

**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_EVENTS@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
1101 Wilson Blvd., Suite 810
Arlington, VA 22209

FOR EACH EVENT, PLEASE SUPPLY THE FOLLOWING:

1. NAME OF ORGANIZATION: The EC-47 History Site	2. NAME OF EVENT: Tribute to the San Angelo Eagles Group Vietnam Veterans
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3. ADDRESS OF ORGANIZATION:			
a. STREET ADDRESS: 4213 Green Meadow Drive	b. CITY: San Angelo	c. STATE: TX	d. ZIP CODE: 76904

4. LOCATION OF EVENT <i>(Site name; e.g., The Pentagon)</i> San Angelo Country Club San Angelo, TX	5. START DATE OF EVENT <i>(DDMMYYYY):</i> 30082015	6. END DATE OF EVENT <i>(DDMMYYYY):</i> 30082015
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7. ACTUAL ATTENDANCE 59	8. HOW MANY VIETNAM VETERANS WERE PRESENT? 24	9. HOW MANY VIETNAM VETERAN FAMILY MEMBERS WERE PRESENT? 35
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10. 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? Any media coverage? List any helpful suggestions or changes for future and lessons learned. Attach additional pages as necessary.)*

This event was hosted by the Heritage Chapter of the Freedom Through Vigilance Association, an active member of The EC-47 History Site Commemorative Partner Program committee. This successful ceremony was held to recognize, honor, and present lapel pins to Vietnam War-era veteran members of the Goodfellow Eagles Group, an organization of retired and active duty O-6 officers from all services. Attendance by the veterans and their families was greater than anticipated; additional tables and chairs had to be brought in to accommodate everyone. We especially appreciate the valued assistance from the Angelo State University West Texas Collection staff and the EC-47 History Site committee chairperson. The commemorative banner, proclamation, partner certificate, committee organizational posters, and other commemorative materials were displayed at the front of the room. The purpose of the ceremony, commemoration objectives, and the veteran lapel pin fact sheet were discussed prior to the presentation of the lapel pins. Vietnam War veteran, Ed Bendinelli, and JJ Graham, President of the Heritage Chapter, conducted the ceremony and "pinned" each recipient. In all, 16 lapel pins were presented: 14 to retired O-6s from the Army, Navy, and Air Force; one veteran Air Force Captain; and one retired Air Force senior noncommissioned officer. Each veteran was also presented a copy of the Commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War Proclamation issued by the mayor of San Angelo, Texas. All of the recipients were very thankful for the recognition and the presentation ceremony. The pride was evident in the eyes of those receiving their pins and in those of the family members in attendance. There were more than a few tears shed.

After the presentation, we were approached by a veteran's spouse about speaking to the San Angelo Rotary Club members about what the Vietnam War Commemoration effort is all about. EC-47 ARDF veterans and Heritage Chapter officers Larry Ross (secretary) and Ed Bendinelli (vice president) agreed and gave a presentation to the club on Sept. 9. This was an informative meeting only, and no presentations were made. A number of Vietnam War-era veterans were in attendance and expressed interest in participating in future recognition events. See attached narrative and photo.

As of the date of this report, The EC-47 History Site Commemorative Partner Program committee has the following inventory:
Official lapel pins: 54 pins on hand
All other materials: 0 items on hand.

11. 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	0	Stickers: Eagle	0
Tin Pin: Eagle	0	Stickers: Seal	0
Tin Pin: Seal	0	Stickers: Flag	0
Tin Pin: Vietnam Veterans	0	Presidential Proclamations	0
Bumper Stickers	0	Other: Official Lapel Pins	16



The Heritage Chapter, Freedom through Vigilance Association, an active member of the EC-47 History Site Commemorative Partner committee, hosted a special ceremony to recognize and honor Vietnam War-era veterans, primarily retired senior officers from the San Angelo, Texas, Eagles Group, during a special ceremony at the San Angelo Country Club on August 30, 2015. Heritage Chapter officers (L-R holding banner), Vice President, CMSgt (R) Ed Bendinelli and President, CMSgt (R) JJ Graham, introduced each veteran and presented a commemorative lapel pin and a copy of the San Angelo mayor's VWC Proclamation. Participants (L-R): JC Smith, Capt, USN; Bob Brewer, Col, USAF; Harlan Bruha, Col, USAF; Bendinelli; Johnny Fender, Col, USAF; Mrs. Karen Brewer; Mrs. Marvie Rader; Ernie Charlesworth, Col, USAF; Charlie Powell, Col, USAF; John Jones, Capt, USN; Mike Rader, Col, USAF; Frank Bauer, Capt, USN; Lew Burnett, Col, USA; Graham; Ted Conrad, Col, USAF; Seated - Vietnam veteran and Eagles Group event coordinator, Pete Micale, Col, USAF.

September 9, 2016 Presentation of San Angelo Rotary Club

The day after the August 30, 2016 EC-47 History Site Commemoration Partner ceremony at the San Angelo Country club where Heritage Chapter President J.J. Graham and I recognized and pinned 15 Vietnam War-era veterans, I received a call from Mrs. Margaret Charlesworth. Margaret is the wife of retired dermatologist Ernie Charlesworth, one of the retired O-6s we honored at the August 30th event. Margaret was truly impressed by the Eagles Group ceremony and by the very notion that Vietnam War vets are finally being recognized. She asked if I could give a presentation to the San Angelo Rotary Club about the Vietnam War Commemoration effort at its September 9th breakfast meeting. Margaret told me that she knew of one Vietnam War veteran in her Rotary club. Well! The very first person I met at the meeting was Vietnam War veteran Mr Pat Mallory, Rotary Club President. He wasn't the veteran Margaret had told me about. Capt (USN, Ret) John Jones was also there. Capt Jones is also one of the O-6s we pinned on the 30th. The Vietnam War veteran that Margaret did have in mind was John Baggett, who also attended the breakfast meeting. It was a small group, with about 14 Rotarians, Heritage Chapter Secretary/Treasurer/Photographer Larry Ross and myself. The San Angelo Rotary Club has 16 members...a 90% membership attendance at this meeting. I gave about a 15-20 minute presentation about the United States of America Vietnam War Commemoration and the role of the Commemorative Partners. After the formal presentation, I answered several questions, told some war stories and passed out brochures. I did note the phone numbers of Mr Mallory and Mr Baggett who are very interested in participating in a future commemoration ceremony. All in all, I think it was a worthwhile event--educating more San Angeloans about this program to honor and thank all Vietnam War-era veterans for their courageous service.

Ed Bendinelli, CMSgt (R), USAF
Vice President, Heritage Chapter, FTVA
The EC-47 History Site Commemorative Partner committee member



L-R: Vietnam veteran, Mr. Ernie Charlesworth and Mrs. Margaret Charlesworth; Vietnam veteran - Heritage Chapter-FTVA vice president and program presenter, CMSgt (R) Ed Bendinelli; and Rotarian Mr. Bill Scherz at the San Angelo Rotary breakfast meeting, September 9, 2015. Photo by: SMSgt (R) Larry Ross, Heritage Chapter-FTVA photographer.
