

**VIETNAM WAR COMMEMORATION  
AFTER-ACTION REPORT**

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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:**

<b>1. NAME OF ORGANIZATION:</b> The EC-47 History Site		<b>2. NAME OF EVENT:</b> Veterans Day in the Concho Valley	
<b>3. ADDRESS OF ORGANIZATION:</b>			
a. STREET ADDRESS: 4213 Green Meadow Drive	b. CITY: San Angelo	c. STATE: TX	d. ZIP CODE: 76904
<b>4. LOCATION OF EVENT</b> <i>(Site name; e.g., The Pentagon)</i> Vietnam Veterans Memorial Knickerbocker Road & Airport Drive, San Angelo, TX		<b>5. START DATE OF EVENT</b> <i>(DDMMYYYY):</i> 11112015	
<b>6. END DATE OF EVENT</b> <i>(DDMMYYYY):</i> 11112015			
<b>7. ACTUAL ATTENDANCE</b> See attached VVA Report	<b>8. HOW MANY VIETNAM VETERANS WERE PRESENT?</b> n/a	<b>9. HOW MANY VIETNAM VETERAN FAMILY MEMBERS WERE PRESENT?</b> n/a	
<b>10. SUMMARY:</b> <i>(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.)</i> <p>This was a coordinated Vietnam War Commemoration (VWC) event co-sponsored by the San Angelo Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA), Chapter 457 and The EC-47 History Site, both registered Commemorative Partners. Both organizations worked well together coordinating plans, making posters, and assigning primary tasks. Unfortunately the chilly temperatures and gusty winds did not allow a complete program set up. See VVA Chapter 457 report on next page. The EC-47 History Site CPP committee chairman, Tom Nurre, was the event speaker. Heritage Chapter - FTVA and Angelo State University West Texas Collections and History Department committee members also participated in this event. They greeted and welcomed all veterans and their families. . . and distributed copies of the VWC commemorative lapel pin fact sheet. Vietnam War veteran and community photographer, Mr. Bruce Foreman, took the attached photos. The program included the dedication of several memorial pavers by the VVA, followed by the guest speaker comments and presentation of lapel pins. Nurre explained the 50th VWC program, the actions and responsibilities of the participating commemorative partners, and the significance of honoring these veterans with the commemorative lapel pin. The program concluded with the speaker calling forward all eligible Vietnam War-era veterans who were applauded and thanked for their service, valor and sacrifice. The President of VVA Chapter 457, Mr. Perry Stevens, and Chapter 457 Treasurer, Mr. Tony Graf, presented the lapel pins. JJ Graham and Ed Bendinelli of the Heritage Chapter, Shannon Sturm of the West Texas Collections, and Christine Lamberson from the History Department, congratulated all lapel pin recipients and presented each with a Certificate of Honor, a proclamation signed by the San Angelo Mayor, and a brochure and invitation to participate in the History Department "War Stories" project. VVA and The EC-47 History Site committee members stayed after the ceremony and enjoyed conversations and story telling with the Vietnam War veterans and their families. With due respect to the San Angelo School District, multiple schools (elementary/middle/high) had coordinated their Veterans Day programs very early and effectively obligated the Mayor and general public to ceremonies that conflicted with this VVA program schedule. None-the-less, a former mayor and the thirty-five Vietnam War-era veterans and their families, as well as all those who attended, especially appreciated the commemoration ceremony and the individual recognition and welcome home sentiment. The EC-47 History Site committee will continue to work with the VVA Chapter 457 leadership with aim to make this an annual VWC event. See the VVA Chapter 457 after action report for the totals of materials actually used.</p>			
<b>11. MATERIALS ACTUALLY USED:</b> <i>(For each category of materials below, subtract the amount remaining from what was sent to you.)</i>			
(1) ITEM NOMENCLATURE	(2) QUANTITY	(1) ITEM NOMENCLATURE	(2) QUANTITY
Brochures	0	Stickers: Eagle	0
Tin Pin: Eagle	0	Stickers: Seal	0
Tin Pin: Seal	0	Stickers: Flag	0
Tin Pin: Vietnam Veterans	0	Presidential Proclamations	0
Bumper Stickers	0	Other:	0



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<b>3. ADDRESS OF ORGANIZATION:</b>			
<b>a. STREET ADDRESS:</b> P O BOX 2812		<b>b. CITY:</b> SAN ANGELO	<b>c. STATE:</b> TX
		<b>d. ZIP CODE:</b> 76902	
<b>4. LOCATION OF EVENT (Site name; e.g., The Pentagon)</b> VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL		<b>5. START DATE OF EVENT (DDMMYYYY):</b> 11/11/2015	<b>6. END DATE OF EVENT (DDMMYYYY):</b> 11/11/2015
<b>7. ACTUAL ATTENDANCE</b> 100	<b>8. HOW MANY VIETNAM VETERANS WERE PRESENT?</b> 35	<b>9. HOW MANY VIETNAM VETERAN FAMILY MEMBERS WERE PRESENT?</b> 25	
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Bumper Stickers	50	Other: LAPEL PINS	25





**Left:** Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA), Chapter 457 President, Perry Stevens, makes opening remarks at the November 11, 2015 Veterans Day in the Concho Valley ceremony held at the VVA Memorial located at the entrance to the San Angelo, Texas airport. **Right:** Tom Nurre, Chairman of the EC-47 History Site Vietnam War Commemorative Partner Program committee and guest speaker, explains the commemoration program to the nearly 100 veterans and their families and guests attending this ceremony. Both organizations are registered with the commemoration and dedicated a portion of this ceremony to honoring and thanking Vietnam War-era veterans and their families for their service, valor, and sacrifice. Photo by: Bruce Foreman





November 11, 2015: Veterans Day in the Concho Valley event hosted by Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 457, San Angelo, Texas, at the Vietnam War Memorial near the airport. Twenty-five Vietnam War veterans were honored for their service, valor and sacrifice with the presentation of the Vietnam War Commemorative lapel pin by officers of the local VVA Chapter 457. An estimated one hundred community veterans, their families and guests, attended this event. Photo by: Bruce Foreman