

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:

1. NAME OF ORGANIZATION: The EC-47 History Site		2. NAME OF EVENT: 6994th Security Squadron Annual Reunion 2017		
3. ADDRESS OF ORGANIZATION:				
a. STREET ADDRESS: 4213 Green Meadow Drive	b. CITY: San Angelo	c. STATE: TX	d. ZIP CODE: 76904	e. COUNTRY USA
4. EVENT LOCATION: a. SITE NAME (Example: The Pentagon) Holiday Inn				
b. STREET ADDRESS: 2800 Presidential Drive	c. CITY: Fairborn	d. STATE: OH	e. ZIP CODE: 45324	f. COUNTRY USA
5. START DATE OF EVENT (MMDDYYYY): 08/17/2017	6. END DATE OF EVENT (MMDDYYYY): 08/19/2017	7. ACTUAL ATTENDANCE 148	8. HOW MANY VIETNAM VETERANS WERE PRESENT? 74	9. HOW MANY VIETNAM VETERAN FAMILY MEMBERS WERE PRESENT? 74
10. DID YOU COLLABORATE WITH ANY OTHER COMMEMORATIVE PARTNERS? (If so, list the commemorative partners you collaborated with for the event.) Yes. Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 97, Dayton, OH				
11. ANY MEDIA COVERAGE? No				
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 unpresented lapel pins need to be returned to the program office, please indicate and we will send you a shipping label.) The 6994th Security Squadron held its annual reunion at the Holiday Inn, Fairborn, Ohio, August 17-19, 2017. These USAFSS veterans operated and maintained the electronic airborne radio direction finding and signals collection equipment aboard the EC-47 aircraft deployed to seven locations within southeast Asia during the Vietnam War. The EC-47 History Site CPP committee co-chairmen, both 6994th Security Squadron veterans, organized a Commemoration program to welcome home and pay tribute to these Vietnam War veterans and their families as part of the annual celebration of the 1966 activation of the squadron at Tan Son Nhut Air Base, South Vietnam. Throughout the reunion weekend, veterans and their families were treated to a golf outing, pizza party, and hospitality suite gatherings. They visited the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force on Wright-Patterson AFB and conducted a remembrance ceremony at the EC-47 memorial plaque in the center gardens. The commemoration Welcome Home program was conducted immediately following the evening dinner. The squadron reunion leadership, Rick Yeh, Rich Krejsa and Bob Hull, were joined by the Dayton Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 97 leaders Stephen Ratcliffe and David Fuchs, and the Heritage Chapter of The Freedom Through Vigilance Association vice-president, Ed Bendinelli, for the presentations of the commemorative lapel pins, unit and chapter certificates and commemorative materials. This was the fourth occasion to recognize a total of nearly 135 squadron veterans over the past two years. The commemoration program included the showing of a declassified operations video and the Commemoration video tribute to Commemorative Partners. The EC-47 History Site received excellent support from the Commemoration and the program was well received and appreciated by everyone that attended. Squadron photos attached.				
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	50	Bumper Sticker: I Served	5	
Vietnam Veteran Lapel Pins	33	Bumper Sticker: Join The Nation	5	
Surviving Spouse Lapel Pin	0	Bumper Sticker: We Heart	20	
Tin Pin: Family Member	75	Presidential Proclamations	35	
Tin Pin: Lone Soldier	0	Other: Lapel Pin Fact Sheet	35	



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6994th Security Squadron 2017 Reunion

Front: Ellery Preece, Bobby Billups, Bob Burns, Archie McLaughlin, Frank Falkowski. **Row 2:** Tom Nurre, Dick Burda, Ed Bendinelli, Ed Flinchum, Rick Yeh, Rich Krejsa, Bob Hull, Roger Sigworth, Tracy Rogers, Lewis Foster, Charlie Phippin, Dale Short, Lars Ritola, Ted Dietz. **Row 3:** Chris Jones, Bob Holt, Butch Maybury, Steve Underdahl, Tom Sheridan, Larry Ross, Pat McCafferty, Rich Renkas, Mark Schaefer, Dave Abel, John Rosenburg, Mitch Cooper, John Lauser, Tom Hutchings, Ben Stewart. **Row 4:** Ron Whiteside, Randy Myers, Owen Costello, Karl Hammerle, Rick Sinka, Tom Pedersen, Bob Thomas, Ray Price, Jim Kimsal, Dave Shigley, Joe Martin, Wayne Klemme, Troy Powell, Bill Ash, Gary Schmitt, Jim Legleiter, John Craig, John Hannan, Ron Shelby, Jerry Jackson, Ron Shelby, Butch Profit, Darwin Bruce, Alvis Bagwell, Tom Grabski, Tony Skok, Joe Giannichele, Jim Hart, Ben Dawson, Ray Payne, Gene Dugal, Tom Glass, Dan Loomis, Dave Seidle, Ken Versele, Dave Brittingham. **Missing from Photo:** Frank San Nicolas, Bill Wood, Ben Spear



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VVA chapter 97 president Steve Ratcliffe presents Commemorative pin to Richard Burda



Joe Martin presents the Commemorative Pin to Darwin Bruce



Steven Ratcliffe presents to Commemorative Pin to Bob Burns



Joe Martin pins the Commemorative pin on John Craig



Steven Ratcliffe presents Ken Dawson with the Vietnam War Commemorative Pin



Joe Martin pins the Vietnam War Commemorative pin on Frank Falkowski



Ed Flinchum receives the Vietnam War Commemorative Pin from Steven Ratcliffe

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Joe Martin pins the Vietnam War Commemorative pin on James Kimsal



Wayne Klemme receives the Vietnam War Commemorative Pin from Steven Ratcliffe



Joe Martin presents the Vietnam War Commemorative Pin to John Hannan



Steven Ratcliffe presents the Vietnam War Commemorative pin to Jerry Jackson



Tom Glass receives his Commemorative Pin from Joe Martin



Steven Ratcliffe presents the Vietnam War Commemorative pin to Tom Grabski



Welcome sign provided by the Dayton Chamber of Commerce



Jim Legleiter receives his Vietnam Commemorative pin from Joe Martin



Steven Ratcliffe pins the Vietnam War Commemorative pin on Pat McCafferty



Randy Myers receives the Vietnam War Commemorative Pin from Joe Martin



Steven Ratcliffe awards the Vietnam War Commemorative Pin to Rav Pavne



Bob Profit receives his Vietnam War Commemorative Pin from Joe Martin



Steven Ratcliffe pins John Rosenburg with the Vietnam War Commemorative Pin



Mark Schaefer receives the Vietnam War Commemorative Pin from Joe Martin



Steven Ratcliffe pins the Vietnam War Commemorative Pin on Gary Schmitt

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Steven Ratcliffe pins the Vietnam War Commemorative pin on Ron Shelby



Joe Martin pins the Vietnam War Commemorative Pin on Dave Seidl



Steven Ratcliffe pins Tom Sheridan with the Vietnam War Commemorative Pin



Dave Shigley receives the Vietnam War Commemorative Pin from Joe Martin



Roger Sigworth receives the Vietnam War Commemorative Pin from Steven Ratcliffe



Joe Martin pins the Vietnam War Commemorative Pin on Rick Sinka



Tony Skok receives his Vietnam War Commemorative Pin from Steven Ratcliffe



Steven Ratcliffe pins the Vietnam War Commemorative Pin on Ken Versele



Joe Martin pins Larry Gibson with the Vietnam War Commemorative pin



Ed Bendinelli presents Dick Burda with a FTVV Certificate of Honor



David Fuchs presents Bob Profit with a Certificate of Appreciation from the Ohio VVA, Chapter 97



Ken Versele receives an EC-47 Challenge coin



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6994th Ladies
Row 1: Jennette & Lillie Hutchings. Row 2: Phyllis Woodruff, Sue Profit, Donna Whiteside, Donna Short, Brenda Preece, Cindy Krejca, Abby Hull, Gloria Rogers, Joy Phippin, Lynn Cooper, Jan Pedersen, Sandra Burda. Row 3: Wilma McCafferty, Carrie David, Thao Hutchings, Jill Craig, Cathy Legleiter, Pat Loomis, Diane Ross, Joanne Holt, Marie Sheridan, Jill Price, Rose Thomas, Helen Versele, Janet Dugal, Ann Dawson. Row 4: Nancy Abel, Debbie Schaefer, BJ Sigworth, Jill Thorne, Sharon Payne, Barbara Miklaucic, Sharon Underdahl, Barbara McLaughlin, Judy Rittels, Josephine Grabowski, Shirley Hull, Wanda Jackson, Carol Martin, Karen Hart, Susan Lauser, Fran Seidi, Glonilda Myers, Paula Shigley, Melody Schmitt, Jan Jones. Missing from photo: Carol Howe, Sharon Renkas, Christine Falkowski, Josephine Acala, Krong Hammerle



Squadron members pose in front of the C-47 at the Air Force Museum



Darwin Bruce presents Ed Flinchum with the Phyllis Ann aircraft model raffle prize