



# NEWSLETTER



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## Welcome to the new EC-47 History Site Newsletter

J.C. Wheeler, The EC-47 History Site original web master, turned over responsibility for the site to Joe Martin and Tom Nurre effective 14 August 2014. (See their abbreviated biographies elsewhere in this issue.) Joe and Tom hired a San Angelo firm, Media Jaw, to help update the website with a new design and content management system (CMS). The Freedom Through Vigilance Association (FTVA), a group of former USAF Security Service and successor organizations personnel, funded the first year contract costs. Our original intention to completely assimilate the entire original website into the new CMS format turned out to be overly ambitious, so we opted to save and archive J.C.'s work in his original format. You can access all the original files with just one Click on the new [ec47.com](http://ec47.com) homepage, or by going direct to the original website at: <http://archive.ec47.com>.

Please remember that although the old site is intact, it is no longer interactive. This means the archive is searchable and all information is available for viewing and downloading, but there is no capability to upload or update any archived items. All the archive Guestbook, Contact Us and other previously interactive functions have been discontinued. As you review and become familiar with the new website, and feel that a specific article, photo and/or document should be brought forward to this new site, please let us know via email to: [info@ec47.com](mailto:info@ec47.com). We will surely take a good look and let you know. We are committed to further developing this website into the complete and authoritative source of information about all things EC-47.

Be sure and read all the latest updates in the **History of the EC-47** menu item. Welcome aboard.



Joe Martin was at the 6981st Security Group at Elmendorf

AFB, Alaska when he received orders for the 6994th Security Squadron. He arrived at Tan Son Nhut on 15 February 1970. Over the next 22 months, Joe flew approximately 270 missions aboard the EC-47, mostly over Cambodia but also a number in both the BARREL ROLL and STEEL TIGER areas of Laos. For the last 6-8 months of his tour, he served as an instructor to our Vietnamese counterparts who eventually took over the EC-47 mission. Joe finished college on the GI bill and eventually worked his way into the aerospace/defense industry, retiring from Honeywell Aerospace in 2006. He currently lives in Prescott, AZ.



In 1969, two of his younger brothers were drafted into the Vietnam War while Tom was stationed in the Philippines working the Army Security Agency high frequency direction finding network being controlled out of Phu Bai, RVN. To evoke the "one son in a war zone" policy at the time, Tom volunteered for the EC-47 program and arrived at NKP, Thailand in mid-1970. SSgt Nurre flew 140 ARDF missions as an operator, instructor operator, and airborne mission supervisor. Tom was also the Detachment 3, 6994th Security Squadron ground training instructor and graphic artist. He went on to a full 33-year USAF career and was inducted into the FTVA Hall of Honor in 2000.

## Guestbook, Email & Contact Us

All three of these website features require some administrative action before anything gets posted for public review. Tom does the main admin functions like at least once daily checking for normal email traffic and all the Contact Us form submissions. Tom refers all research questions and comments directly to Joe. He usually answers any and all questions within 24 hours. Tom also checks the Guestbook entries on a daily basis. He does some minor editing (mainly for clarity) and clears these items for posting at the same time. On occasion, he copies and pastes some email messages to the Guestbook for the wider audience to see. If something isn't working correctly with your inputs, email Tom using the website email [info@ec47.com](mailto:info@ec47.com) or on his cell phone: 325 450-4476.

## Reunions

FTVA  
24-26 September 2015  
San Antonio, TX  
[www.ftva.org](http://www.ftva.org)

362nd TEWS  
6-8 October 2015  
Branson, MO  
[www.362tews.com](http://www.362tews.com)

## War Stories

We hope you are enjoying the EC-47 stories that we have received and uploaded to this website. If you previously submitted your story and/or photos to the original site, we encourage you to pull them out and resubmit them to us. We can handle high resolution pix and documents via Dropbox and Cloud services. Email or call us if you need help with your inputs.

## Vietnam War 50th Commemoration (VWC)

The EC-47 History Site has already organized a number of commemoration events. The after action reports (AARs) are online in the Vietnam War Tribute menu at: [www.ec47.com/commemorative-partner-program](http://www.ec47.com/commemorative-partner-program). As a Commemorative Partner Program (CPP) member, we are reaching out to all organizations to help identify, locate, and contact as many EC-47 aircrews and support personnel as possible. This includes organizing or helping to organize events and providing support materials (banner, pins, stickers, pamphlets, etc.) to be used for these special "Thank you & Welcome Home" ceremonies. Please check out both the website menu item above and the national VWC website: [www.vietnamwar50th.com](http://www.vietnamwar50th.com). Let us know how we can do more to recognize all of our EC-47 Vietnam War era veterans.



## Numbers

We activated a counter on the website on 30 March 2015. As of August 10th, there have been 8,000 "hits" with over 35,000 page reviews.