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INSTRUCTIONS

For Each Event, Please Supply The Following

1. *NAME OF ORGANIZATION:

The EC-47 History Site

2. *NAME OF EVENT:

Combat Apple 50th Anniversary Re

3. ADDRESS OF ORGANIZATION:

a. *STREET ADDRESS:

4213 Green Meadow Drive

b. *CITY:

San Angelo

c. *STATE:

Texas

d. *ZIP CODE

76904

e. *COUNTRY

United States

4. LOCATION OF EVENT

a. *SITE NAME (e.g., The Pentagon):

Rockwall Golf & Athletic Club

b. *STREET ADDRESS:

2600 Champions Drive

c. *CITY:

Rockwall

d. *STATE:

Texas

e. *ZIP CODE

75087

f. *COUNTRY

United States

5. *START DATE (MM/DD/YYYY):

09/22/2017

6. *END DATE (MM/DD/YYYY):

09/26/2017

7. ACTUAL ATTENDANCE (Numeric Entries Only)

98

8. HOW MANY VIETNAM VETERANS WERE PRESENT?

65

9. HOW MANY VIETNAM VETERANS FAMILY MEMBERS WERE PRESENT?

33

10. DID YOU COLLABORATE WITH ANY OTHER COMMEMORATIVE PARTNERS? : (If so, list the commemorative partners you collaborated with for the event.)

No. The USAF Vietnamese Linguist Group (Doggers) and the Heritage Chapter, Freedom Through Vigilance Association, are members of the EC-47 History Site Commemorative Partner Program committee and coordinated with the 6990th Security Squadron to sponsor the commemoration ceremonies.

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11. ANY MEDIA COVERAGE?:



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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 unprinted lapel pins need to be returned to the program office, please indicate and we will send you a shipping label.)

Veterans of the 6990th Security Squadron held a 50th anniversary reunion for Combat Apple/RC-135 missions over Southeast Asia during the Vietnam War. These United States Air Force Security Service (USAFSS) flyers operated sophisticated electronic equipment aboard RC-135 aircraft operating out of Kadena AB, Okinawa, Japan, and on several other airborne platforms in Vietnam and Thailand, intercepting communications of enemy combatant forces during the Vietnam War. The USAF Doggers, a group of Vietnamese linguists, and the Heritage Chapter of the Freedom Through Vigilance Association, as members of the EC-47 History Site Commemorative Partner Program (CPP) Committee, organized a special recognition program to pay tribute to these Vietnam War veterans and their families as part of this 50th anniversary celebration of the first Combat Apple mission in 1967. During the five days of the reunion, veterans and their families were treated to a tour of the L-3 Technologies facilities that continue to maintain the electronic equipment that was on board the mission aircraft, a tour of AT&T Stadium in Arlington, Texas, hours of entertainment in the Holiday Inn Express hospitality room, and an incredible buffet dinner at the Rockwall Golf and Athletic Club in Rockwall, Texas. The commemoration ceremony was conducted immediately following the evening dinner. The squadron reunion leadership, Larry Mills, Bob Cope and Bud Rosenstrom, presented the commemorative lapel pins, chapter certificates and Commemoration-provided materials. Bob Cope and his wife, Debbie, presented a Commemoration Certificate of Honor and a Surviving Spouse Lapel Pin to Mrs. Lois Larson, wife of the late Maj. Gen. Doyle E. Larson, the first commander of the former Electronic Security Command. Three of the grown Larson children were present for the heartfelt presentation. Additional distinguished attendees at the reunion and ceremony were Mr. John Rowan, national president of the Vietnam Veterans of America, and Mr. Rick Francona, Vietnam veteran and Mid-East expert and special contributor to CNN. As an additional tribute, five veterans were each presented one of the highly coveted "Hanoi Hilton" bricks along with a plaque inscribed: "This common construction brick was recovered in 1993 from the infamous Hoa Lo Prison in North Vietnam, known to U.S. prisoners of war as the Hanoi Hilton. This relic is symbolic of the service and sacrifice of the millions of American veterans who answered their country's call to duty during the Vietnam War." We received excellent support from both the Commemoration Program and our partner, the EC-47 History Site. The VWC program was extremely well received by veterans and family members alike.

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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 REQUESTED
Brochures	50
Vietnam Veteran Lapel Pins	50
Surviving Spouse Lapel Pin	1
Tin Pin: Family Member	50
Tin Pin: Lone Soldier	0
Bumper Sticker: I served	50
Bumper Sticker: Join The Nation	50
Bumper Sticker: We Heart	50
Presidential Proclamations	50
Other	

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*Caption:

6990th Security Squadron veterans and reunion planners prepare for the commemorative lapel pin presentation ceremony. L-R: Larry Mills, Larry Miller, Randy Seitter, Bud Rosenstrom, and Bob Cope. Courtesy photo.

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*Caption:

L-R: Larry Mills welcoming home fellow 6990th Security Squadron veteran Bob Cotti after presenting him a commemorative lapel pin. Randy Seitter, at the podium, prepares to announce the name of the next veteran to come forward for recognition. Courtesy photo.

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*Caption:

Mrs. Debbie Cope (right) presents Mrs. Lois Larson, surviving spouse of MGen Doyle E. Larson, with a Commemoration Certificate of Honor that accompanies the presentation of the Blue Star Vietnam veteran surviving spouse lapel pin. Courtesy photo.

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