

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: <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.2em;">The EC-47 History Site</div>		2. NAME OF EVENT: Rocky Mountain Chapter - FTVA <div style="text-align: center;">Vietnam Veterans Program</div>		
3. ADDRESS OF ORGANIZATION:				
a. STREET ADDRESS: <div style="text-align: center;">4213 Green Meadow Drive</div>	b. CITY: <div style="text-align: center;">San Angelo</div>	c. STATE: <div style="text-align: center;">TX</div>	d. ZIP CODE: <div style="text-align: center;">76904</div>	e. COUNTRY <div style="text-align: center;">USA</div>
4. EVENT LOCATION: a. SITE NAME (Example: The Pentagon) <div style="text-align: center;">Peterson AFB Air & Space Museum</div>				
b. STREET ADDRESS: <div style="text-align: center;">150 E. Ent Avenue</div>		c. CITY: <div style="text-align: center;">Peterson AFB</div>		d. STATE: <div style="text-align: center;">CO</div>
		e. ZIP CODE: <div style="text-align: center;">80914-1301</div>		f. COUNTRY <div style="text-align: center;">USA</div>
5. START DATE OF EVENT (MMDDYYYY): <div style="text-align: center;">11032016</div>	6. END DATE OF EVENT (MMDDYYYY): <div style="text-align: center;">11032016</div>	7. ACTUAL ATTENDANCE <div style="text-align: center;">32</div>	8. HOW MANY VIETNAM VETERANS WERE PRESENT? <div style="text-align: center;">10</div>	9. HOW MANY VIETNAM VETERAN FAMILY MEMBERS WERE PRESENT? <div style="text-align: center;">15</div>
10. DID YOU COLLABORATE WITH ANY OTHER COMMEMORATIVE PARTNERS? (If so, list the commemorative partners you collaborated with for the event.) The Rocky Mountain Chapter - FTVA is an active member of the EC-47 History Site Commemorative Partner Program committee. This is their second hosting of a 50th Vietnam War Commemoration ceremony.				
11. ANY MEDIA COVERAGE? The event location host provided the facility and audio/visual support. Photographic support was provided by Rocky Mountain Chapter members. See attached photos with captions.				
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.) <p>This commemoration was hosted by the Rocky Mountain Chapter of the Freedom Through Vigilance Association (RMC-FTVA.) The RMC-FTVA is a private, non-profit corporation dedicated to the support and perpetuation of the objectives of the U.S. Air Force and the USAF Security Service and its successor Intelligence Commands/Agencies/Numbered Air Forces, and to the support of social, educational and humanitarian services. The Chapter president, Ike Eichelberger, served as the emcee for this program held at the Peterson Air and Space Museum. This is the second such ceremony held the Air & Space Museum. The EC-47 History Site CPP committee provided planning and oversight assistance to the Rocky Mountain Chapter. Ms. Gail Whelan and the museum staff were again an invaluable aid and provided tremendous support to the event.</p> <p>This was another successful recognition program. The Peterson Air & Space Museum is an ideal venue that provided easy access, host base audio/visual equipments, and is a recognized entity supporting veteran's events for the Colorado Springs community. The many historical displays provided a perfect backdrop for the recognition ceremony. Every detail was well planned with various RMC-FTVA members taking responsibility for the successful accomplishment of each phase of the ceremony. //See Continuation Sheet//</p>				
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	0	
Tin Pin: Eagle	6	Stickers: Seal	0	
Surviving Spouse Lapel Pin	Coming Soon	Stickers: Flag	0	
Vietnam Veteran Lapel Pins	10	Presidential Proclamations	10	
Bumper Stickers	10	Other: Tin Pin: Seal	5	

Summary Continuation:

This being the second Commemoration Ceremony sponsored by the RMC-FTVA, many logistics details which had previously been a challenge, were addressed and this event went off without a hitch. Ike Eichelberger welcomed all veterans and their families with opening remarks followed by a projected video that included the commemoration program introduction by Joe Galloway, the Sam Elliott Vietnam War video, and the commemorative lapel pin introduction video aired in the July 8, 2015 program in the U.S. House of Representatives. After the video, ten veterans were called forward and presented with individual lapel pins, a copy of the Presidential Proclamation and a RMC-FTVA Certificate of Honor. The fifteen family members were welcomed and thanked for their own service and sacrifice and were presented with a selection of commemorative support materials. Immediately following the ceremony, everyone stayed to enjoy a commemoration cake, refreshments, photo sessions, and story-telling. The Public Affairs office of the 21st Space Wing were provided a copy of the standard Commemorative Partner press release along with details about the ceremony. The Rocky Mountain Chapter of the FTVA has committed to hosting at least two such recognition events a year. As a side note, one of the veterans recognized during this ceremony also happened to be a District Commander with the VFW. He asked if the RMC-FTVA would be willing to help with a recognition effort during the Rolling Thunder Veterans Ride in the Spring of 2017. We look forward to this joint recognition effort.

The Peterson AFB Air & Space Museum

Our museum started in 1982 as the NORAD Visitor Center (North American Aerospace Defense command)—a starting point for visitors who boarded buses to take them from Peterson Air Force Base to the Cheyenne Mountain Operations Center. It was contained in one small building—the original airport passenger terminal for the City of Colorado Springs. By 1996, all of Colorado Springs’ original Municipal Airport buildings were listed on the National Register of Historic Places. That same year, Colorado designated those buildings as a state historic district. Today, the Peterson Museum is located right in the center of that 8.3-acre historic district on Peterson Air Force Base. The original Passenger Terminal, City Hangar and Broadmoor Hangar all have exhibits inside and anchor our award-winning airpark.

The Edward J. Peterson Air and Space Museum is one of only 12 United States Air Force Field museums. All of our heritage items are part of the United States Air Force’s Heritage collection. We proudly preserve and display these items for everyone—civilian and military.

MISSION

Acquire, preserve and exhibit the significant history, heritage and traditions that keep alive the stories of our civilian aviation history and our military service men and women for all generations.

VISION

Make Peterson Air and Space Museum the **premier** small Air Force Field Museum.





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Above: (L-R) RMC-FTVA President, Ike Eichelberger, presents a chapter commemoration Certificate of Honor to Stan Cook.

Above Right: (L-R) Stan Cook presents a chapter commemoration Certificate of Honor to chapter member Chuck Maerten.

Below: (L-R) Stan Cook presents a chapter commemoration Certificate of Honor to chapter member Ron Fitkze





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Top (L-R) RMC-FTVA Vice-President, Stan Cook, presents a chapter Certificate of Honor to Patrick Bedford and David Crowley.

Center: (L-R) Stan Cook presents a chapter Certificate of Honor to Michael Hall and George Hutchinson.

Left: (L-R) Stan Cook presents a chapter Certificate of Honor to chapter member Thomas Warner.

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Above Right: (L-R) Stan Cook presents a chapter commemoration Certificate of Honor to chapter member Lonnie Sizemore.

Below: (L-R) Vietnam War veterans honored: Stephen Nunn, Ron Fitzke, Chuck Maerten, Stan Cook, Lonnie Sizemore, Thomas Warner, James Michael Hall, David Crowley, Patrick Bedford, George Hutchinson.

