

**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> Rio Concho West Memorial Day 2019
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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) Rio Concho West Community Center					
b. STREET ADDRESS: 6359 Appaloosa Trail	c. CITY: San Angelo	d. STATE: TX	e. ZIP CODE: 76901	f. COUNTRY USA	

<b>5. START DATE OF EVENT (MMDDYYYY):</b> 05272019	<b>6. END DATE OF EVENT (MMDDYYYY):</b> 05272019	<b>7. ACTUAL ATTENDANCE</b> 47	<b>8. HOW MANY VIETNAM VETERANS WERE PRESENT?</b> 15	<b>9. HOW MANY VIETNAM VETERAN FAMILY MEMBERS WERE PRESENT?</b> 10
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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.)  
The Heritage Chapter-Freedom Through Vigilance Association is a proud partner with the EC-47 History Site CPP. The chapter hosted this event with administrative and materials support from the registered partner.

**11. ANY MEDIA COVERAGE?**  
Photos are provided by Carl 'Brad' Bradley, Faith in a Flash Photography.  
<http://www.vietnam50thcpp.com/photoGalleries/index/rio-concho-west-memorial-day-2019/limit:0>

**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.)

In follow-up to the Vietnam Veterans Day 2019 program at the San Angelo, Texas, LeGrand Alumni & Visitors Center, the EC-47 History Site Commemorative Partner Program (CPP) committee was searching for a venue to recognize Vietnam War veteran surviving spouse Mrs. Bette Ashworth. Mrs. Ashworth was registered for the March event but was unable to attend due to hospitalization. She lives in a local senior housing complex that has close ties to our CPP members, especially the Heritage Chapter – Freedom Through Vigilance Association organization. The Heritage Chapter members know Mrs. Ashworth and volunteered to coordinate a ceremony with the Rio Concho West activities director. Together, they organized and executed a flawless, full-fledged Memorial Day 2019 program that also included a tribute to Vietnam War veterans and their families. This is their report.

On Memorial Day, May 27, 2019, the Heritage Chapter of the Freedom Through Vigilance Association (FTVA) orchestrated a Vietnam War Commemoration ceremony at the Rio Concho West (RCW) adult living community. The RCW community center was decorated with the five military service flags and placards with pictures and descriptions of the national flags of the Vietnam War allies. The Heritage Chapter also displayed the Don Goff Memorial Missing Man Table in tribute to and in remembrance of all those lost from all branches of the United States military.

**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	15	Bumper Sticker: I Served	5
Vietnam Veteran Lapel Pins	11	Bumper Sticker: Join The Nation	5
Surviving Spouse Lapel Pin	1	Bumper Sticker: We Heart	10
Tin Pin: Family Member	15	Presidential Proclamations	12
Tin Pin: Lone Soldier	0	Other: Fact Sheets (Pins & Certificates)	15

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12. Continued:

The program opened with the national anthem, the pledge of allegiance, an invocation by the Heritage Chapter vice president, and a brief Memorial Day history review. The president of the Heritage Chapter then gave a very moving description of the symbology of the missing man table and read the ceremony script followed by playing a recorded TAPS audio. This was followed by calling forward and introducing eleven Vietnam War veterans and presenting each with the commemorative lapel pin and Fact Sheet. Special attention was also given to six other veterans that had served in the Korean War and during the Cold War. The highlight of the morning's ceremony was the presentation of the Commemoration surviving spouse (Blue Star) lapel pin and Certificate of Honor to Mrs. Bette Ashworth, widow of US Army Vietnam War veteran Sergeant First Class Ronald Ashworth. Ronald was a veteran of both the Korean and Vietnam Wars. Although in hospice care, Mrs. Ashworth was able to attend the event and was honored to receive her well-earned recognition. Mrs. Dee Osteen, herself a surviving spouse Blue Star recipient and RCW event coordinator, made the presentation. A total of forty-seven residents of Rio Concho West including twenty-one veterans from the Army, Marines, Navy, and Air Force attended and participated in this event. See attached pictures and the section 11 above link to the CPP website photo gallery. The ceremony was a resounding success with very positive compliments spoken to the Heritage Chapter and others involved. Before leaving Rio Concho West, a tentative return engagement was scheduled for Veterans Day, November 11, 2019.



The Don Goff Memorial Missing Man Table Display Kit – Rio Concho West  
Memorial Day 2019 – Courtesy The Heritage Chapter-FTVA