

# 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](mailto: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:

<b>1. ORGANIZATION NAME:</b> The EC-47 History Site			<b>2. EVENT TITLE:</b> Commemoration Ceremony at the Weyandt-Eddy Memorial Plaza		
<b>3. ADDRESS OF ORGANIZATION:</b>					
<b>a. STREET ADDRESS:</b> 4213 Green Meadow Drive		<b>b. CITY:</b> San Angelo		<b>c. STATE:</b> Texas	<b>d. ZIP CODE:</b> 76904
<b>e. COUNTRY:</b> USA					
<b>4. EVENT LOCATION:</b> a. SITE NAME (Example: The Pentagon) Goodfellow AFB					
<b>b. STREET ADDRESS:</b> 351 Kearney Avenue		<b>c. CITY:</b> Goodfellow AFB		<b>d. STATE:</b> Texas	<b>e. ZIP CODE:</b> 76908
<b>f. COUNTRY:</b> USA					
<b>5 START DATE OF EVENT (YYYYMMDD):</b> 20230328	<b>6 END DATE OF EVENT (YYYYMMDD):</b> 2023029	<b>7 ACTUAL ATTENDANCE</b> 200	<b>8. HOW MANY VIETNAM VETERANS WERE PRESENT?</b> 50	<b>9. HOW MANY VIETNAM VETERAN FAMILY MEMBERS WERE PRESENT?</b> 150	
<b>10. DID YOU COLLABORATE WITH ANY OTHER COMMEMORATIVE PARTNERS? (If so, list the commemorative partners you collaborated with for the event.)</b> Goodfellow AFB & All Veterans Council of Tom Green County					
<b>11. ANY MEDIA COVERAGE?</b> Yes... <a href="https://www.vietnam50thcpp.com/photoGalleries/index/2023-vietnam-war-ceremony-at-the-weyandt-eddy-memorial-plaza">https://www.vietnam50thcpp.com/photoGalleries/index/2023-vietnam-war-ceremony-at-the-weyandt-eddy-memorial-plaza</a>					
<b>12. SUMMARY:</b> (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 second annual Vietnam War Commemoration Ceremony at the Weyandt-Eddy Memorial Plaza was held at the Goodfellow Air Force Base static EC-47 aircraft display on Wednesday, March 29, 2023. This event started with a welcome home social mixer/reception on Tuesday evening at the San Angelo Clarion Hotel. Out of town attendees from 10 states and 15 Texas cities were Welcomed Home by the EC-47 History Site and Heritage Chapter-Freedom Through Vigilance Association members. Free food and happy hour refreshments were available in the hospitality suite. Posters depicting Vietnam War timeline articles from 1973 highlighting the signing of the Paris peace accords, the withdrawal of troops from Vietnam, and the end of the draft were displayed throughout the suite. The Wednesday morning Commemoration ceremony was hosted by the Goodfellow AFB Heritage Committee. This committee was organized and is overseen by the 17th Training Wing historian, Mr. Mark Howell. The committee arranged seating, public affairs and local news coverage as well as invitations and VIP participation. The estimated 200 attendees included nearly 50 Vietnam veterans and 22 deceased Vietnam veteran surviving spouses. (See Continuation Sheet 12.a.)					
<b>13. MATERIALS ACTUALLY USED:</b> (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		(2) QUANTITY		(2) QUANTITY	
VWC Brochure		50		Bumper Sticker: I Served	
50		50		50	
<del>Family Brochure</del>		<del>50</del>		Bumper Sticker: We Heart	
Vietnam Veteran Lapel Pins		23		2012 Presidential Proclamation	
Surviving Spouse Lapel Pin		15		2017 Presidential Proclamation	
Tin Pin: Family Member		50		VVLFP Fact Sheet	
Tin Pin: Eagle		50		Other: 2023 Pres. Proclamation	
50		50		50	



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Twenty-three veterans were individually introduced and called forward to be presented the Commemoration lapel pin along with the EC-47 History Site Certificate of Appreciation and a packet of Commemoration materials (brochure, fact sheets, presidential proclamations, tin pins and bumper stickers). The presentations were made by the senior Air Force, Army and Navy commanders. Twelve surviving spouses were also introduced with a thumb-nail sketch of their deceased veteran spouses and their family dynamics. These widows were presented with the Blue Star lapel pin, Certificate of Honor, and the Commemoration packet of materials.

The Wing commander delivered a localized version of the Commemoration provided speech. It was very well received and appreciated. Vietnam veteran Larry Miller, USAF Major retired Vietnamese linguist and incumbent City Council Member, made fitting comments about the changes in history over the past 50 years, the role and sacrifices of spouses and family members during the Vietnam war, and a heartfelt recap of the release of the 591 POWs repatriated in the Spring of 1973.

Many of the attendees also received engraved plastic Keepsake replicas of bronze plate inscriptions placed in the Weyandt-Eddy Memorial Plaza in tribute to their own service and the service of deceased spouses and/or family members. The final part of the Goodfellow AFB ceremony invited all attendees to view the more than 600 engraved plates in the plaza...and pose for pictures.

Nearly 80 attendees enjoyed a catered buffet dinner and Welcome Home party at the Clarion Hotel Wednesday evening. The dining area was set up with the Missing Man Table and again with more than a dozen 3'x4' posters filled with pictures and information about local community events that the Heritage Chapter and EC-47 History Site are involved with. Attendees participated in a raffle and silent auction of EC-47 models. The sound system and music were provided by American Legion Post 572.

A great time was had by all attendees. We appreciate the great support from the Commemoration staff.











