

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: The EC-47 History Site			2. NAME OF EVENT: Doggers - Fall of Saigon Party 2017	
3. ADDRESS OF ORGANIZATION:				
a. STREET ADDRESS: 4213 Green Meadow Drive	b. CITY: San Angelo	c. STATE: TX	d. ZIP CODE: 76904	e. COUNTRY USA
4. EVENT LOCATION: a. SITE NAME (Example: The Pentagon) Flamingo Hotel - Las Vegas (Reunion) & Nellis AFB All Ranks Club (Banquet & Ceremony)				
b. STREET ADDRESS: 3555 South Las Vegas Boulevard	c. CITY: Las Vegas	d. STATE: NV	e. ZIP CODE: 89109	f. COUNTRY USA
5. START DATE OF EVENT (MMDDYYYY): 04272017	6. END DATE OF EVENT (MMDDYYYY): 04302017	7. ACTUAL ATTENDANCE 50	8. HOW MANY VIETNAM VETERANS WERE PRESENT? 35	9. HOW MANY VIETNAM VETERAN FAMILY MEMBERS WERE PRESENT? 15
10. DID YOU COLLABORATE WITH ANY OTHER COMMEMORATIVE PARTNERS? (If so, list the commemorative partners you collaborated with for the event.) The United States Air Force Vietnam War Linguist Group, The Doggers, is a registered organization member of The EC-47 History Site Commemorative Partner Program committee. They hosted this commemorative lapel pin presentation program for the second year in a row.				
11. ANY MEDIA COVERAGE? No. Individual photos taken by veterans and family members are attached.				
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 Doggers are a group of former USAF Vietnamese linguists who participated in all major campaigns of the Vietnam War. They held their 42nd annual Fall of Saigon Party reunion April 27-30th at the Las Vegas, Nevada, Flamingo Hotel. During the reunion, the veterans and families toured the USAF Thunderbirds hangar and the Threat Training Center & "Petting Zoo" on Nellis Air Force Base. They also held a remembrance ceremony at the Memorial for those veterans lost during the Vietnam War. For the second year, the Doggers hosted a 50th Vietnam War Commemoration (VWC) ceremony as part of the reunion banquet held in the all ranks club on Nellis Air Force Base, Nevada. With the VWC banner prominently displayed, the 50th VWC program was explained, and twenty-one veterans who were not pinned during our last ceremony (2016) in Philadelphia, were called forward by name and presented a commemorative lapel pin by the senior Dogger attending, CMSgt (Ret) Larry Mills. Each veteran was also presented the Lapel Pin Fact Sheet and a Certificate of Honor from the Heritage Chapter-FTVA located in San Angelo, Texas. Among those honored was Captain Douglas Peck, USN (Ret) who contacted us after reading the national commemoration web page listing this scheduled ceremony in his home town. We cordially invited him and his wife, Kathy, to our banquet and to join us in our lapel pin ceremony. In addition to this recognition for their service, valor and sacrifice, there were numerous toasts throughout the dinner in honor of departed Doggers, fallen allies during the Vietnam War, and the spouses that supported us. This year, two of our members were presented a "Hanoi Hilton" brick for distinguished performance of their duties above and beyond the call of duty during the Vietnam War. The reunion and commemoration ceremony were a resounding success. We appreciate the support of the national program.				
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	20	Bumper Sticker: I Served	4	
Vietnam Veteran Lapel Pins	21	Bumper Sticker: Join The Nation	0	
Surviving Spouse Lapel Pin	0	Bumper Sticker: We Heart	0	
Tin Pin: Family Member	0	Presidential Proclamations	10	
Tin Pin: Lone Soldier	0	Other:	0	



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Jerry Clausen



Ron Doranski



Mike Freeman



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Tom Riggins



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Doug Peck



Dan Robbins



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