> 78	<b>9. HOW MANY VIETNAM VETERAN FAMILY MEMBERS WERE PRESENT?</b> 48
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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.) No, but the EC-47 History Site CPP committee includes the Heritage Chapter of the Freedom Through Vigilance Association, Angelo State University (ASU) West Texas Collections and the Department of History, and Goodfellow AFB. The Mayor of the City of San Angelo is an avid supporter of these programs and he also attended. All worked together on this event. See attached listing of all CPP members.

**11. ANY MEDIA COVERAGE?** No, although requested, all local media opted to cover high school Friday night football. ASU used Twitter:  
<https://twitter.com/angelosuhist/status/779525881580494848> <https://twitter.com/angelosuhist/status/779526421278404609>  
<https://twitter.com/angelosuhist/status/779527208465412097> <https://twitter.com/angelosuhist/status/779527738591813632>

**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.) The 6994th Security Squadron, activated in 1966, provided ground and air crews for the EC-47 gooney birds based in Vietnam and Thailand. Their mission was airborne radio direction finding (ARDF) and signals intelligence combat tactical support for the U.S. and allied forces combatant commanders. Their reunion started at Goodfellow AFB with a Remembrance Ceremony at the EC-47 static display aircraft in honor of those Airmen lost during the war. The reunion Commemoration ceremony was the main program of the unit's 50th Anniversary Reunion closing dinner celebration on Friday night. All the veterans and their families were personally welcomed, the Colors were posted, and a great dinner was served. After dinner, the CPP chairman made remarks describing the commemoration program and then projected President Obama's welcome video, the Joe Galloway introduction to the VWC video, and short clips from videos by former Secretary of Defense Hagel and Speaker of the House of Representatives Boehner. The veterans were given a standing ovation and then called forward and the CPP committee members presented each veteran a commemorative lapel pin, a copy of the Mayor's city proclamation, an EC-47 ARDF History Exhibit challenge coin, and a Heritage Chapter Certificate of Honor. Mayor Morrison made brief closing remarks and added his thanks and appreciation on behalf of the City of San Angelo. Family members and guests were also recognized and given copies of the President's proclamation, Fact Sheets, tin pins, stickers, and warm hugs and enthusiastic applause. The program was a huge success with tremendous positive feedback from the attendees. Due to immediate health issues, three squadron veterans were unable to attend the closing ceremony, so their lapel pins and materials were mailed to them on Monday...all have received their packets by the writing of this report.

<b>13. MATERIALS ACTUALLY USED:</b> (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	0	Stickers: Eagle	0
Tin Pin: Eagle	100	Stickers: Seal	0
Surviving Spouse Lapel Pin	<b>Coming Soon</b>	Stickers: Flag	100
Vietnam Veteran Lapel Pins	75	<del>Stickers: Eagle</del> Commemoration Fact Sheet	100
Bumper Stickers	90	Other: Tin Pin - Seal	102

**VIETNAM WAR COMMEMORATION  
COMMEMORATIVE PARTNER PROGRAM APPLICATION  
(Civilian Organizations only)**

**PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT**

**AUTHORITY:** 10 U.S.C. Section 113 note (Public Law 110-181, div. A, title V, Section 598, Jan. 28, 2008, 122 Stat. 141), Program to Commemorate 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War.

**PRINCIPAL PURPOSE(S):** Multiple organization points of contact and contact information are necessary to allow DoD to communicate with the organization. The timeframe of the commemoration lasts 13 years.

**ROUTINE USE(S):** Any release of information outside the DoD will be compatible with the purpose(s) for which the information is collected and maintained. The DoD Blanket Routine Uses found at <http://dpco.defense.gov/privacy/SORNsIndex/BlanketRoutineUses.aspx> may also apply to this collection. Applicable SORNs: None. Records are retrieved only by organization name.

**DISCLOSURE:** Voluntary. However, failure to provide requested point of contact information may adversely affect the organization's acceptance as a commemorative partner.

**INSTRUCTIONS**

To apply to become a Commemorative Partner, please fill out the following information in as much detail as possible. Please type or print clearly.

Steps:

1. Use this form (DD Form 2954 for military installations) to list your organization's name and provide the names, addresses, email and telephone numbers of your committee's chairperson and point(s) of contact (POC).
2. Use Page 2 of this form to list the members of your Commemorative Committee. You may add as many as you like, but we require at least three members.
3. Use the Submit button at the bottom of this form to email your application to: [WHS.VNWAR50th\\_CPP\\_CIVAPP@mail.mil](mailto:WHS.VNWAR50th_CPP_CIVAPP@mail.mil).  
fax to: 571-256-3389, or mail hard copies to:  
The United States of America Vietnam War Commemoration, Suite 810, 1101 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22209.

**1. ORGANIZATION**

a. NAME	b. TELEPHONE NUMBER <i>(Include Area Code)</i>		
c. MAILING ADDRESS: (1) STREET <i>(Include Suite Number)</i>	(2) CITY	(3) STATE	(4) ZIP CODE

**2. COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON**

a. NAME	b. EMAIL ADDRESS	c. TELEPHONE NUMBER(S) <i>(Include Area Code)</i>	
d. MAILING ADDRESS			
(1) STREET <i>(Include Suite Number)</i>	(2) CITY	(3) STATE	(4) ZIP CODE

**3. POINT OF CONTACT**

a. NAME	b. EMAIL ADDRESS	c. TELEPHONE NUMBER(S) <i>(Include Area Code)</i>	
d. MAILING ADDRESS: (1) STREET <i>(Include Suite Number)</i>			
(2) CITY	(3) STATE	(4) ZIP CODE	

**4. POINT OF CONTACT**

a. NAME Suzanne O. Campbell	b. EMAIL ADDRESS suzanne.campbell@angelo.edu	c. TELEPHONE NUMBER(S) <i>(Include Area Code)</i> 325 942-2164	
d. MAILING ADDRESS: (1) STREET <i>(Include Suite Number)</i> ASU Station #11013			
(2) CITY San Angelo	(3) STATE TEXAS	(4) ZIP CODE 76909-1013	

**5. POINT OF CONTACT**

a. NAME JJ Graham	b. EMAIL ADDRESS	c. TELEPHONE NUMBER(S) <i>(Include Area Code)</i>	
d. MAILING ADDRESS: (1) STREET <i>(Include Suite Number)</i> 1821 Calle Sendera Rd			
(2) CITY San Angelo	(3) STATE TEXAS	(4) ZIP CODE 76904	

**ADDITIONAL COMMEMORATIVE PARTNER COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP**

*(If applicable)*

<b>a. NAME (Last, First)</b>	<b>b. TITLE OR POSITION</b>	<b>c. EMAIL/TELEPHONE NUMBER (Include area code)</b>
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Above: The Goodfellow Air Force Base Color Guard posts the flags to open the 6994th Security Squadron 50th Anniversary reunion dinner at the Marriott Courtyard, San Angelo, Texas, on Friday, September 23, 2016. Many of the squadron air crew and ground support personnel received their training at Goodfellow AFB during the Vietnam War and it was a special treat to have Team Goodfellow post the colors at this event.

Left: The reunion planners, led by 6994th Security Squadron veteran, Bob Hull, always feature the "Missing Man" table ceremony following the posting of the colors.

Right: 6994th Security Squadron reunion planner, Rich Krejsa, presents a special unit poster as a gesture of thanks to the Marriott Courtyard hotel manager, Mark Speed.





The EC-47 History Site CPP committee, represented by the 6994th Security Squadron, the 94th Intelligence Squadron, Angelo State University Department of History and the West Texas Collections, and the Heritage Chapter - Freedom Through Vigilance Association, prepare for the pinning ceremony at the 6994th Security Squadron 50th Anniversary reunion dinner.



September 23, 2016: 6994th Security Squadron Vietnam War veterans come forward to be presented the commemorative lapel pin by members of the EC-47 History Site CPP committee members during the unit's reunion dinner ceremony.



September 23, 2016: Vietnam War veterans are called forward and presented commemorative lapel pins by the EC-47 History Site CPP committee members. More than 70 veterans and their families were recognized and welcomed home at this special ceremony during the 6994th Security Squadron's 50th Anniversary reunion dinner party held in San Angelo, TX.



6994th Security Squadron Vietnam War veteran, Jim Tootle, was one of over 70 veterans welcomed home and presented a commemorative lapel pin at his unit's 50th Anniversary reunion dinner held in San Angelo, TX., on September 23, 2016. The EC-47 History Site CPP committee members made the presentations.



6994th Security Squadron Vietnam War veteran, Lars Ritola, was one of over 70 veterans welcomed home and presented a commemorative lapel pin at his unit's 50th Anniversary reunion dinner held in San Angelo, TX., on September 23, 2016. The EC-47 History Site CPP committee members made the presentations.



September 23, 2016 - Above: 6994th Security Squadron Vietnam War veteran Leon "Lee" Heying enjoying the unit's 50th Anniversary reunion dinner and Commemoration ceremony at the Marriott Courtyard, San Angelo, Texas.

Below: Heying and other unit members are presented lapel pins by members of The EC-47 History Site CPP committee.







Left: The EC-47 History Site CPP committee members, Angelo State University History Professor Christine Lamberson (L) and Director of the West Texas Collection, Suzanne Campbell (R), tweet photos and comments during the 6994th Security Squadron 50th Anniversary reunion dinner held at the Marriott Courtyard, San Angelo, Texas, on September 23, 2016. This is the first use of the university Twitter account to send updates about 50th Vietnam War Commemoration events.

Below: The CPP committee reception line that greeted and thanked more than 70 veterans and their families during the dinner ceremony.





September 23, 2016 - Above center: The City of San Angelo, Mayor Dwain Morrison, presents a copy of the city Commemoration Proclamation to 6994th Security Squadron Vietnam War veteran, Michael Murray, during the unit's reunion dinner celebration. Above right: The EC-47 History Site website manager and Vietnam War veteran, Joe Martin, readies to present Murray with the EC-47 ARDF Exhibit challenge coin. Below: Mayor Morrison thanks unit veteran, Tommy Guy, following presentation of the city proclamation as other veterans receive commemorative lapel pins. Each veteran was greeted by the CPP committee representatives and thanked for their service, valor and sacrifice. It was a joyful Welcome Home celebration.





September 23, 2016: 50th Anniversary Reunion  
& Vietnam War Commemoration Ceremony  
Marriott Courtyard, San Angelo, Texas



September 23, 2016: 6994th Security Squadron EC-47 airborne radio direction finding (ARDF) operations, maintenance and support personnel and their family members pose for photographs during their 50th Anniversary Reunion held at the Marriott Courtyard in San Angelo, Texas. Nearly 150 attendees participated in a unit remembrance ceremony held in front of an EC-47 replica aircraft at Goodfellow Air Force Base, followed by the rededication of a base dining facility named in honor of a fallen crewmember, and other facility tours and base mission briefings. There was a packed house for their reunion dinner and 50th Vietnam War Commemoration ceremony on the final evening.