

**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
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:

1. NAME OF ORGANIZATION: The EC-47 History Site	2. NAME OF EVENT: Park Plaza Salute to Our 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	e. COUNTRY USA

4. EVENT LOCATION: a. SITE NAME (Example: The Pentagon) Park Plaza Nursing Center					
b. STREET ADDRESS: 2210 Howard	c. CITY: San Angelo	d. STATE: TX	e. ZIP CODE: 76901	f. COUNTRY USA	

5. START DATE OF EVENT (MMDDYYYY): 05152019	6. END DATE OF EVENT (MMDDYYYY): 05152019	7. ACTUAL ATTENDANCE 75	8. HOW MANY VIETNAM VETERANS WERE PRESENT? 20	9. HOW MANY VIETNAM VETERAN FAMILY MEMBERS WERE PRESENT? 10
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10. DID YOU COLLABORATE WITH ANY OTHER COMMEMORATIVE PARTNERS? (If so, list the commemorative partners you collaborated with for the event.)
 Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 457 - Amado Molina, President
 Heritage Chapter - FTVA & USAF Doggers - Larry Miller, Coordinator
 Angelo State University West Texas Collection - Shannon Sturm, Director (All are local CPP committee organization members.)

11. ANY MEDIA COVERAGE?
Conexion Newspaper

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.)
 Mr. Amado Molina, president of the local VVA chapter and CPP committee member, has participated in previous Commemoration ceremonies organized by the EC-47 History Site CPP committee based in San Angelo, TX. Motivated by the 2019 Vietnam Veterans Day program at the LeGrand Center, coupled with SITREP 2019 Issue 2 encouraging CPP outreach to Vietnam War veterans residing in senior living facilities, Amado contacted Park Plaza Nursing Center and found them very interested in hosting an event on 15 May 2019. The staff, however, asked that the event honor veterans and surviving spouses of veterans of all wars, not just the Vietnam War. It took some improvising, but that is exactly what we did. Park Plaza Activities Director, Velma Gonzalez, handled the planning and ceremony support inside the nursing facility. Amado Molina coordinated the local CPP committee support tasks.
 The program was a huge success. The residents, family members and staff thoroughly appreciated the ceremony. The Goodfellow AFB Color Guard presented the U.S. and Texas flags immediately followed by the playing of the National Anthem by Elton Dale Cody, Judy Cody and Pastor Tim Dewey (The Cody Band). Park Plaza resident, John Triplett, sang the anthem to everyone's delight. Vietnam veteran Dennis Lewis, husband of Park Plaza resident, Lynne Lewis, led the pledge of allegiance followed by an invocation by former Park Plaza staff member, Jerry Walls. Jerry then called attention to the missing man table and explained the items in the display that had been set up by Heritage Chapter-FTVA member Larry Miller. Amado made remarks about his military family history and then explained the Vietnam War Commemoration program and its objectives.

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	(1) ITEM NOMENCLATURE	(2) QUANTITY
Brochures	10	Bumper Sticker: I Served	5
Vietnam Veteran Lapel Pins	14	Bumper Sticker: Join The Nation	5
Surviving Spouse Lapel Pin	4	Bumper Sticker: We Heart	10
Tin Pin: Family Member	25	Presidential Proclamations	10
Tin Pin: Lone Soldier	0	Other: Pin & Certificate Fact Sheets	20

12. Summary (Continued page 2)

Surviving spouses of veterans of other than the Vietnam War were introduced and presented a special Salute to Our Veterans lapel pin and Certificate of Honor prepared by the EC-47 History Site CPP coordinator. Surviving spouses of Vietnam War veterans were presented the Commemoration Certificate of Honor and the Commemorative Blue Star lapel pin - and the Salute to Our Veterans lapel pin. The Park Plaza assistant administrator/social worker, Kimberly Atkins and Amado Molina made the presentations.

The activity director played the medley of service songs over the center sound system and residents stood or clapped along when their military branch song was playing. Immediately following the song medley, Mayor Brenda Gunter and community men's group representative, Chuck Richardson and Amado Molina made presentations to all the veterans as they were introduced. All veterans received a Certificate from the Texas State House of Representatives and a Salute to Our Veterans lapel pin. Vietnam War veterans were also presented the Vietnam War Commemorative lapel pin with Fact Sheet - and a Salute to Our Veterans lapel pin. Following these presentations, Mayor Gunter made closing comments and the program ended with the cutting of the ceremonial cake that was served with sandwiches, veggies, cookies and punch.

The feedback was immediate and positive. Residents and family members were delighted with the attention, tribute and pin/certificate presentations. There is discussion about making this an annual Park Plaza event.

Photos by Faith in a Flash Photography are available at:

<http://www.vietnam50thcpp.com/photoGalleries/index/park-plaza-salute-to-our-veterans-2019/limit:0>