

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: Sterling City Community Tribute to Veterans	
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) Sterling City ISD School				
b. STREET ADDRESS: 700 7th Street	c. CITY: Sterling City	d. STATE: TX	e. ZIP CODE: 76951	f. COUNTRY USA1109
5. START DATE OF EVENT (MMDDYYYY): 11092018	6. END DATE OF EVENT (MMDDYYYY): 11092018	7. ACTUAL ATTENDANCE 300	8. HOW MANY VIETNAM VETERANS WERE PRESENT? 10	9. HOW MANY VIETNAM VETERAN FAMILY MEMBERS WERE PRESENT? 3
10. DID YOU COLLABORATE WITH ANY OTHER COMMEMORATIVE PARTNERS? (If so, list the commemorative partners you collaborated with for the event.) Howard College Veterans Benefits is an active member of the EC-47 History Site Commemorative Partner Program Committee				
11. ANY MEDIA COVERAGE? Sterling City Newspaper - The Courier. See attached story.				
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 unpresented lapel pins need to be returned to the program office, please indicate and we will send you a shipping label.) The Veteran's Day Program was held on Friday, November 9th at 10:00 am in the Sterling City school auditorium. Veterans present were Speedy Sparks, Amy and Dustin Franco, Charlie Pate, Ricky Halford, Chris Green, Ray Escobar, Colton Ivey, Louis Latimer, Trey Wilson, Larry Miller, Luis Martinez, Tom Nurre, Grover Johnson, Marion "Butch" Floyd, Bill Jones, Tammy Wilson, Jim Brown, and Jim Faulkner. Lenard Horwood, Dow Ferguson, Jim Noble, and Cole Williams helped with the sound equipment and the videos bringing our program to a whole new level. Melanie Noble and members of the Girl Scouts distributed programs. Those helping Melanie were Cadettes – Destini DeLeon and Ashley Longoria; Juniors – Annie Rivas, Jaylynn Radde, and Kamila Williams. Taytem Davis, Halie Carlson, and Hanna Tatro are working on a Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) project to honor Veterans. These girls helped guide the elementary students as the Veterans were introduced to the audience. They also helped the preschool kids with the pledge. (see continuation sheet attached.)				
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	Bumper Sticker: I Served	5	
Vietnam Veteran Lapel Pins	5	Bumper Sticker: Join The Nation	5	
Surviving Spouse Lapel Pin	0	Bumper Sticker: We Heart	5	
Tin Pin: Family Member	10	Presidential Proclamations	10	
Tin Pin: Lone Soldier	5	Other: Veterans Lapel Pin Fact Sheets	15	

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Thank you to Danetta Ferguson and Shelli Long who helped introduce the individual veterans and their families & guests.

The National Honor Society students and Cherry Ortega video-taped the program and did whatever else was needed. Janet Rauch, Jordan Carlson, and Brooke Rauch took photographs during the program

The program began with the playing of a video called "I Will Stand Allegiance" as students from 1st through 4th grades carried flags into the auditorium prior to the Veterans walking in. When they entered, all veterans were welcomed with a standing ovation. Thank you to Ty Stevens for working with us to gather and organize all the student activities during the program.

Carmen Barber made opening/welcome remarks followed by the First United Methodist Church preschool children reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Don Longoria, pastor of the First Baptist Church, led a prayer.

Luis Martinez and Tom Nurre played a video to highlight the Vietnam veterans and to thank them for their service. It was noted by Luis and Tom that during the Vietnam War and after the closing of the war, Veterans who had served were not treated with the respect and appreciation as they should have been. The United States and citizens are trying to make up for that injustice through the Commemoration program ceremonies.

Local Veterans, Speedy Sparks, Ray Escobar, and Marion "Butch" Floyd, who served during the Vietnam War period, were presented with the Vietnam Veteran Lapel Pin. Jim Brown and Jim Falkner, other Veterans attending the program, were also presented with the Vietnam lapel pin for their service. Other local Veterans who served but were not able to attend the program, will be pinned next year.

Chris Green was the guest speaker and spoke of the service of local veterans accompanied by a PowerPoint slideshow.

The 3rd Grade class did a wonderful job of singing the song, "Hero In This Place". They were led by Sherry Davidson as Melanie Noble accompanied them on the piano.

The armed forces medley was played as Veterans stood during the playing of their service song. At the same time, 2nd grade students presented each Veteran with "Thank You" cards that were prepared by the kindergarten through 5th grade students.

Ean Green, Konner Jones, and Delilah Denton did a wonderful job reading the poem by Joana Fuchs, The Best on Earth: A Veteran's Day Tribute:

A presentation was shown of Veterans that are family of local residents of Sterling City. It included our dads, mothers, brothers, sisters, and other relatives who have served in the United States military. We all take great pride and joy in honoring all who have served.

Nancy Stevens asked that our Country's law enforcement be kept in our prayers and had them all stand to be recognized.

A meal was provided for the Veterans and their immediate family members after the program. Hanna Tatro, Taytem Davis, and Halie Carlson along with help from their sponsor, Jana Barnes, organized the meal. They had sold t-shirts to raise money for the meal. Other members of FCCLA and FCS provided sides and helped to serve the Veterans.

Others providing help with the meal were the Lion's Club, Ricky and Autumn Halford, Double AA Services, Blake Davis Nancy Stevens, Ellen Clark, Roberta McCrea, Carmen Barber, Casey Musick, Karen Hodges, Julie Thomason, and Janice Clark.

We want to conclude with another "THANK YOU" to all Veterans and their families who have served in the United States military. God Bless America!!!

Report excerpts and photos provided by the Sterling City Courier newspaper article, Julie Smith, owner/editor.



The Veteran's Day Program was held on Friday, November 9, 2018, at 10:00 am in the Sterling City, Texas, school auditorium. The program began with the playing of a video titled "I Will Stand Allegiance" as students from 1st through 4th grades carried flags into the auditorium prior to the Veterans walking in. When our Veterans entered, they were welcomed with a standing ovation. Thank you to Ty Stevens for working with us to gather and organize all the student activities during the program.

Carmen Barber welcomed the audience and introduced the program. The First United Methodist Church preschool children recited the Pledge of Allegiance with great enthusiasm. The Star Spangled Banner was played next. Don Longoria, pastor of the First Baptist Church, led a prayer.

Luis Martinez and Tom Nurre, representing Howard College and the EC-47 History Site Commemoration Committee, played a video tribute to highlight the Vietnam veterans and thanked them for their service, valor and sacrifice. They noted that during the Vietnam War and after the closing of the war, veterans were disrespected and unappreciated. The Commemoration is uniting citizens across the nation to make up for that injustice. Local veterans, Speedy Sparks, Ray Escobar and Marion "Butch" Floyd, who served during the Vietnam War period, were presented with the Vietnam Veteran Lapel Pin. Out of town veteran visitors Jim Brown and Jim Falkner were also presented with the Vietnam lapel pin for their service. Other local Veterans who served but were not able to attend the program will be pinned next year. We are grateful that Luis and Tom took time out of their day to come from San Angelo to us all honor these men.



Sterling City School, November 9, 2018: Vietnam veterans were introduced and presented to the audience in preparation for presentation of the 50th Vietnam War Commemorative Lapel Pin.



Spouses and family members presented their veteran with the Commemorative Lapel Pin.



Second grade students presented Thank You cards made by kindergarten through 5th grade students.



Left: Deliah Denton, Konner Jones & Ean Green read a special poem.



Right: Carmen Barber made opening/welcome remarks.



L-R: Luis Martinez & Carmen Barber



Speaker Chris Green



Emcee Nancy Stevens



Pastor Don Longoria



L-R: Students presented "Thank You" cards to all veterans.

Nearly 300 students thanked veterans for their service.