

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: Congressional Ceremony - Video Screening & CPP Introduction
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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 (Site name; e.g., The Pentagon) Angelo State University, San Angelo, TX	5. START DATE OF EVENT (DDMMYYYY): 07082015	6. END DATE OF EVENT (DDMMYYYY): 07082015
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7. ACTUAL ATTENDANCE 30+	8. HOW MANY VIETNAM VETERANS WERE PRESENT? 18	9. HOW MANY VIETNAM VETERAN FAMILY MEMBERS WERE PRESENT? 5
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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 was a very successful event. Attending Vietnam veterans remarked that they considered this event very respectful and uplifting. They, and their family members, expressed their heartfelt appreciation for being welcomed, recognized, honored, and thanked by being invited to the live streaming of the Congressional Ceremony and the Vietnam veterans lapel pin presentation ceremony. The ASU West Texas Collection staff hosted the ceremony screening in a comfortable viewing setting. The commemorative banner, proclamation, partner certificate, committee organizational posters, and other commemorative materials were displayed in the viewing area foyer. Also, a looped video showing veterans who participated in ASU's "Vietnam: Through the Lens" exhibit was projected on a large wall space as an added feature to the display area. Along with The EC-47 History Site chairperson, committee members from Angelo State University and the Heritage Chapter - FTVA personally greeted all guests, introduced guests to one another, and assisted seating guests in preparation for the video broadcast. Five CPP representatives presented commemorative lapel pins to 18 Vietnam veterans. This event complemented the Angelo State University "Vietnam: Through the Lens" history display which was opened in November 2014. Eighteen veterans that participated in that oral history and photos/artifacts display attended this Congressional Ceremony event. The ASU History Department also co-sponsored this event and introduced attendees to its "War Stories: West Texans from World War I to the Present" project. Funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities, the project entails collecting the stories and memorabilia of all veterans and their families with ties to West Texas. Several attending Vietnam veterans expressed interest in participating. The local San Angelo Standard-Times newspaper and two TV stations covered this event. There were two issues beyond our control that had some effect on this event. The live streaming broadcast was delayed 30-minutes from the notified starting time. While we did use the delay time to further explain to the guests the purpose and scope of the 50th Anniversary Vietnam War Commemoration program, they were getting antsy by the time the Congressional Ceremony started. The newspaper and one TV station reporter had other appointments and had to drop coverage prior to the end of the streaming telecast. The local weather also was very unsettled before, during, and after the live screening. Severe thunderstorms caused heavy rains and flash flooding. There is no way to know how many people stayed home instead of attending as they might have originally planned.

Our support from the national committee office was extraordinary. The fact that you shipped the official lapel pins via overnight delivery was astounding. The attending Vietnam veterans felt so special to receive their pins immediately following the introduction of the pin by the Speaker of the House in the Congressional Ceremony. We all cannot thank you enough for that interest and initiative.

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	32	Stickers: Eagle	0
Tin Pin: Eagle	2	Stickers: Seal	45
Tin Pin: Seal	0	Stickers: Flag	0
Tin Pin: Vietnam Veterans	0	Presidential Proclamations	0
Bumper Stickers	0	Other: Official lapel pins	18



Event Live Streaming

The United States of America Congressional Ceremony

Date: July 8, 2015

Time: 1:30 - 3:00 p.m.

**Purpose: Thank & honor our 7.2 million living Vietnam veterans
and the 9 million families of those who served.**

This Washington D.C. ceremony is a ticketed event predominantly for Vietnam veterans and their families. It is being streamed live around the world from the Office of the Speaker of the House.

The ASU West Texas Collection and Department of History are hosting this *live streaming* as members of the EC-47 History Site Commemorative Partners Committee, which is an official partner in the national U.S.A. Vietnam War Commemoration initiative. Only Commemorative Partners are eligible to receive the streaming of the congressional ceremony.

The EC-47 History Site and ASU Commemorative Partners Committee members are not a part of, or endorsed by, the Department of Defense.



The event poster and The EC-47 History Site Commemorative Partner Program Certificate were displayed in the meeting area.



The EC-47 History Site Commemorative Partner Program committee members displayed their organization posters. Members greeted all attendees and thanked them for their Vietnam service.



L-R: Vietnam veteran Mr. Shook and his daughters are greeted upon their arrival at the Congressional Ceremony live screening event by History Department Assistant Professor Wongsrichanalai.



Vietnam veteran Mr. Kujawa is welcomed to the Congressional Ceremony live screening by Angelo State University History Department Assistant Professor Wongsrichanalai.



Vietnam veteran Mr. Thompson is welcomed to the Congressional Ceremony live screening by Angelo State University History Department Assistant Professor Wongsrichanalai.



Vietnam veterans Mr. Chapman and Mr. Monday, both contributors to the “Vietnam: Through the Lens” project, browse the displays prior to the Congressional Ceremony live screening event.



Vietnam veteran family members Mrs. Shook (foreground) and daughters browse photographs and artifacts that are part of the ASU “Vietnam: Through the Lens” project.



Vietnam veterans Mr. Monday, Mr. Chapman, Mr Shook and daughters browse the “Vietnam: Through the Lens” displays.



Mrs. Nurre studies Vietnam jungle warfare artifacts on display as part of the “Vietnam: Through the Lens” project. Her husband, Vietnam veteran CMSgt (R) Nurre, is chairperson of The EC-47 History Site Commemorative Partner Program committee.



The EC-47 History Site Commemorative Partner Program committee chairperson, Vietnam veteran Mr. Nurre, welcome veterans and their families to the Congressional Ceremony live screening event.



Vietnam veterans, their family members and guests await the start of the Congressional Ceremony live screening telecast. (Foreground: Vietnam veterans Mr. Ortegón and Mr. Schwertner)



The Congressional Ceremony is streamed live in the Angelo State University Nasworthy Suite, July 8, 2015.



The official Vietnam War Veteran lapel pin.



The EC-47 History Site CPP committee members present Vietnam War Veteran lapel pins to veterans attending the Congressional Ceremony live screening. L-R: Presenters (Facing) Nurre, Graham, Wongsrichanalai, Sturm & Campbell. Receiving pins, Mr. Brooks, Mr. Ortegon and Mr. Kujawa.



Veterans being presented the Vietnam War Veteran lapel pin. L-R (Facing away): Mr. Ortegon, Mr. Luna, Mr. Brooks, Mr. Kujawa and Mr. Denton.

Congressional Ceremony Live Streaming

Local Media Coverage

<http://www.angelo.edu/content/events/30723-free-screening-congressional-vietnam-war>

http://www.gosanangelo.com/news/local-news/vietnam-vets-honored-at-asu_41737479

<http://www.myfoxzone.com/story/29536626/ceremony-honors-vietnam-veterans>

http://www.conchovalleyhomepage.com/story/d/story/asu-broadcasts-ceremony-for-50th-anniversary-of-vi/29508/j_0vK82tGEiDHSkVgnDvXQ