

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_EVENTS@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
1101 Wilson Blvd., Suite 810
Arlington, VA 22209

FOR EACH EVENT, PLEASE SUPPLY THE FOLLOWING:

1. NAME OF ORGANIZATION: The EC-47 History Site		2. NAME OF EVENT: Downtown Lions Club Salutes Veterans	
3. ADDRESS OF ORGANIZATION:			
a. STREET ADDRESS: 4213 Green Meadow Drive	b. CITY: San Angelo	c. STATE: Texas	d. ZIP CODE: 76904
4. LOCATION OF EVENT <i>(Site name; e.g., The Pentagon)</i> San Angelo Downtown Lions Club Rio Concho Manor, San Angelo, TX	5. START DATE OF EVENT <i>(DDMMYYYY):</i> 03/17/2016	6. END DATE OF EVENT <i>(DDMMYYYY):</i> 03/17/2016	
7. ACTUAL ATTENDANCE 60	8. HOW MANY VIETNAM VETERANS WERE PRESENT? 25	9. HOW MANY VIETNAM VETERAN FAMILY MEMBERS WERE PRESENT? 5	

10. 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? Any media coverage? List any helpful suggestions or changes for future and lessons learned. Attach additional pages as necessary.)*

The Downtown San Angelo Lions Club, the most recent member of The EC-47 History Site Vietnam War Commemorative Partner Program (CPP) committee, hosted this event to thank Vietnam War-era veteran club members and their families for their service, valor and sacrifice. The CPP committee leadership of the Heritage Chapter of The Freedom Through Vigilance Association (FTVA) attended and sponsored additional veterans from the San Angelo community. This event was held in the Lions Club dining room during their regularly scheduled weekly luncheon business meeting. There were 60 attendees, a marked increase in normal attendance figures. The Downtown Lions Club president, Keith Perrine, with the EC-47 History Site CPP committee chairman, Tom Nurre, and representatives from the Heritage Chapter - FTVA and Angelo State University (ASU) greeted and engaged the attendees (some in St. Patrick's Day regalia) and created a most welcoming and happy "homecoming" atmosphere. Following the business part of the meeting, Nurre, presented the commemoration program opening remarks and then projected an 8-minute video that combined the Joe Galloway and Sam Elliott narrated videos with the Speaker of the House of Representatives lapel pin introductory video from July 8, 2015. Immediately following the video, Nurre presented a lapel pin to Lion Lt Colonel (retired) Al Owens. Owens then brought the other club member veterans forward and presented them with individual lapel pins. Lion John Hancock presented each veteran with a copy of the Commemorative Lapel Pin Fact Sheet and a commemoration Seal tin pin. ASU committee member, Shannon Sturm, presented a copy of the San Angelo Mayor's proclamation and invited each veteran to participate in the ASU "War Stories" project. At the same time, the Heritage Chapter vice president, Ed Bendinelli, presented lapel pins to 4 guest veterans for a total of 22 individual presentations. Heritage Chapter president, JJ Graham, assisted with the presentations of the pins while committee members Bruce Foreman and Larry Ross provided photographic support. Immediate feedback verified that the introductions and video program were well received, but the personal touch of individual "pinnings" and warm handshake and sincere "thank you" were most appreciated. There was some interest in the EC-47 History Site CPP outreach program whereby we put out-of-area veterans in touch with other commemoration partners closer to their residences. We also briefed our mail-out program for veterans living greater than 50 miles distance from an active commemoration partner. Those interested in more information and follow-up will contract us through the Downtown Lions Club administrators. The club leadership did a good job of providing advance information about the 50th Commemoration of the Vietnam War program and members arrived in an enthusiastic mood. Much of their emotion is reflected in the attached photographs. Members of the local media were invited, but did not attend. We will furnish them a copy of this after action report for possible after the fact reporting. As always, we thank the Commemoration events planners for their prompt support and shipping of materials. This was our 10th registered program, and we have no problems or issues to report. Thanks.

11. 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	85	Stickers: Eagle	34
Tin Pin: Eagle	85	Stickers: Seal	35
Tin Pin: Seal	0	Stickers: Flag	35
Tin Pin: Vietnam Veterans	0	Presidential Proclamations	24
Bumper Stickers	36	Other: Commemorative Lapel Pins	22



March 17, 2016 - Downtown Lions Club Program by The EC-47 History Site



The Downtown Lions Club, San Angelo, Texas, and The EC-47 History Site Vietnam War Commemoration Partner Program Committee, held a special Salute to Vietnam War-era veterans during their luncheon meeting on St. Patrick's Day, March 17, 2016. All Lions Club members, veterans and family members were welcomed and thanked for their many years of service, valor and sacrifice. Twenty-two veterans were called forward and presented the commemorative lapel pin.

Photo: (L-R) Lion Al Owen presents a lapel pin to Lion Marshall Twombly as Lion Russell DeVore awaits his own presentation.



The Heritage Chapter - Freedom Through Vigilance Association is an active EC-47 History Site Commemorative Partner Program (CPP) committee member.

Above: (L-R) Chapter president, JJ Graham, presents a lapel pin to Lion Fred Contreras.

Right: (L-R) Representing the Angelo State University West Texas Collections, also a CPP committee member, Shannon Sturm waits to present the Contreras family a copy of the city Mayor's VWC Proclamation.





There was a full house of an estimated 60 club members, veterans, family members and guests at this special salute to the Vietnam War-era veterans. It was St. Patrick's day, evident by the abundance of green and other regalia worn by attendees. The crowd was interested and attentive to the welcoming remarks offered by the Downtown Lions Club president, Lion Keith Perrine. The EC-47 History Site Commemorative Partner Program committee chairman, Tom Nurre, also made opening remarks and then projected the Sam Elliott commemoration video followed by lapel pin presentations.







March 17, 2017 - Downtown Lions Club, San Angelo, Texas, Salute to Vietnam War-era veterans. Twenty-two veterans were welcomed and presented a Vietnam War Commemorative Lapel pin during this special ceremony. (L-R) Standing: Doug Seamands, Rusty Lieber, Allan Henderson, Fred Contreras, Steve Hampton, Pat Malloy, Larry Sullivan, Frank Berthold, Paat Callahan, Doug Paschal, Russell DeVore, Oscar Hinojosa, Gilbert Garcia. (L-R) Sitting: Albert Yonka, Bob Porter, Ken Casper, Bob Geiser, Al Owen, Carl Wood, Jerry Hale. Kneeling: Marshall Twombly. Not in photo: Ken Phipps