



# THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA VIETNAM WAR COMMEMORATION

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## INSTRUCTIONS

### For Each Event, Please Supply The Following

**1. \*NAME OF ORGANIZATION:**

The EC-47 History Site (Partnering

**2. \*NAME OF EVENT:**

44th Annual Fall of Saigon Party

**3. ADDRESS OF ORGANIZATION:**

**a. \*STREET ADDRESS:**

Attn: Larry Miller - 3630 Briargrove

**b. \*CITY:**

San Angelo

**c. \*STATE:**

Texas

**d. \*ZIP CODE**

76904

**e. \*COUNTRY**

United States

**4. LOCATION OF EVENT**

**a. \*SITE NAME (e.g., The Pentagon):**

Crowne Plaza Hotel

**b. \*STREET ADDRESS:**

6400 Ivy Lane

**c. \*CITY:**

Greenbelt

**d. \*STATE:**

Maryland

**e. \*ZIP CODE**

20770

**f. \*COUNTRY**

United States

**5. \*START DATE (MM/DD/YYYY):**

04/28/2019

**6. \*END DATE (MM/DD/YYYY):**

05/02/2019

**7. ACTUAL ATTENDANCE (Numeric Entries Only)**

107

**8. HOW MANY VIETNAM VETERANS WERE PRESENT?**

67

**9. HOW MANY VIETNAM VETERANS FAMILY MEMBERS WERE PRESENT?**

40

**10. DID YOU COLLABORATE WITH ANY OTHER COMMEMORATIVE PARTNERS? : (If so, list the commemorative partners you collaborated with for the event.)**

The USAF Doggers (Vietnamese Linguist Group) is a proud member of the EC-47 History Site Commemorative Partners Program Committee.

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**11. ANY MEDIA COVERAGE?:**



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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.)

Our Vietnam War Commemoration (VWC) pinning ceremony was held in conjunction with the retired Vietnamese linguists' 44th annual celebration held from 28 April through 2 May 2019 in memory of the Fall of Saigon in April 1973. This reunion is called the Fall of Saigon Party (FOSP). It was a very fitting venue to recognize and honor the sacrifices of these professional Vietnam veterans. The ceremony was conducted on the third day of our get-together, 30 April, during a banquet in the Annapolis Room of the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Greenbelt, Maryland. The day's activities also included a visit to Arlington National Cemetery and the Tomb of the Unknowns, and our traditional memorial ceremony and wreath laying at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall. Among a total audience of ninety-eight Vietnam veterans and their spouses, twenty-five Vietnam veterans, consisting of both Vietnamese and Chinese linguists were honored with a VWC lapel pin as well as one Surviving Spouse recipient. The Vietnam War Commemoration banner was prominently displayed in the banquet room, and an introduction by our master-of-ceremonies and video of General James Jackson, Director of The United States of America Vietnam War Commemoration, was presented to highlight the lapel pinning. The senior Vietnamese linguist attending, Chief Master Sergeant Larry E. Mills (USAF Ret), and a former commander of the 6990th Electronic Security Squadron, Colonel John Lewis (USAF Ret) conducted the actual pinning ceremony. Each awardee was recognized by name and asked to step forward to be pinned. Following this Mrs. Phongsee Penn, surviving spouse of Staff Sergeant Tom Penn, was asked to step forward and was pinned by Mrs. Linda Seitter, wife of our host, former Air Force SSgt Randy Seitter. Among the other particularly interesting moments of the banquet was the formal awarding of the Air Medal to former AF Sergeant Kent Hixon. Sgt Hixon was never formally presented any of his military decoration during his time in service due to a humanitarian discharge upon the death of his father in 1970. Brigadier General Timothy Haugh helped us to correct this oversight by pinning the Air Medal on Kent in front of his crewmates. Our final ceremony of the evening was our annual presentation of "Hanoi Hilton" bricks to eight of our most outstanding veteran linguists. Photos of each lapel pin recipient were taken as well as that of the Air Medal and brick presentations. The banquet and pinning ceremony were a complete success with very positive compliments continuing to pour in. A tentative selection was made for next year's celebration to be held in San Antonio where we will undoubtedly conduct another lapel pinning ceremony. Larry Miller/Dogger's Coordinator

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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 REQUESTED
Brochures	40
Vietnam Veteran Lapel Pins	25
Surviving Spouse Lapel Pin	1
Tin Pin: Family Member	40
Tin Pin: Lone Soldier	0
Bumper Sticker: I served	40
Bumper Sticker: Join The Nation	40
Bumper Sticker: We Heart	40
Presidential Proclamations	40
Other <input type="text" value="Fact Sheet (Pins &amp; Certs)"/>	80

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\*Caption:

April 30, 2019: Fall of Saigon Party, Greenbelt, MD. (L-R) Chief Master Sergeant (retired) Larry Mills presenting the Vietnam War Commemorative lapel pin to former Air Force Vietnamese linguist Sergeant Les Weatherford.

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Image 2 Please do not use special characters in the file name.

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\*Caption:

April 30, 2019: Fall of Saigon Party, Greenbelt, MD. (L-R) Linda Seitter, wife of our host Randy Seitter, presenting the Vietnam War Commemoration Certificate of Honor and Commemorative Blue Star lapel pin to Vietnam veteran surviving spouse Phongsee Penn, widow of Staff Sergeant Tom Penn.

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\*Caption:

April 30, 2019: Fall of Saigon Party, Greenbelt, MD. The Doggers and Chinese linguists gathered for their annual memorial ceremony at the national Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall on April 30, 2019.

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