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## Welcome to the EC-47 History Site Newsletter



This past year, Jody Gentry, owner of Mediajaw Web Design & Hosting, donated an EC-47 History Site companion website specifically for the 50th Vietnam War Commemorative Partner Program here in San Angelo. ([jody@mediajaw.com](mailto:jody@mediajaw.com))

There are links to the national Commemoration website and the EC-47 History Site, but the main focus is coverage of Commemoration events that we either host or provide administrative support. The ceremony photo/video galleries are widely popular. A new **Vietnam Memorials** feature was recently added. Goodfellow AFB veterans may recall some of the older named buildings and streets. However, some of the streets have been renamed and the number of memorialized structures has increased to 36 buildings, gates and conference rooms. Click [HERE](#) or on the "http://" icon above for a direct link to the Goodfellow Memorials opening page. Enjoy the visit.



This ec47.com icon is linked to the most recent articles uploaded to the webpages. Joe Martin has completed 3 of the 4 (with the last one completed soon) [1968 Tet Offensive](#) articles that "connect the dots" between the EC-47 airborne radio direction finding close tactical support missions and combatant commanders' actions in their conduct of the war. Joe makes every effort to include specific references to mission aircraft call signs and individual crewmembers, whenever available. The

recently declassified 6994th Security Squadron histories are both interesting and enlightening. Just a reminder, the available declassified histories for both front-enders and back-enders are available at <http://ec47.com/electric-goon-the-ec-47-story>.



362nd TEWS Reunion, Oct. 2-4, 2018: Thirty-six people attend, including 19 veterans. Ed Diehl presented Commemoration pins to seven veterans. He and Etta stopped to see Stan Schloesser (Ed's maintenance officer) and his wife, who have lived in a memory home in Shiloh, Ill., for about three years.

His son and daughter-in-law were there. Ed said, "I didn't know how he would react when I pinned him. He stood there like a veteran, and when I finished, he saluted me and said, 'That was a long time ago.' At that moment, there were a lot of tears and we all knew he was 100 percent with us. It was very touching for all of us." The reunion commemoration after action report and several photos are available on ec47.com. Click [HERE](#) for that report.



Aug. 11, 2018: 6994th Security Squadron reunion attendees pose for a group photo in front of the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Louisville, Ken. More than 100 veterans and family members attended. Their reunion Commemoration **After Action Report** is here: <http://ec47.com/50th-commemorative-partner-program>

**Additional photos** with name captions are uploaded to our Vietnam War Commemoration Committee companion website:

<http://www.vietnam50thcpp.com/photoGalleries/index/6994th-security-squadron-ceremony-louisville-kentucky>

If you haven't already read them, you might check out the "Adventures of a 360th TEWS Pilot in 1970" as told by Alan Brown. Also, J.J. Pitzeruse put together some great comments about the start-up of operations at Nakhon Phanom. And, though not yet completed, Stephen Rogers (AFSC 32874) is writing some of his memories as an EC-47 radar and inertial navigation electronics technician. He has some interesting observations about the accuracy of the Doppler radar and its effects on ARDF fixes. Stephen attended the recent 362nd TEWS reunion and collaborated some of his materials with attending navigators. It's all good; please get involved, too. Click on "Uncle Sam" above to link to these great stories.





## Welcome to the new EC-47 History Site Newsletter



### *Nakhon Phanom RTAFB* **GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN REUNION**

NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE  
FAIRBORN, OHIO  
JUNE 6-9, 2019

Greetings Fellow Nakhon Phanom Veterans:

We are nearly complete in planning for the reunion in Fairborn, Ohio, which includes activities at the National Museum of the Air Force on June 6-9, 2019.

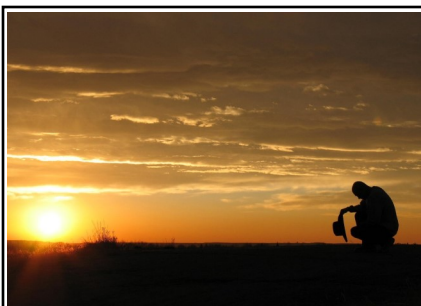
*Reunion Location: The Holiday Inn, 2800 Presidential Dr, Fairborn, Ohio 45324*

<https://nkgonebutnotforgottenreunion.myevent.com/>



"I was in the 456<sup>th</sup> MMS and worked on aircraft guns for the A-1's. Was there in 70-71. The reunion is for anyone who served at NKP. Should be a good show. Jimmie Butler, who authored "Ravens", will be the keynote speaker. We should be finalizing the itinerary around January. Also putting biographies together and stories...and have a doctor speaking on Agent Orange. Everyone is welcome." Barry.

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### FAREWELL GOOD FRIEND

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GOODFELLOW AFB  
HISTORIAN

27 YEARS SERVICE  
1989-2008; 2011-2019

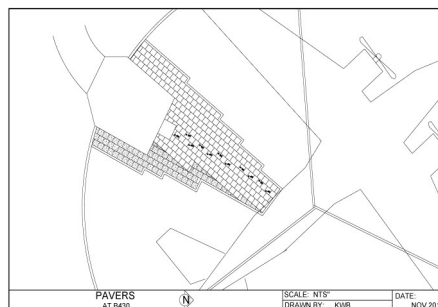


(L-R) John "Doc" Garrett presents a Vietnam War commemorative lapel pin to Goodfellow veteran Johnny Garza during the March 29, 2018, ceremony. Doc has been a stalwart supporter of everything USAFSS, EC-47 and the Commemoration. We wish him all the best in retirement. Send him a Thank You via [info@ec47.com](mailto:info@ec47.com).



The next National Vietnam Veterans Day is Friday, March 29, 2019. The San Angelo American Legion Post 572 is scheduled to host the 2nd annual Vietnam War Commemoration ceremony at the Angelo State University LeGrand Visitors Center. It was a well attended event this year, and we expect standing room only for the next one. USAF Vietnamese linguist (Dogger) Larry Miller has a great idea for presenting a "Hanoi Hilton" brick during a day-time ceremony at the EC-47 aircraft static display. We are also working on a proposal to install concrete pavers adjacent to the aircraft memorial

monument. If this comes to fruition, EC-47 veterans (airborne/ground/support/families) will have first opportunity to order **In Memory Of** or personal **Tribute** pavers engraved with select emblems/logos and text. Basic donation amounts will be set for different size pavers and amount of engraving desired. See the prospective layout diagram below. The paver sizes, colors, and costs have not been determined. The



Heritage Chapter, Freedom Through Vigilance Association, is a 501(c)(19) organization and is taking a lead role in this project. The 2019 Vietnam War Veterans Day ceremony would be an ideal date for dedicating pavers. More info to come as this proposal goes through the approval process.