

VIETNAM WAR COMMEMORATION AFTER-ACTION REPORT

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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: Congressional Ceremony & Vietnam Display Closing Ceremony	
3. ADDRESS OF ORGANIZATION:			
a. STREET ADDRESS: 4213 Green Meadow Drive	b. CITY: San Angelo	c. STATE: Texas	d. ZIP CODE: 76904
4. LOCATION OF EVENT (Site name; e.g., The Pentagon) Goodfellow AFB & Angelo State University San Angelo, Texas		5. START DATE OF EVENT (DDMMYYYY): 14082015	
6. END DATE OF EVENT (DDMMYYYY): 14082015			
7. ACTUAL ATTENDANCE 100	8. HOW MANY VIETNAM VETERANS WERE PRESENT? 38	9. HOW MANY VIETNAM VETERAN FAMILY MEMBERS WERE PRESENT? 36	
<p>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.)</p> <p>This was a follow-up event to the July 8th live streaming of the Congressional Ceremony. Vietnam veterans that had participated in the Angelo State University, West Texas Collection, 'Vietnam: Through the Lens' display project, were invited back to a special tour of the Vietnam War-era EC-47 aircraft and history exhibit at Goodfellow AFB. The university completed the media releases, collected RSVP information, and provided bus transportation for the round trip travel to the air base. Arrangements were also made for other veterans that provided their own transportation to get access to the air base without delay. The Goodfellow AFB Commemorative Partner representatives met all participants at the display location and made welcoming comments prior to the tours. A group photo was taken in front of the EC-47 aircraft display. The Goodfellow AFB CP is preparing a separate After Action Report for this portion of the two-part event.</p> <p>The university program started at 7:30 pm and included a welcome and opening remarks by The EC-47 History Site CP chairman. Video clips from the July 8, 2015 Congressional Ceremony were projected on a large screen in the Nasworthy Suite to 100 attendees. Immediately following the videos, the CP chairman called forward the Vietnam War-era veterans to be presented lapel pins by CP committee members from these organizations: Angelo State University, West Texas Collection; Heritage Chapter - Freedom Through Vigilance Association; The Military Affairs Committee, San Angelo Chamber of Commerce; Elks Lodge 1880, and The EC-47 History Site. The Mayor of San Angelo attended and presented copies of the project kick-off Commemoration Proclamation he had signed in November 2014. The Mayor is a Vietnam War-era veteran, and the Military Affairs Committee representative presented him a lapel pin as well. Following the lapel pin presentations, the university Vice President of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management made special remarks thanking all the veterans for their courage and service to country. He also praised them for their willingness to share their photos and documents, and to sit for oral history interviews as principal players in the Vietnam: Through the Lens display project. Following his closing comments, all attendees enjoyed finger foods and refreshments in the display area as they reviewed the exhibits and spoke with the veteran participants before the official closing at 9 pm. This was a cost-free event for all attendees. It was a wonderful, successful event. The veterans, their families, the military hosts at Goodfellow AFB, all of the CP committee organization representatives, and the Angelo State University West Texas Collection staff were excited about the warmth and sense of community unity that resulted from these combined events.</p> <p>The local media provide coverage before and after this event. See attached.</p> <p>We expended all of our materials inventory except for lapel pins.</p>			

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	68	Stickers: Eagle	12
Tin Pin: Eagle	18	Stickers: Seal	55
Tin Pin: Seal	10	Stickers: Flag	12
Tin Pin: Vietnam Veterans	50	Presidential Proclamations	1
Bumper Stickers	10	Other: Vietnam War Veteran Lapel Pin	31



Vietnam: Through the Lens & Vietnam Veterans Pinning Ceremony



Date: August 14, 2015

Time: 6:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Purpose: To thank & honor the living Vietnam veterans in San Angelo, Tom Green County and the surrounding Concho Valley region. Attending veterans will be treated to a tour and group photo at the Vietnam War EC-47 electronic combat aircraft display at Goodfellow AFB. At Angelo State University, there will be a video of the Congressional Ceremony originally telecast in early July 2015. The West Texas Collection will conclude this event with closing remarks for the Vietnam: Through the Lens display followed by a reception for the Vietnam veterans and their families and guests.



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The EC-47Q replica aircraft was set up in front of the 17th Training Wing Norma Brown building on October 28, 2005. This static display is dedicated as a fitting tribute to the intensive operator, analyst, communications and maintenance training courses conducted at Goodfellow AFB in support of the airborne radio direction finding (ARDF) mission during the Vietnam war.

The EC-47 History Site was officially welcomed as a 50th Anniversary Commemorative Partner with the Vietnam War Commemoration on May 18, 2015. We received this certificate just a few days ago. Our first event report is now available by clicking on the Vietnam War Tribute menu item on the left.

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FMI: Tom Nurre or Joe Martin - info@ec47.com



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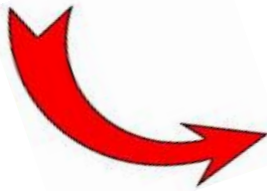
Awarded in recognition of your willingness to assist and support a grateful nation in thanking and honoring our Vietnam War Veterans, their families, and those who served with, or in support of, the Armed Forces. Done this 12 day of JUNE 2015.

Ash Carter

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Heritage Chapter



San Angelo, Texas



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The Heritage Chapter of the Freedom Through Vigilance Association fosters a continued local awareness of the mission and accomplishments of the United States Air Force Security Service and its successor organizations. Heritage Chapter members have been key players in commemorating Vietnam veterans previously trained at or assigned to Goodfellow AFB, especially those in the EC-47 airborne radio direction finding program.

<http://www.ftva.org/chapters/heritage/index.html>

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War Stories: West Texans and the Experience of War, World War I to the Present, sponsored by the National Endowment for the Humanities and the Department of History at Angelo State University, seeks to collect, digitize, preserve, share, and analyze stories of service from veterans and their loved ones.

www.angelo.edu/dept/history/

FMI: Contact the History Department Staff at 325-942-2324



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To thank and honor Vietnam veterans in the region and to preserve their stories, the West Texas Collection, in collaboration with the ASU Honors Program, has collected oral histories, digitized photos and other service related memorabilia. A display of the collected material, "Vietnam: Through the Lens," is currently available for viewing, and interviews and digitization are ongoing.

www.angelo.edu/services/library/wtcoll/

FMI: Contact the WTC Staff at 325-942-2164

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The EC-47 History Site and Goodfellow AFB Commemorative Partner committees sponsored a special *Vietnam: Through the Lens* display and *Thank You & Welcome Home* ceremony at Goodfellow AFB and Angelo State University on August 14, 2015. On the base, veterans and their families were greeted by active duty personnel and hosted to tours of the EC-47 aircraft, the ARDF History Exhibit, and other military displays in the 17th Training Wing Norma Brown Building. Photo by: 17TRW/PA





Goodfellow and ASU host Vietnam War 50th-year commemoration

U.S. Air Force Col. Michael L. Downs, 17th Training Wing Commander, speaks to Vietnam War Veterans and their families during a base visit at the Norma Brown Building on Goodfellow Air Force Base, Texas, Aug. 14, 2015. Team Goodfellow and Angelo State University teamed up to honor the men and women who served 50 years ago during the Vietnam War. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Joshua Edwards/Released)



Goodfellow and ASU host Vietnam War 50th-year commemoration

Retired U.S. Air Force Chief Master Sgt. Tom Nurre, Vietnam War veteran, talks about the Airborne Radio Direction Finding display to Vietnam veterans during 50-year commemoration in the Norma Brown Building on Goodfellow Air Force Base, Texas, Aug. 14, 2015. Nurre told the audience the artifacts in the display were donated by Paul and Nita Clever, a couple who found the crash site where Paul's father and nine other service members crashed during the Vietnam War. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Joshua Edwards/Released)



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Retired U.S. Army 1st Lt. Joe Cornelison, Vietnam War veteran, looks at the pilot training display inside the Norma Brown Building on Goodfellow Air Force Base, Texas, Aug. 14, 2015. Cornelison and other Vietnam veterans visited the base as part of a collaborative 50-year commemoration event between Angelo State University and Goodfellow Air Force Base. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Joshua Edwards/Released)



The EC-47 History Site Commemorative Partner Certificate with Vietnam War Veterans lapel pins - August 14, 2015
Photo by: Danny Meyer, ASU Photographer



Presenting lapel pins at August 14, 2015 event: (L-R) Suzanne Campbell, Director of West Texas Collection; Carol Ann Bonds, Chairperson, San Angelo Chamber of Commerce Military Affairs Committee; JJ Graham, President, Heritage Chapter—FTVA; Vietnam War Veteran, Robert Schoff; Gary Jackson, Exalted Ruler, ELKS Lodge 1880.
Photo by: Danny Meyer, ASU Photographer



L-R: Douglas Denton and Jim Debenport: Vietnam War veterans honored at the Angelo State University commemoration ceremony held on August 14, 2015. Photo by: Danny Meyer, ASU Photographer



Vietnam War veterans pose for this group photograph after receiving commemoration lapel pins and City of San Angelo proclamation at the August 14, 2014 commemoration ceremony at Angelo State University. L-R: Joe Arzate, Harvey Turnbow, Tom Bye, Linda Knightstep, Domingo Luna, Johnny Coats. Photo by: Danny Meyer, ASU Photographer



L-R: West Texas Collection Assistant Director, Shannon Sturm, presents Vietnam War Veteran lapel pin to Colonel (Retired) John Nikolauk during the commemoration ceremony held at Angelo State University on August 14, 2015.
Photo by: Danny Meyer, ASU Photographer



L-R: Vietnam War veterans Colonel (R) John Nikolauk, Dr. Robert Legrande, and Mr. Joe Cornelison were presented lapel pins and the City proclamation during a ceremony held at Angelo State University on August 14, 2015.
Photo by: Danny Meyer, ASU Photographer



L-R: Vietnam War veteran Don Goff with San Angelo Mayor Dwain Morrison at the commemoration ceremony held at Angelo State University on August 14, 2015. Mayor Morrison presented Goff with the City proclamation.
Photo by: Danny Meyer, ASU Photographer



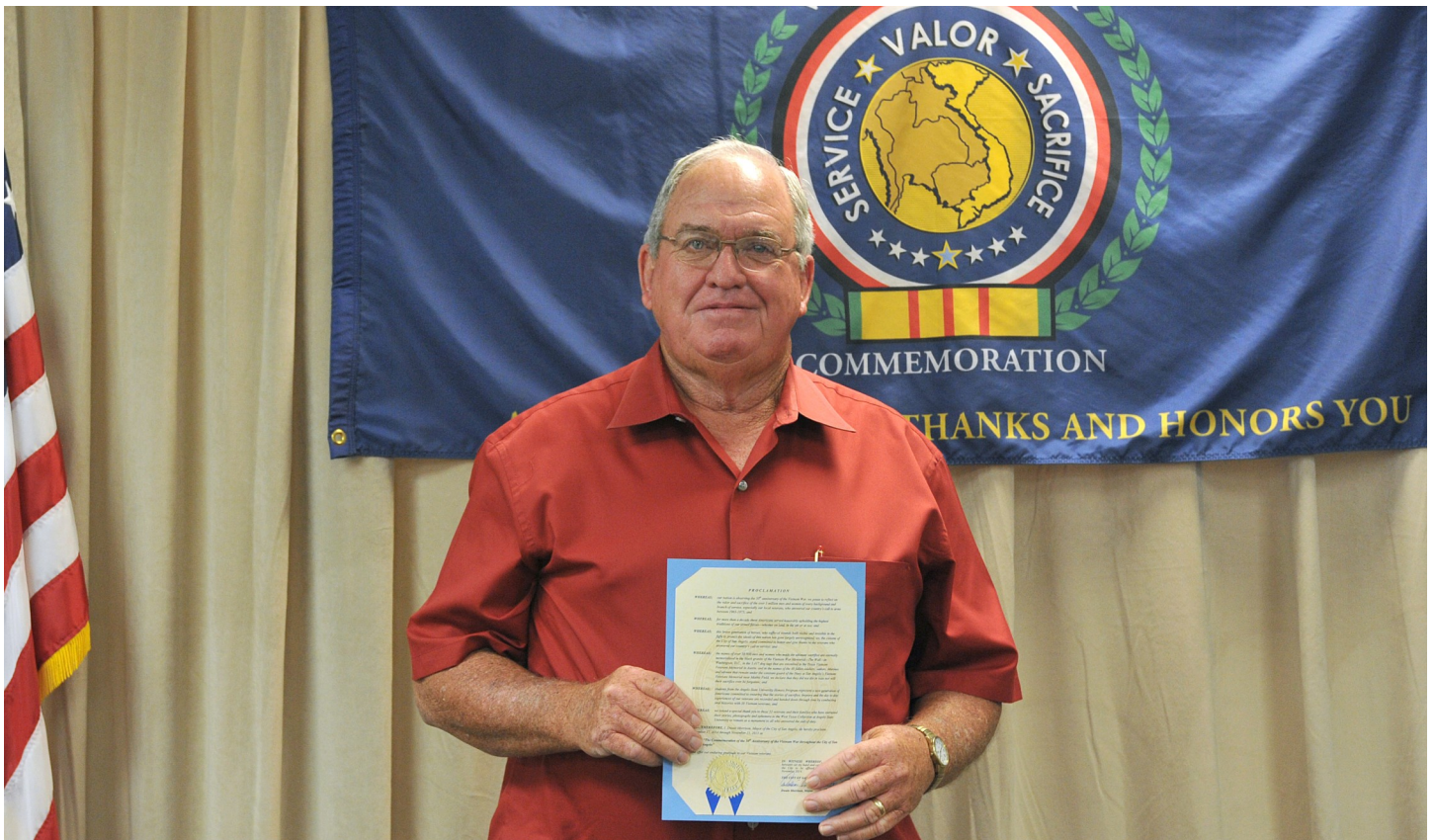
L-R: Mayor of San Angelo and Vietnam War veteran, Dwain Morrison, is presented the Vietnam War Veterans lapel pin by San Angelo Chamber of Commerce, Military Affairs Committee Chairperson, Carol Ann Bonds. Tom Nurre, EC-47 History Site Chairperson, emceed the commemoration ceremony held at Angelo State University on August 14, 2015.

Photo by: Danny Meyer, ASU Photographer



L-R: Vietnam War veteran Mr. Gary Taylor and Mrs. Pat Taylor proudly display the commemoration proclamation presented by the San Angelo mayor during a ceremony held at Angelo State University on August 14, 2015.

Photo by: Danny Meyer, ASU Photographer



Maynard Schwertner, VFW Post 9196, a participant in the West Texas Collection Vietnam: Through the Lens Display project, displays the Mayor's proclamation that he received at the Angelo State University ceremony on August 14, 2015
Photo by: Danny Meyer, ASU Photographer



Vietnam War veterans and family members complete one last viewing of the West Texas Collection *Vietnam: Through the Lens Display* during the closing ceremony and Vietnam War Commemoration reception held at Angelo State University on August 14, 2015. Photo by: Danny Meyer, ASU Photographer

ASU to host Vietnam exhibit closing reception

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SAN ANGELO, Texas - Staff report

Angelo State University's West Texas Collection will host a two-part closing reception for the "Vietnam: Through the Lens" exhibit on Friday.

The first part of the reception will be a 6 p.m. tour of the Airborne Radio Direction Finding History Exhibit and the EC-47 aircraft on display at the Norma Brown Headquarters Building at Goodfellow Air Force Base, 351 Kearney Blvd.

A bus will leave the Houston Harte University Center, 1901 Rosemont Drive, at 5:30 p.m. for the tour. Participants can also take their own vehicles.

The second part of the program will be at 7:30 p.m. at the WTC Gallery on the second floor of the ASU Houston Harte University Center. All participating Vietnam veterans will be recognized. Refreshments will be served.

Both events are free and open to the public.

To make a reservation for the tour, call 325-942-2164.

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Please join us for the closing of the
West Texas Collection Exhibit:

Vietnam: Through the Lens
and a
Vietnam War Commemoration
Recognition Ceremony

Activities will begin with an RSVP only tour of the EC-47 aircraft and history display hosted by Goodfellow Air Force Base (GAFB) and conclude with a Vietnam War veterans' recognition ceremony, closing remarks, and a reception in the West Texas Collection Gallery on the ASU campus. A bus will be available to transport participants to GAFB but space is limited so please RSVP as soon as possible. RSVP is also required for those wishing to take their own vehicle to the base.

When: August 14, 2015

Evening Agenda:

5:30 p.m. - Bus leaves Houston Harte University Center parking lot (1910 Rosemont Dr.)

6:00 p.m. – EC-47 aircraft and ARDF display tour begins at Goodfellow Air Force Base

7:30 p.m. - West Texas Collection recognition ceremony, exhibit closing and reception in the West Texas Collection Gallery
2nd Floor, Houston Harte University Center

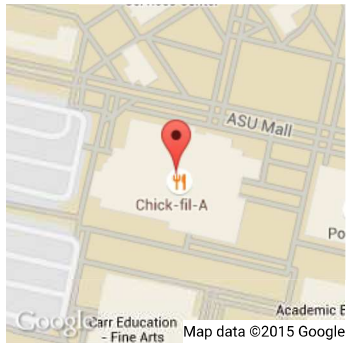
FMI or to RSVP:
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Please RSVP no later than August 9

Events Calendar

Today is August 18, 2015 Day Week Month All Events

August 14, 2015



Contact Info:

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325-942-2164

Closing Reception for "Vietnam: Through the Lens" Exhibit

- 🕒 5:30pm
- 📍 Houston Harte University Center
- 💰 Free

The ASU West Texas Collection will host a reception on Friday, Aug. 14, to mark the closing of the "Vietnam: Through the Lens" exhibit that opened last November in the Houston Harte University Center.

The reception will be a two-part program that is open free to the public, and attendees may participate in one or both of the activities.

The first part of the program will begin at 5:30 p.m. when an ASU bus will transport attendees from the University Center to Goodfellow Air Force Base for a 6 p.m. tour of the Airborne Radio Direction Finding (ARDF) History Exhibit and the EC-47 aircraft on static display at the Norma Brown Headquarters Building.

To be eligible to enter Goodfellow AFB for the tour, participants over the age of 16 who do not have a military ID or military-related civilian ID must RSVP in advance to the West Texas Collection (WTC) by Tuesday, Aug. 11. They will be asked to provide their full name, date of birth, and driver's license number and state of issuance. They will then be able to enter the base through the south gate off Chadbourne Street by showing their driver's license or other photo ID at the gate. This process must be completed, regardless of whether they intend to ride the ASU bus or take a private vehicle to the tour location. Drivers of private vehicles must also show proof of insurance.


The second part of the program will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the WTC Gallery on the second floor of the ASU University Center. All Vietnam veterans in attendance will be recognized, and a reception and refreshments will follow. This will be the final opportunity to view the "Vietnam: Through the Lens" exhibit, which includes the photos, documents and other memorabilia of more than 50 local Vietnam veterans.

The closing reception has been recognized as an official event in the national U.S.A. Vietnam War Commemoration initiative, and the WTC and Goodfellow AFB are hosting as members of official Commemorative Partnerships.

While the "Vietnam: Through the Lens" exhibit will close on Aug. 14, WTC staff will continue to conduct interviews and collect photos and memorabilia from interested veterans.

For more information and/or to RSVP for the tour at Goodfellow AFB, call the WTC at 325-942-2164.

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Vietnam show closes



JENNIFER RIOS/STANDARD-TIMES FILE

Gabe Marshall talks to his grandson Colin at a Vietnam War exhibit at Goodfellow Air Force Base in 2014. After a tour of that exhibit, which already is closed to registrants, a closing reception is set for Angelo State University's "Vietnam: Through the Lens" exhibit.

■ Veterans to be recognized Friday

By Andrew Atterbury

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Linda Knightstep and her crew with the Army Nurse Corps were in the path of rebels flooding from Cambodia toward Saigon during the Tet Offensive.

Stationed in Cu Chi, Vietnam, Knightstep was at the center of the action in 1968, when for a week straight, from 200 to 300 wounded soldiers were rushed to the nurses' care.

"The scene, you can't begin to imagine — 200 bodies under the sun," Knightstep said. "You're going from man to man to man trying to keep them alive."

Knightstep is one of more than 60 local veterans whose service

See EXHIBIT, 4A

IF YOU GO

What: Closing reception for "Vietnam: Though the Lens" exhibit

When: 7:30 p.m. Friday

Where: Second floor of the Houston Harte University Center, 1910 Rosemont Drive

Cost: Free

What else: Hosted by the West Texas Collection

Contact: 325-942-2164

EXHIBIT from 1A

memorabilia is part of "Vietnam: Through the Lens," an exhibit put on by the West Texas Collection at Angelo State University. Her boonie hat, medals and letter of commendation are on display for only one more day as the WTC staff prepares for their next display.

Before the exhibit is gone, though, the WTC is hosting a closing reception at 7:30 p.m. Friday in the Houston Harte University Center, 1910 Rosemont Drive. The exhibit opened in November.

Vietnam veterans in attendance will be recognized, and a reception and refreshments will follow. The event has been

recognized as an official part of the national U.S.A. Vietnam War Commemoration initiative, and the WTC and Goodfellow Air Force Base are hosting as members of official Commemorative Partnerships, according to an ASU news release.

Last month ASU invited local veterans to campus for a screening of an official U.S. Congressional ceremony thanking and honoring the 7.2 million living Vietnam veterans and the 9 million families of those who served. Attending veterans received a special lapel pin, as will those who are present Friday.

The turnout for "Through the Lens" has been astounding, said WTC Director Suzanne Campbell.

"Family members have been thrilled because they found out more about the people who have served," Campbell said. "It's been a great exhibit. I hate to take it down."

Together with the ASU History Department, the WTC interviewed and collected photos and trinkets from local veterans willing to share their stories. Photos were scanned and digitized, now part of the collection permanently for anyone to peruse — even after the display is taken down. Some of the memorabilia was donated and will also be available for public viewing.

To many veterans, taking part in the exhibit meant a lot, said Shannon Sturm, an archivist with WTC.

"You see the recogni-

tions happening nationwide, but we have veterans locally who need to be recognized," Sturm said.

After the war Vietnam veterans didn't do much talking about it unless they were with other vets, and even then they remain guarded, Knightstep said.

The dozens of veterans she spoke to through the exhibit said it was a healing time for them, Knightstep said. They began to talk about their feelings and how what they experienced changed their lives.

"It opened that secret compartment you keep hidden to yourself and allowed them vent," Knightstep said.

Next up for the WTC is a spread chronicling downtown San Angelo and the role of historic preservation, opening Oct. 13.