

**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_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:

1. NAME OF ORGANIZATION: The EC-47 History Site	2. NAME OF EVENT: Honoring Runnels County Veterans
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3. ADDRESS OF ORGANIZATION:			
a. STREET ADDRESS: 4213 Green Meadow Drive	b. CITY: San Angelo	c. STATE: TX	d. ZIP CODE: 76904

4. LOCATION OF EVENT <i>(Site name; e.g., The Pentagon)</i> Runnels County Court House Veterans Memorial Ballinger, Texas	5. START DATE OF EVENT <i>(DDMMYYYYY):</i> 07112015	6. END DATE OF EVENT <i>(DDMMYYYYY):</i> 07112015
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7. ACTUAL ATTENDANCE 50	8. HOW MANY VIETNAM VETERANS WERE PRESENT? 15	9. HOW MANY VIETNAM VETERAN FAMILY MEMBERS WERE PRESENT? 10
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10. 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? Any media coverage? List any helpful suggestions or changes for future and lessons learned. Attach additional pages as necessary.)*

This VWC event was hosted by VFW Post 9196, Rowena, Texas, at the Runnels County Court House Veterans Memorial located in Ballinger, TX. The EC-47 History Site provided the VWC related materials and assisted with setting up the VWC banner and a materials display table. The VFW Post 9196 and Auxiliary members arranged the public address system and seating for about 50 attendees. The Post 9196 Auxiliary also provided coffee and other refreshments. The weather was cool with blustery winds.

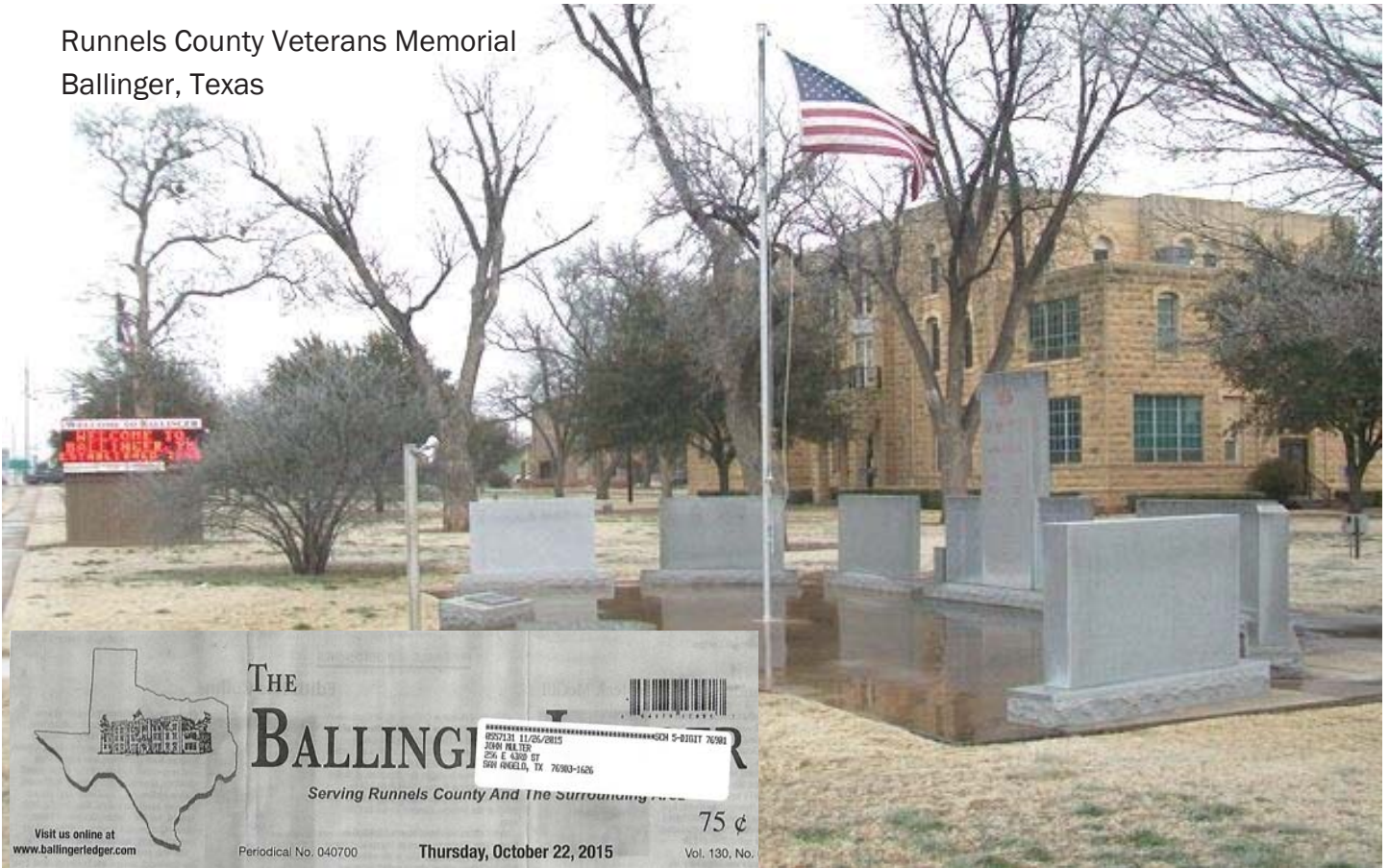
The outdoor event started promptly at 10 am with the flag raising, Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation. The guest speaker was Tom Nurre, Chairman of The EC-47 History Site VWC Partner committee. Nurre recapped the history of Veterans Day and a brief overview of the many veterans in his extended family, including 4 of his 7 brothers and all 3 of his wife's brothers that served during the Vietnam War-era. He explained the Vietnam War Commemoration program, its objectives, and the significance of the VWC lapel pin. VFW Post 9196 leadership and Vietnam War veterans, Mr. John Multer and Mr. Maynard Schwertner, who had previously received their VWC lapel pins at the VFW ceremony on August 16, 2015, called the attending Vietnam War-era veterans forward and thanked them and their families for their service, valor and sacrifice. They presented each veteran a VWC lapel pin and a VWC proclamation from the Mayor of San Angelo provided by the Angelo State University - West Texas Collection library. Family members were also embraced and offered the various pins, stickers and other VWC materials provided by the national VWC program managers. The event closed with a group prayer, photo session and the telling of war stories.

The event was successful in meeting the objectives of the VWC program. All veterans, especially the Vietnam War-era veterans and their families expressed their joy and appreciation for the attention afforded them by this special program. They were in a festive mood and lingered and visited until the veterans went to take their places for the start of the Ballinger Veterans Day parade at 11am. Mr. John Multer again served as the announcer/emcee and did a great job identifying and explaining all the parade participants as they passed by the court house memorial. It was a wonderful small town parade that included old cars and tractors, fire engines, motorcycles and horses. There were several patriotic organization floats and marching groups. . .with full participation by school children all dressed up and waving their signs and flags as they rode by in their own organization floats. The music, the flags, the Army marching unit, and all the town participants made this Veterans Day parade special for the veterans of all age groups. . .especially the Vietnam War-era veterans and their families.

11. 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	75	Stickers: Eagle	0
Tin Pin: Eagle	0	Stickers: Seal	25
Tin Pin: Seal	50	Stickers: Flag	25
Tin Pin: Vietnam Veterans	20	Presidential Proclamations	0
Bumper Stickers	25	Other: Lapel Pins	12

Runnels County Veterans Memorial
Ballinger, Texas



Veterans Day Parade slated

STAFF REPORTS

The 5th Annual Ballinger Veteran's Day Parade will get underway at 11 a.m. Saturday, November 7 in downtown Ballinger. Sponsors include the American Legion Post 8, VFW Post 9196, the VFW Auxiliary and the Runnels County Veteran's Service Office.



Sandra G. Van Zant

There will be a ceremony honoring veterans on the Courthouse Square at 10 a.m. with John Multer, VFW Post 9196 Com-

mander, as the host, who will announce each entry as they travel down the parade route.

The parade route will start at 6th Street and Hutchings at 11 a.m. and will continue down Hutchings to 10th Street, to Railroad Avenue and back to 6th Street. Everyone is invited to participate and bring lawn chairs to watch the parade from the Courthouse Square. The VFW Auxiliary will provide coffee and cookies.

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The parade will include fire trucks, Goodfellow AFB marching troops and color guard, old cars, trucks, trailers, 4-wheelers, horses and jeeps. Anyone who wants to participate, contact Sandra at 365-3612.



November 7, 2015: Veterans Day Parade & Ceremony honoring Vietnam War-era veterans. Planning and organization by American Legion Post 8, Rowena VFW Chapter 9196 and Auxiliary, and the Runnels County Veteran's Service Office. **Above, Right:** VFW Post 9196 Commander, John Multer, makes opening remarks as the Color Guard prepares to raise the flag promptly at 10a.m.



Vietnam War-era veterans honored by the Vietnam War Commemorative Partner Program committee chaired by guest speaker CMSgt (R) Tom Nurre (Far Right) representing the EC-47 History Site. Nurre shared some of his family veteran history and the importance of recognizing and thanking family members as well as all veterans.



Runnels County
Veterans Day Celebration
Ballinger, Texas
November 7, 2015



Ballinger Ledger

Thursday, November 12, 2015

Honoring those who served

Veterans Day parade



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Top, left: Father Hubert Wade, a veteran and pastor of Saint Mary's in Ballinger, always supports the troops and vets, Saturday, Nov. 7, 2015 in Ballinger. **Top, right:** The members of the VFW post escorted veterans Daniel David Fischer and Jim Block who went to Washington, D.C. on the Permian Basin Honor Flight in September. **Left:** Members of the VFW took part in the Ballinger Veteran's Day Parade riding in their horse and carriage, Saturday, Nov. 7, 2015 in Ballinger. **Above:** Active duty soldiers from Goodfellow Air Force Base participated in Ballinger's Veterans Day Parade, Saturday, Nov. 7, 2015.