

**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> USAF Doggers - 43rd Fall of Saigon Party
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<b>3. ADDRESS OF ORGANIZATION:</b>				
a. STREET ADDRESS: 4213 Green Meadow Drive	b. CITY: San Angelo	c. STATE: TX	d. ZIP CODE: 76904	e. COUNTRY USA

<b>4. EVENT LOCATION:</b> a. SITE NAME (Example: The Pentagon) Fly Navy Inn					
b. STREET ADDRESS: Trumbo Point Naval Air Station	c. CITY: Key West	d. STATE: Florida	e. ZIP CODE: 33040-9001	f. COUNTRY USA	

<b>5. START DATE OF EVENT (MMDDYYYY):</b> 04/25/2018	<b>6. END DATE OF EVENT (MMDDYYYY):</b> 05/01/2018	<b>7. ACTUAL ATTENDANCE</b> 34	<b>8. HOW MANY VIETNAM VETERANS WERE PRESENT?</b> 20	<b>9. HOW MANY VIETNAM VETERAN FAMILY MEMBERS WERE PRESENT?</b> 14
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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. The USAF Doggers and the Heritage Chapter, Freedom Through Vigilance Association are members of the EC-47 History Site Commemorative Partner Program (CPP) committee in sponsoring commemoration ceremonies.

**11. ANY MEDIA COVERAGE?**  
None

**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.)

Former USAF Vietnamese linguists who are called Doggers and who are all veterans of the Vietnam War held a 43rd anniversary reunion honoring and remembering the fall of Saigon in 1975. These United States Air Force Security Service technicians operated sophisticated electronic equipment aboard RC-135 aircraft operating out of Kadena Air Base, Okinawa, Japan, as well as at other ground and airborne collection units throughout Vietnam, Thailand and the Philippines intercepting communications of enemy combatant forces during the Vietnam War. The Doggers and the Heritage Chapter of the Freedom Through Vigilance Association (which some Doggers are also members) are members of the EC-47 History Site CPP committee and organized a special program to pay tribute to these Vietnam War veterans and families during the 7-day reunion. They were treated to a buffet meal catered by the Fly Navy Inn, hours of entertainment in the Inn's hospitality suite, a 50th Vietnam War Commemoration (VWC) pinning ceremony, as well as a memorial service at the Key West War Memorial Park. Following opening comments and the excellent video highlighting the VWC, retired Colonel Jimmie Butler, a former Forward Air Controller with over two hundred missions providing close air surveillance along the Ho Chi Minh Trail in Laos and South Vietnam, presented the commemorative lapel pins and other commemoration provided materials. ///See Continuation sheet for more of this report and event photos.///

Report prepared by: Larry Miller, USAF Doggers 50th Vietnam War CPP coordinator.

**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	30	Bumper Sticker: I Served	50
Vietnam Veteran Lapel Pins	9	Bumper Sticker: Join The Nation	50
Surviving Spouse Lapel Pin	0	Bumper Sticker: We Heart	50
Tin Pin: Family Member	30	Presidential Proclamations	30
Tin Pin: Lone Soldier	0	Other: In Memory Of - Gold Star pin & Certificate of Honor	1

## USAF Doggers – 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Fall of Saigon Party

### Summary: Continuation

Additionally, five veterans were each presented with the highly coveted “Hanoi Hilton” brick 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 brick 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 and our partner, the EC-47 History Site. Report submitted by: Larry Miller, USAF Doggers 50<sup>th</sup> Vietnam War CPP Coordinator.



April 28, 2018: (L-R) Retired USAF Colonel Jimmie Butler, Vietnam War forward air controller, presents a 50th Vietnam War Commemorative lapel pin to former USAF Sergeant John Nicolai, a member of the *USAF Doggers*, during the annual Fall of Saigon Party held in the Fly Navy Inn, Trumbo Point Naval Air Station, Key West, Florida.



April 28, 2018: (L-R) Retired USAF Colonel Jimmie Butler, Vietnam War forward air controller, presents a 50th Vietnam War Commemorative lapel pin to former USAF Sergeant Dan Karen, a member of the *USAF Doggers*, during the annual Fall of Saigon Party held in the Fly Navy Inn, Trumbo Point Naval Air Station, Key West, Florida.



April 28, 2018: (L-R) Retired USAF Colonel Jimmie Butler, Vietnam War forward air controller, reacts to being presented a 50th Vietnam War Commemorative lapel pin by retired USAF Chief Master Sergeant Carl Wood, a member of the *USAF Doggers*, during the annual Fall of Saigon Party held in the Fly Navy Inn, Trumbo Point Naval Air Station, Key West, Florida.



April 28, 2018: (L-R) Members and guests of the USAF Doggers pose for this group photo during the annual Fall of Saigon Party held this year in the Fly Navy Inn, Trumbo Point Naval Air Station, Key West, Florida. The Doggers are all former United States Air Force Security Service Vietnamese linguists that operated sophisticated electronic equipment aboard RC-135 aircraft operating out of bases in Okinawa, Thailand, Philippines and Vietnam during the Vietnam War. They included a 50th Vietnam War Commemoration pinning and welcome home ceremony as part of the event.