

1. The EC-47 History Site

2. AMERICAN LEGION TRIBUTE TO VIETNAM VETERANS

3. 4213 GREEN MEADOW DRIVE                      SAN ANGELO    TX            76904            USA

4. American Legion Post 38

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10. The Rocky Mountain Chapter-FTVA is an active member of the EC-47 History Site Commemorative Partner Program committee. This is their third hosting of a 50<sup>th</sup> Vietnam War Commemoration ceremony.

11. Yes, The Colorado Springs Gazette sent a reporter and ran a story the next day:

<http://gazette.com/vietnam-war-veterans-receive-a-belated-welcome-home-at-fountain-vfw-post/article/1594868>

Also, The El Paso County & Fountain Valley News covered the event with an article and photos.

<http://www.epcan.com/story/2017/01/25/community/vietnam-veterans-recognized-at-special-ceremony-at-american-legion-post-38/492.html>

12. Summary: 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 support social, educational and humanitarian services. The Chapter president, Ike Eichelberger, served as the emcee for this program held at American Legion Post 38, Fountain, Colorado. This was the first Commemoration Ceremony held at Post 38 and was jointly planned by Dennis Daniels of the RMC-FTVA and Roger Simms of American Legion Post 38.

This was another successful program and the first commemorative event that the RMC-FTVA held which was not at the Peterson Air & Space Museum. This was a short notice request by the American Legion Post 38 made to the RMC-FTVA and allowed for the recognition of 19 Vietnam War Era veteran members. Every detail was well planned with various RMC-FTVA and American Legion members taking responsibility for the successful accomplishment of each phase of the ceremony. A Legion member who had participated in a previous RMC-FTVA ceremony made this outreach on behalf of the Post membership. The Post provided communications and audio visual support, Service flags, as well as the refreshments for the veterans and their family members. //See Continuation Sheet//

### 13. Materials used:

Brochures: 10	Stickers: Eagle	0
Tin Pin: 5	Stickers: Seal	10
Vietnam Veteran Lapel Pins: 19	Presidential Proclamations:	19
Bumper Stickers: 15		

#### *Summary Continuation:*

This being the third Commemoration Ceremony sponsored by the RMC-FTVA, many logistics details which had previously been a challenge were addressed and this event followed a proven pattern for success. Because of the short-notice request by the American Legion Post 38, the supporting materials (stickers, brochures, bumper stickers and tin pins) from the National Commemoration Committee did not arrive in time for the event. (However, a package of the Commemorative Memorabilia was subsequently received and materials were provided to American Legion Post 38 to share with the members who attended the 21 Jan event.) Beginning the recognition, 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, 16 veterans were called forward and presented with individual lapel pins, a copy of the Presidential Proclamation and a RMC-FTVA Certificate of Honor. A special feature of this ceremony was the presence of the 4<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division Public Affairs Officer, LTC Jason Brown. In addition to sharing a word of gratitude from the 4<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division Commander, Maj. Gen. Ryan F. Gonsalves, LTC Brown then assisted in the presentation of the commemorative lapel pin to each of the veterans present. In addition, Greg Roman, the Vice President of the RMC-FTVA presented each veteran with the Presidential Proclamation and a certificate of honor from the RMC-FTVA. A unique side note of this Commemoration Ceremony was the recognition of a father and son Vietnam War Era Veteran duo; Charles Dorsey Sr. and Charles Dorsey Jr. were both present and were recognized. Immediately following the ceremony, everyone stayed to enjoy a commemoration cake and refreshments provided by American Legion Post 38. Two local newspapers were present for this ceremony and both ran stories over the next few days, including pictures of the Veteran honorees. Because of this additional publicity, three additional Vietnam era veterans came forward and requested recognition and the commemorative lapel pins.

The Rocky Mountain Chapter of the FTVA has committed to hosting at least two such recognition events a year.



FTVA Jan 2017.1: Vietnam War Era Veterans from Southern Colorado pose for a group photo:  
Front Row: Dennis Frost, Pat Mesa, Frank Gallegos, Leon Herrman, Robert Manore, Oscar Box.  
Back Row: Kenneth Melanson, Kenneth Mull, James Appleman, Dennis Kraft, Charlie Bowles, Laren  
Ryder, Robert Westman, Charles Dorsey Sr., and Donald Massmann. Not pictured: Charles Dorsey Jr.



FTVA Jan 2017.2: The EC-47 History Site CPP shares a story of the Airborne Radio Direction Finding (ARDF) program in Vietnam. Pictured: CMSgt (ret) Tom Nurre, Chairman, the EC-47 History Site Commemoration Partner Program committee; Ike Eichelberger, President, Rocky Mountain Chapter-Freedom Through Vigilance Association; LTC Jason Brown, 4<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division, Public Affairs Office; Roger Simms, American Legion Post 38, Fountain, Colorado; and Greg Roman, Vice President, Rocky Mountain Chapter-Freedom Through Vigilance Association.





FTVA Jan 2017.3: Father & Son Vietnam War Era Honorees. Charles Dorsey Sr. and his son Charles Dorsey Jr. (center) are recognized by LTC Jason Brown, 4<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division Public Affairs and Greg Roman, Vice President, Rocky Mountain Chapter-Freedom Through Vigilance Association.





January 21, 2017: Vietnam War Commemoration photo collage. American Legion Post 38, Fountain, Colorado.