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INSTRUCTIONS

For Each Event, Please Supply The Following

1. *NAME OF ORGANIZATION:

The EC-47 History Site

2. *NAME OF EVENT:

San Angelo Vietnam Veterans Day

3. ADDRESS OF ORGANIZATION:

a. *STREET ADDRESS:

4213 Green Meadow Drive

b. *CITY:

San Angelo

c. *STATE:

Texas

d. *ZIP CODE

76904

e. *COUNTRY

United States

4. LOCATION OF EVENT

a. *SITE NAME (e.g., The Pentagon):

ASU LeGrand Alumni & Visitors Ce

b. *STREET ADDRESS:

1620 University Avenue

c. *CITY:

San Angelo

d. *STATE:

Texas

e. *ZIP CODE

76904

f. *COUNTRY

United States

5. *START DATE (MM/DD/YYYY):

03/29/2018

6. *END DATE (MM/DD/YYYY):

03/29/2018

7. ACTUAL ATTENDANCE (Numeric Entries Only)

200

8. HOW MANY VIETNAM VETERANS WERE PRESENT?

65

9. HOW MANY VIETNAM VETERANS FAMILY MEMBERS WERE PRESENT?

90

10. DID YOU COLLABORATE WITH ANY OTHER COMMEMORATIVE PARTNERS? : (If so, list the commemorative partners you collaborated with for the event.)

The co-host American Legion Post 572 is an EC-47 History Site Commemorative Partner Program committee member.



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11. ANY MEDIA COVERAGE?:

<http://www.goodfellow.af.mil/Newsroom/Article-Display/Article/1480436/its-never-too-late-celebrating-vietnam-veterans/>

<http://www.myfoxzone.com/article/news/san-angelo-honors-vietnam-war-veteran/504-533409677>

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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.)

This event, co-hosted by the EC-47 History Site and American Legion Post 572, was well publicized through the local TV stations, a county-wide press release, and personal interviews. The local VVA Chapter 457 organized a balloon launch one-half hour prior to the start of the recognition ceremony. About 200 veterans, family members and community guests and the public attended. Chapter 457, along with VFW Post 1815, American Legion Post 572, Angelo State University (ASU) West Texas Collection and History Department as well as the Concho Valley Women Veterans Association displayed Commemoration posters, Fact Sheets and organization information on display tables arranged throughout the LeGrand Center. The Lake View High School JROTC Color Guard presented the U.S. & Texas flags as local Texas Tech graduate Mitchell Gatlin led the pledge of allegiance and played a trumpet solo of the national anthem. The All Veterans Council of Tom Green County Chaplain David Harvatin presented the opening prayer. Tom Nurre, Jr., representing the ASU Office of Communications & Marketing, a commemorative partner program committee member since 2014, was the emcee and presented a narrative about the national flags as ASU Honors Program and West Texas Collection students posted the flags from Australia, New Zealand, Philippines, South Korea, Thailand and the Republic of South Vietnam in front of the ballroom. Following excerpts from Commemoration video's and President Trump's signing of the latest proclamation, Mayor Brenda Gunter presented and signed a renewed proclamation for the City of San Angelo. Chamber of Commerce representative, Dr. Carol Bonds, and the EC-47 History Site website manager, Joe Martin, presented a Certificate of Honor and appropriate lapel pin to Gold Star and Blue Star family members. This was followed by the playing of a medley of service songs as American Legion Post 572 members posted the military service flags and placed them with the previously posted allied country flags. A highlight of the evening was a presentation by Aryn Lockhart about being rescued from Vietnam as an orphan during Operation Baby Lift in 1975. Ms. Lockhart was then joined by community leaders to honor and present commemorative lapel pins to veterans as they were called forward by name. The Heritage Chapter - Freedom Through Vigilance Association distributed "thank you goodie bags" filled with commemoration provided proclamations, tin pins, stickers, fact sheets, and a chapter Certificate of Honor. The evening concluded with various refreshing drinks, cookies and a specially decorated Vietnam Veterans Day layer cake.

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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 REQUESTED
Brochures	150
Vietnam Veteran Lapel Pins	35
Surviving Spouse Lapel Pin	7
Tin Pin: Family Member	100
Tin Pin: Lone Soldier	50
Bumper Sticker: I served	150
Bumper Sticker: Join The Nation	150
Bumper Sticker: We Heart	150
Presidential Proclamations	100
Other In Memory Of Lapel Pin	12

Image 1



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*Caption:

Vietnam veterans and their family members participate in the balloon launch before the ceremony commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War at the LeGrand Alumni Center, San Angelo, Texas, March 29, 2018. Red balloons represented those who died in the Vietnam War, blue represented those who served, and white represented the still missing prisoners of war. (U.S. Air Force photo by Aryn Lockhart/Released)

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Image 2



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*Caption:

Wearing a traditional Vietnamese ao dai, Aryn Lockhart, 17th Training Wing Public Affairs community engagement chief, speaks to the Vietnam veterans and their families during the 50th Commemoration of the Vietnam War ceremony held at the LeGrand Alumni Center, San Angelo, Texas, March 29, 2018. Lockhart was the keynote speaker and shared her story of being a Vietnamese adoptee and member of Operation Babylift. (Courtesy Photo from Matthias Martin)

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*Caption:

Carol Bonds, San Angelo Chamber of Commerce, presents a Gold Star commemorative lapel pin to Michael Fritz from Alamogordo, New Mexico. He is the son of USAF Sergeant Gerald Fritz. Standing behind Michael after already having received her pin is his mother, Linda Fritz, widow of Sergeant Fritz who is listed on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall. These presentations were made during the Vietnam War Veterans Day ceremony held at the LeGrand Alumni Center, San Angelo, Texas, March 29, 2018. (Photo by Faith in a Flash Photography)

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