

**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: 94th Intelligence Squadron Heritage Day
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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> Arlington National Cemetery American Legion Post 276, Severn, MD	5. START DATE OF EVENT <i>(DDMMYYYY):</i> 11052016	6. END DATE OF EVENT <i>(DDMMYYYY):</i> 11052016
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7. ACTUAL ATTENDANCE 150	8. HOW MANY VIETNAM VETERANS WERE PRESENT? 12	9. HOW MANY VIETNAM VETERAN FAMILY MEMBERS WERE PRESENT? 2
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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.)*

The 50th Vietnam War Commemoration ceremony was registered by The EC-47 History Site and co-hosted with the 94th Intelligence Squadron, also a registered CPP organization. Since both CPP organizations are sending after action reports, please count the totals in blocks 7-9 above only once.

The 94IS Heritage Day was dedicated to veterans of the 6994th Security Squadron and their EC-47 mission during the Vietnam War. The day began with a wreath laying ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery at the internment site of the crew of one of the shot down EC-47s, call sign Baron-52. Arlington staff set up chairs and a podium for us but, due to inclement weather, we had to do some rearranging when we arrived. We coordinated with the Arlington tour company for a shuttle service for all guests from the visitor center to the site approximately a mile away which worked out quite nicely. We purchased the wreath with donated funds and had a small formation of squadron members as well as a flag presentation by the base Honor Guard and the signing of the National Anthem, TAPS, and Amazing Grace by the squadron choir, Baron-52. The Wing Chaplain offered the invocation and benediction. A retired CMSgt from the Vietnam-era 6994th Security Squadron and the 94IS unit commander were the guest speakers. We had three photographers for the duration of the event: a veteran in attendance, a squadron member, and a representative from Wing Public Affairs. We compiled all photos to one website to allow easy access for all. The wreath laying was a beautiful ceremony (although there was a slight conflict with a funeral across the street that was supposed to start at the same time so they were rushing us along.)

The veterans of the 6994th then joined us at the American Legion for a lunch catered by a local military friendly BBQ restaurant and paid for with donations. After everyone had time to eat and socialize, we held a Vietnam War commemoration ceremony which included opening comments by the Chairman of the EC-47 History Site CPP, a warm and welcoming standing ovation for the veterans and their family members, a commemoration video, and a lapel pin, challenge coin and Certificate of Honor presentation to the veterans in attendance. A cased lapel pin was presented to the Commander of the 94th Intelligence Squadron to be displayed in the Cougar's Cavern Heritage Room.

The day was successful and the veterans and active duty enjoyed their time together. There was a suggestion for next year's event to be held at Heritage Park at Fort Meade to eliminate the drive from Arlington - and to honor all those lost, not just a focus on the crew of Baron-52.

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	100	Stickers: Eagle	0
Tin Pin: Eagle	25	Stickers: Seal	35
Tin Pin: Seal	50	Stickers: Flag	50
Tin Pin: Vietnam Veterans	50	Presidential Proclamations	35
Bumper Stickers	15	Other: Commemorative Lapel Pins	11

94th IS Honors Vietnam Veterans of the 6994th SS and 361st TEWS

By 94th Intelligence Squadron, 94th Intelligence Squadron / Published May 13, 2016

Arlington, Va. --

Airmen from the 94th Intelligence Squadron held two events to honor Vietnam veterans from both the 361st Tactical Electronic Warfare Squadron (TEWS) and the 6994th Security Squadron May 11, 2016.

During the Vietnam War, Aircrew members from the 6994th flew Airborne Radio Direction Finding (ARDF) missions from the back end of EC-47 aircraft. Unarmed, Alone, and unafraid, the 6994th ARDF backend crew members flew in partnership with the 361st TEWS pilots, navigators, and flight engineers in and around Vietnam, where they had one of the highest causality rates and were one of the most decorated units of the Air Force Security Service.

Airmen from the 94th Intelligence Squadron performed a wreath laying ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery at the memorial site for the crew of Baron 52, an EC-47 aircraft that was shot down over Laos in February, 1973. All the eight crew members of Baron 52 are interred in a group memorial at Arlington National Cemetery. The ceremony opened with the posting of the colors by the 70th ISRW Honor Guard and the National Anthem was sung by the 94th IS choir, appropriately named Baron 52.

As the keynote speaker, retired Chief Master Sgt. Tom Nurre, 6994th SS, spoke about the then state-of-the-art ARDF mission, as well as life as an aircrew member serving in Vietnam. Nurre's remarks were followed by Lt. Col. Timothy Richardson, 94th Intelligence Squadron commander, who highlighted the similarities of the missions between the 'Combat Cougars' of the EC-47 generation and the missions the Cougars of the 94 IS execute today.

"Whether you call it Electronic Warfare of the Combat Cougar generation, or you call it Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance of our current generation, the mission is still about finding our enemies, using cryptologic equipment and cryptologic skills, and removing them from the battlefield," Richardson said.

Following the wreath laying ceremony, the veterans of the 6994th and 361st joined Airmen from 94th Intelligence Squadron for a potluck style lunch at the American Legion in Severn, Md. In coordination with the Vietnam War Commemorative Partner Program, Nurre led a "Vietnam War Veteran" Lapel Pinning ceremony to appropriately honor the Vietnam veterans who were present.

Nurre also presented a short video that culminated with former Speaker of the House, John Boehner, highlighting the need for a grateful nation to thank and honor our Vietnam Veterans and their families. Because Vietnam War Veterans did not come home celebrated as service men and women do today, Nurre called the lapel pinning ceremony a "do over." A chance for American's today to commemorate and recognize the sacrifices made by these Veterans.



Airmen from the 94th Intelligence Squadron, veterans of the 6994th Security Squadron, 361st Tactical Electronic Warfare Squadron and guest listen to a speech during a Baron 52 wreath-laying ceremony May 11, 2016 at Arlington, Va. As one of the most highly decorated Major Command-created squadrons in our Air Force, 6994th SS veterans carry on the heritage of earning two Presidential Unit Citations and five Air Force Outstanding Unit awards. (U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Alexandre Montes)



Retired Chief Master Sgt. Tom Nurre gives a speech about his memories with the 6994th Security Squadron during the Vietnam War at a Baron 52 wreath-laying ceremony May 11, 2016 at Arlington, Va. The 6994th SS 'Back-enders' went by a motto of "Unarmed, Alone and Unafraid", as they flew on an EC-47 unarmed World War II aircraft during the Vietnam War. Their intelligence collecting missions were key to identifying advisories with the use of Airborne Radio Direction Finding (ARDF) equipment in the back of an EC-47. (U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Alexandre Montes)



The 70th Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Wing honor guard presents the colors during a memorial ceremony for the 6994th Security Squadron as retired Staff Sgt. Richard Yeh renders his salute during a Baron 52 wreath-laying ceremony May 11, 2016 at Arlington, Va. The ceremony has been held since 1995 to honor the fallen Airmen of the 6994th SS during the Vietnam War. (U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Alexandre Montes)



Lt. Col. Timothy Richardson, 94th Intelligence Squadron commander, and retired Chief Master Sgt. Tom Nurre pay their respects during a Baron 52 wreath-laying ceremony May 11, 2016 at Arlington, Va. In attendance were several other 6994th Security Squadron "Cougars" and 361st Tactical Electronic Warfare Squadron veterans to watch as Nurre and 94th IS laid a wreath next to gravesite 4402. A communal gravesite for the squadrons' lives lost in Laos during the war. (U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Alexandre Montes)



Several 6994th Security Squadron and 361st Tactical Electronic Warfare Squadron veterans pay their respects as a wreath is laid during a Baron 52 wreath-laying ceremony May 11, 2016 at Arlington, Va. The 6994th SS 'Back-enders' and 361st TEWS went by a motto of "Unarmed, Alone and Unafraid" as they flew on an EC-47 unarmed World War II aircraft during the Vietnam War. Their intelligence collecting missions were key to identifying advisories with the use of Airborne Radio Direction Finding (ARDF) equipment in the back of an EC-47. (U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Alexandre Montes)



A wreath rests next to a grave marker of several 6994th Security Squadron and 361st Tactical Electronic Warfare Squadron airmen who went by a motto of "Unarmed, Alone and Unafraid" as they flew on an EC-47 unarmed World War II aircraft during the Vietnam War. Their intelligence collecting missions were key to identifying advisories with the use of Airborne Radio Direction Finding (ARDF) equipment in the back of an EC-47. The missions they conducted helped pave the way for intelligence operations in today's Air Force. (U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Alexandre Montes)



A Vietnam War Commemorative Partner Program lapel pin is given to Vietnam Veterans on behalf of the nation thanking them for their service and sacrifice. Several Vietnam veterans of the 6994th Security Squadron and 361st Tactical Electronic Warfare Squadron which served in Vietnam received their pins May 11, 2016 at the American Legion in Severn, Md. (U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Alexandre Montes)



Vietnam veterans from the 6994th Security Squadron and 361st Tactical Electronic Warfare Squadron stand with Lt. Col. Timothy Richardson, 94th Intelligence Squadron commander, after receiving their Vietnam War Commemorative Partner Program lapel pin May 11, 2016 at the American Legion in Severn, Md. (U.S. Air Force photo/Staff Sgt. Alexandre Montes)