

# 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> 94th Intelligence Squadron - Heritage Day 2017		
<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) Arlington National Cemetery & American Legion Post 276					
b. STREET ADDRESS: 1 Memorial Avenue		c. CITY: Fort Myer		d. STATE: VA	e. ZIP CODE: 22211
f. COUNTRY USA					
<b>5. START DATE OF EVENT (MMDDYYYY):</b> 05102017	<b>6. END DATE OF EVENT (MMDDYYYY):</b> 05102017	<b>7. ACTUAL ATTENDANCE</b> 150	<b>8. HOW MANY VIETNAM VETERANS WERE PRESENT?</b> 13	<b>9. HOW MANY VIETNAM VETERAN FAMILY MEMBERS WERE PRESENT?</b> 5	
<b>10. DID YOU COLLABORATE WITH ANY OTHER COMMEMORATIVE PARTNERS?</b> (If so, list the commemorative partners you collaborated with for the event.) Yes. 94th Intelligence Squadron, Fort Meade, MD 20755					
<b>11. ANY MEDIA COVERAGE?</b> Yes. 70th ISR Wing Public Affairs, Fort Meade, MD. 301 677-0419.					
<b>12. SUMMARY:</b> (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.) The 94th Intelligence Squadron (IS) 4th Annual Heritage Day started with a 10am wreath-laying at the EC-47 "Baron 52" crew-members gravesite. The EC-47 mission aircraft, flown by the 361st Tactical Electronic Warfare Squadron with "back-end" crew-members from Detachment 3 of the 6994th Security Squadron, was shot down on February 5, 1973, while on a mission near the Ho Chi Minh Trail in Laos. The 8-man crew was killed in action and their remains buried in a communal grave in Arlington. This graveside tribute was organized by the 94th IS personnel as their way of remembering and paying tribute to Baron 52. It also served as a history lesson about their own squadron lineage. The squadron Color Guard and Cougar Chorus posted the flags and sang the appropriate ceremonial songs as unit personnel stood in flight formation. The Wing chaplain offered a moving invocation. The squadron commander welcomed the Vietnam veteran crew members and recapped the Baron 52 story. Mr. Joe Martin, a veteran of over 270 EC-47 missions, gave the keynote address. He expanded the memorial to include all squadron members buried at Arlington...and also mentioned the numbers of those who went on to successful careers. Later, the 94th IS hosted a delicious BBQ luncheon for all the veterans and their family members at American Legion Post 276. The EC-47 History Site CPP committee hosted a "Welcome Home" and lapel pin presentation ceremony. The veterans were also presented the Lapel Pin Fact Sheet, a Presidential Proclamation, and a Certificate of Honor developed by the Heritage Chapter - FTVA. Family members and squadron personnel were provided a choice of the tin pins, stickers, brochures and some items provided by the unit. The event closed with a rousing chorus of "Welcome Home...Thank You!"					
<b>13. MATERIALS ACTUALLY USED:</b> (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	10	Bumper Sticker: I Served	4		
Vietnam Veteran Lapel Pins	4	Bumper Sticker: Join The Nation	0		
Surviving Spouse Lapel Pin	0	Bumper Sticker: We Heart	0		
Tin Pin: Family Member	0	Presidential Proclamations	10		
Tin Pin: Lone Soldier	0	Other: Certificates of Honor - Heritage Chapter FTVA	4		

## **ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY, VA, UNITED STATES**

**05.10.2017**

**Story by Staff Sgt. Alex Montes**

**70th Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Wing**

On Feb. 5, 1973, eight Airmen set out on a mission to locate tanks along the Ho Chi Min trail. Those Airmen lost their lives aboard Baron 52, the last EC-47Q lost during the Vietnam War.

The crew of eight were assigned to Detachment 3, 6994th Security Squadron, and the 361st Tactical Electronic Warfare Squadron.

Those Airmen's heritage is being commemorated by the 94th Intelligence Squadron at Fort George G. Meade, Maryland.

Since 2014, the Airmen of the 94th IS have invited Vietnam Veteran Airmen from the 6994th SS and 361st TEWS to a commemoration ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery in Washington D.C. to honor those who sacrificed their lives during the Vietnam War.

"There were numerous sacrifices of these brave Airmen, as part of their mission being above the combat zone. 'Alone, unarmed and unafraid,' they had the highest casualty rate in the Security Services," said Lt. Col. Laura Bunyan, 94th IS commander. "Today, the men and women of the 94th IS pay tribute to those who came before us and pledge to always remember the sacrifices of 6994th SS, to include the crews of TIDE 86, CAP 72, PRONG 33, CAP 53, BARON 56 and BARON 52."

Bunyan explained that the current Airmen are somberly reminded of their predecessor's sacrifices and honored to have the Veterans among them for the annual commemoration.

The guest speaker for this year's commemoration was retired Master Sgt. Joe Martin, formerly of the 6994th SS and a Morse Code operator. Martin explained to attendees the significance of Security Service Airmen's missions.

The operations conducted through intelligence and signals collection was to provide crucial information to stop enemy forces, he said, pointing out the similarities to the current mission of the 94th IS.

"Today, there is a war going on that started way before 9/11, and there is no end in sight," Martin said. "The 94th IS and similar units are our first line of defense in that conflict. Carrying out that mission, you've enriched a heritage going far beyond the 6994th SS and its' war."

Beginning with Security Service, Electronic Security Command, Air Intelligence Agency and now 25th Air Force, Martin said today's 94th IS Airmen are the latest in a long line of silent warriors who labor in the shadows on signals intelligence.

As he closed out his remarks, Martin further commended the Airmen of the 94th IS.

"It can be a tough, and often a thankless job," he said. "Just as we did in that other war so

long ago, you'll do it and will do it well.”

Closing out the ceremony, Bunyan and Martin laid a wreath alongside the tomb that honors the Airmen of BARON 52.

Shortly after, the names of those killed in action aboard BARON 52 were spoken by 2nd Lt. Erica Volino, 94th IS, and a moment of silence was observed.

“From the 361st TEWS, Capt. George R. Spitz, pilot; 1st Lt. Servero Primm III, co-pilot; Capt. Arthur Bollinger, navigator; 1st Lt. Robert E. Bernhardt, third pilot and from the 6994th SS, Staff Sgt. Todd M. Melton, airborne cryptologic linguist; Sergeant Joseph A. Matejov, airborne Morse systems operator; Sergeant Peter R. Cressman, airborne Morse systems operator; Sergeant Dale Brandenburg, airborne electronic warfare systems operator.”

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<https://www.dvidshub.net/news/233851/intelligence-squadron-honor-baron-52-vietnam-veterans>



May 10, 2017: The 94th Intelligence Squadron, Ft. Meade, MD, hosts the unit 4th annual Heritage Day tribute to 6994th Security Squadron veterans and EC-47 aircrew "Baron 52" shot down over Laos during the Vietnam War. USAFSS and TEWS veterans attended and paid tribute to these and all their fellow crewmembers interred in the Arlington National Cemetery. Photos by: SSgt Alex Montes, 71st ISRW/PA





94th IS commander, Lt Col Bunyan, welcomes 6994th Security Squadron veterans to the Heritage Day 50th Vietnam War commemoration ceremony. (L-R) Bill Ash, Don DiBello, Jim Frain, SSgt Wayland (event organizer) and Lt Col Bunyan.



94th IS commander, Lt Col Bunyan, presents a commemorative lapel pin to 6994th Security Squadron veteran Don DiBello during the Heritage Day 50th Vietnam War commemoration ceremony at the American Legion Hall in Severn, MD. on May 10, 2017.



94th IS commander, Lt Col Bunyan, presents a commemorative lapel pin to 6994th Security Squadron veteran Bill Ash during the Heritage Day 50th Vietnam War commemoration ceremony at the American Legion Hall in Severn, MD. on May 10, 2017.



94th IS commander, Lt Col Bunyan, presents a commemorative lapel pin to 6994th Security Squadron veteran Ramon Garza during the Heritage Day 50th Vietnam War commemoration ceremony at the American Legion Hall in Severn, MD. on May 10, 2017.



The EC-47 History Site CPP committee chairman, CMSgt (R) Tom Nurre (right) presents an EC-47 challenge coin to former 360th TEWS pilot, Col. (R) Jim Clement.



Mr. Joe Martin, The EC-47 History Site CPP co-chairman, and Ramon Garza admire an EC-47 challenge coin. Both are veterans of the 6994th Security Squadron EC-47 operations.



EC-47 veterans of the Vietnam War are welcomed home by a member of the 94th Intelligence Squadron during Heritage Day commemoration events on May 10, 2017.



6994th Security Squadron veterans of the Vietnam War (standing) are welcomed home by personnel of the 94th Intelligence Squadron during Heritage Day, May 10, 2017.



May 10, 2017: 94th Intelligence Squadron Operations Superintendent, CMSgt Jackson and the Fort Meade, Maryland, squadron personnel accompany keynote speaker, Mr. Joe Martin and Mrs. Carole Martin, on their walk at Arlington National Cemetery to the gravesite of the USAF EC-47 "Baron 52" aircrew shot down over Laos on February 5, 1973. The Baron 52 remembrance ceremony was part of the 94th Intelligence Squadron all-day Heritage Day event hosted by the squadron in tribute to all those Airmen assigned to the USAF EC-47 squadrons during the Vietnam War. Photo by: SSgt Alex Montes



May 10, 2017: The 94th Intelligence Squadron from Fort Meade, Maryland, presents the Colors at the Arlington National Cemetery gravesite of the USAF EC-47 "Baron 52" aircrew shot down over Laos on February 5, 1973. This ceremony was part of their all-day Heritage Day event hosted by the squadron in tribute to all those Airmen assigned to the 6994th Security Squadron and the 360/361/362 Tactical Electronic Warfare Squadrons during the Vietnam War period 1966-1974. Photo by: SSgt Alex Montes



May 10, 2017: 6994th Security Squadron veteran & ceremony keynote speaker, Mr. Joe Martin, and Lt Col Laura Bunyan, commander of the 94th Intelligence Squadron from Fort Meade, Maryland, pay tribute to “Baron 52” after placing a memorial wreath at the Arlington National Cemetery gravesite of the USAF EC-47 aircrew shot down over Laos on February 5, 1973. This ceremony was part of their all-day Heritage Day event hosted by the squadron in tribute to all those Airmen assigned to the 6994th Security Squadron and the 360/361/362 Tactical Electronic Warfare Squadrons during the Vietnam War period 1966-1974. Photo by: SSgt Alex Montes



May 10, 2017: Veterans of the 6994th Security Squadron and 361st Tactical Electronic Warfare Squadron honor and pay tribute at the Arlington National Cemetery gravesite of the USAF EC-47 "Baron 52" aircrew shot down over Laos on February 5, 1973. This ceremony was part of the Fort Meade, Maryland, 94th Intelligence Squadron all-day Heritage Day event hosted by the squadron in tribute to all those Airmen assigned to the USAF EC-47 squadrons during the Vietnam War. Photo by: SSgt Alex Montes



May 10, 2017: 94th Intelligence Squadron Heritage Day celebration and 50th Vietnam War Commemoration lapel pin presentation and tribute to 6994th Security Squadron and 360th & 361st Tactical Electronic Warfare Squadron EC-47 aircrew veterans. L - R: Tom Nurre, Jim Frain, Joe Giammichele, Fred Ziemer, W. Doug Milton, Rich Miklaucic, Joe Martin, Ramon R. Garza, Ted Dietz, Don DiBello, Jim Clement, Bill Ash, Charlie Phippin