

# 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> All-Veterans Council - Tribute to Vietnam Veterans
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<b>3. ADDRESS OF ORGANIZATION:</b>				
<b>a. STREET ADDRESS:</b> 4213 Green Meadow Drive	<b>b. CITY:</b> San Angelo	<b>c. STATE:</b> TX	<b>d. ZIP CODE:</b> 76904	<b>e. COUNTRY:</b> USA

<b>4. EVENT LOCATION: a. SITE NAME (Example: The Pentagon)</b> San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts					
<b>b. STREET ADDRESS:</b> 1 Love Street	<b>c. CITY:</b> San Angelo	<b>d. STATE:</b> TX	<b>e. ZIP CODE:</b> 76904	<b>f. COUNTRY:</b> USA	

<b>5. START DATE OF EVENT (MMDDYYYY):</b> 12032016	<b>6. END DATE OF EVENT (MMDDYYYY):</b> 12032016	<b>7. ACTUAL ATTENDANCE:</b> 25	<b>8. HOW MANY VIETNAM VETERANS WERE PRESENT?</b> 8	<b>9. HOW MANY VIETNAM VETERAN FAMILY MEMBERS WERE PRESENT?</b> 8
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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.)**  
 This event was hosted by the All Veterans Council of Tom Green County, an active member of the EC-47 History Site CPP committee. Other committee organizations supporting: Heritage Chapter - FTVA, Angelo State University, and the San Angelo Chamber of Commerce.

**11. ANY MEDIA COVERAGE?** <http://www.conchovalleyhomepage.com/news/local-news/all-veterans-council-hosts-lapel-pinning-ceremony/615195853>  
 Local TV station - KLST

**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.)

The San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts was the setting for another successful pinning ceremony. The ceremony was hosted by Laura Serrano, Chairwoman of the All Veterans Council of Tom Green County. The All Veterans Council Honor Guard presented the colors to begin the ceremony. Opening and closing remarks were made by JJ Graham, Commemorative Partner Program (CPP) committee member representing the Heritage Chapter – FTVA. Additional remarks were provided by Laura Serrano, also a CPP committee member, representing the Texas Veterans Commission, and by Jennifer Thorpe, a community business leader who sponsors Oaks of Life Retreat, a weekend of healing, relaxation, and sisterhood for the widows of deceased service members. Support to the ceremony was provided by Shannon Sturm, a CPP committee member representing Angelo State University, as well as five military students from Goodfellow Air Force Base – three from the Marine Corps and two from the Air Force. The weather had a significant effect on this ceremony as wintry conditions prevented approximately 60 people from making the trip to San Angelo from Austin, Texas. Additionally, the shipment of the lapel pins did not arrive in time for the ceremony. Luckily, our CCP committee members at Angelo State University were able to provide enough lapel pins for the ceremony. In the end, five veterans, accompanied by family members and friends, were presented commemorative lapel pins by three honorary presenters: Dr. Carol Ann Bonds, Chairwoman of the City of San Angelo Military Affairs Committee; Laura Serrano, and Jennifer Thorpe. All recipients were extremely proud and grateful, and those in attendance showed their appreciation for the veterans' service with a rousing round of applause.

**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	10	Stickers: Eagle	13
Tin Pin: Eagle	8	Stickers: Seal	10
Surviving Spouse Lapel Pin	Coming Soon	Stickers: Flag	-
Vietnam Veteran Lapel Pins	5	Presidential Proclamations	6
Bumper Stickers	2	Other: Small American Flags	8





Photo above and below: SSgt Amber Elijah, a volunteer from the 315th Training Squadron, Goodfellow AFB, Texas, greets veterans and family members attending the 50th Vietnam War Commemoration Ceremony hosted by the All Veterans Council of Tom Green County on December 3, 2016, at the San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts.







Above: (L-R) Laura Serrano, All Veterans Council of Tom Green County Chairwoman, and JJ Graham, President of the Heritage Chapter - Freedom Through Vigilance Association, offer opening comments at the December 3, 2016, Welcome Home and pinning ceremony. Both organizations are active members of the EC-47 History Site Commemorative Partner Program Committee. Below: Vietnam War veteran, Reverend Floyd Crider, offers the opening prayer following the posting of the Colors by the All Veterans Council Honor Guard.







Photo Left: (L-R) Jesse Castillo and Michael Flores, members of the All Veterans Council of Tom Green County Honor Guard, present the Colors and the Texas flag during the Pledge of Allegiance at the 50th Vietnam War Commemoration ceremony held at the San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts on December 3, 2016.

This event was sponsored by the EC-47 History Site and co-hosted by the All Veterans Council and the Heritage Chapter of the Freedom Through Vigilance Association, with material support from Angelo State University.

Photo below: Twenty-five Vietnam War veterans and family members stand to pay tribute to the American and Texas flags.







Dr. Carol Ann Bonds, Chairwoman of the City of San Angelo Chamber of Commerce Military Affairs Committee, and active participant in many commemoration ceremonies, presents a 50th Vietnam War Commemorative lapel pin to a Tom Green County veteran. The San Angelo Chamber of Commerce is a member of the EC-47 History Site Commemorative Partner Program committee. This event was hosted by another committee member, the All Veterans Council of Tom Green County, on December 3, 2016, at the San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts.



Laura Serrano, Chairwoman of the All Veterans Council of Tom Green County, presents a 50th Vietnam War Commemorative lapel pin to a Tom Green County veteran during the ceremony her organization hosted on December 3, 2016, at the San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts.





Ms. Jennifer Thorpe, sponsor of Oaks of Life Retreat, presents a 50th Vietnam War Commemorative lapel pin to a Tom Green County veteran. Ms. Thorpe, a community business leader, hosts a recurring weekend of healing, relaxation and sisterhood for widows of deceased service members. She made a short presentation and participated in honoring and welcoming home the veterans attending the December 3, 2016, ceremony at the San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts.



Dr. Carol Ann Bonds, Chairwoman of the City of San Angelo Chamber of Commerce Military Affairs Committee, and active participant in many commemoration ceremonies, presents a Commemorative lapel pin to Reverend Floyd Crider, a Vietnam War veteran and Galilee Baptist Church leader. The San Angelo Chamber of Commerce is a member of the EC-47 History Site Commemorative Partner Program committee. This event was hosted by the All Veterans Council of Tom Green County, on December 3, 2016, at the San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts.





Photo above: (L-R) Jesse Castillo, All Veterans Council of Tom Green County (AVC-TGC) Honor Guard member, poses with Tony Ramirez, immediate past Chairman of the All Veterans Council, during the 50th Vietnam War Commemoration ceremony held at the San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts on December 3, 2016. Mr. Ramirez was a key organizer and the master of ceremonies at the All Veterans Council commemoration ceremony held at old Fort Concho, on June 18, 2016.

Photo below: The special cake provided by the AVC-TGC for the veterans and their families immediately following the pinning ceremony.





