

# 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:

<b>1. NAME OF ORGANIZATION:</b> The EC-47 History Site		<b>2. NAME OF EVENT:</b> San Angelo VFW Post Honors Vietnam War-era Veterans	
<b>3. ADDRESS OF ORGANIZATION:</b>			
a. STREET ADDRESS: 4213 Green Meadow Drive	b. CITY: San Angelo	c. STATE: TX	d. ZIP CODE: 76904
<b>4. LOCATION OF EVENT</b> (Site name; e.g., The Pentagon) VFW Post 1815 125 S. Browning St., San Angelo, TX		<b>5. START DATE OF EVENT</b> (DDMMYYYY): 16112015	
<b>6. END DATE OF EVENT</b> (DDMMYYYY): 16112015			
<b>7. ACTUAL ATTENDANCE</b> 35	<b>8. HOW MANY VIETNAM VETERANS WERE PRESENT?</b> 24	<b>9. HOW MANY VIETNAM VETERAN FAMILY MEMBERS WERE PRESENT?</b> 5	

**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 short-notice, unregistered VWC event was hosted by VFW Post 1815, San Angelo, Texas, at the VFW Town Hall on Browning Street. 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 1815 and Heritage Chapter - FTVA representatives arranged the flags, tables and seating.

VFW Post 1815 Commander, Lt Col (R) John Muckleroy, greeted all the veterans and their families and guests. The guest speaker was CMSgt (R) Tom Nurre, Chairman of The EC-47 History Site VWC Partner committee. Nurre recapped the history of Veterans Day and explained the Vietnam War Commemoration program, its objectives, and the significance of the VWC lapel pin. He also explained the Angelo State University activities with their Vietnam: Through the Lens display project and the Department of History 3-year grant project "War Stories" being funded by the National Endowment for the Arts. Nurre then called veterans forward by year-group and each was presented a commemorative lapel pin by the post commander. The president of the Heritage Chapter, CMSgt (R) JJ Graham, presented a Certificate of Honor to each veteran on behalf of his organization. Family members were also embraced and offered the few button pins, stickers and other VWC materials excess to previous events. The ceremony closed with group laughter and the telling of war stories. Photos were taken throughout the ceremony by Heritage Chapter secretary/treasurer, SMS (R) Larry Ross.

The event was successful in meeting the objectives of the VWC program. Everyone, especially the Vietnam War-era veterans and their families expressed their joy and appreciation for the attention afforded them by the EC-47 History Site Commemorative Partner Program committee organizations, especially the host VFW Post 1815 commander and members.

For records keepers: This short-notice ceremony exhausted our supplies except lapel pins. We have 12 lapel pins in reserve. This has been an active period for all members of the EC-47 History Site CPP committee and we appreciate your efficiency in processing our event registrations and getting requested materials to us in a timely manner. Thank you.

## 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	45	Stickers: Eagle	19
Tin Pin: Eagle	20	Stickers: Seal	16
Tin Pin: Seal	20	Stickers: Flag	34
Tin Pin: Vietnam Veterans	20	Presidential Proclamations	0
Bumper Stickers	10	Other: Lapel Pins	21



November 16, 2015: San Angelo, Texas: Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1815 honors Vietnam War-era veterans at their monthly meeting at the VFW Hall, 125 S. Browning Street starting at 6pm. This Vietnam War Commemorative Partner Program ceremony was organized by The EC-47 History Site, hosted by the VFW, and supported by The Heritage Chapter - FTVA and Angelo State University committee members. Vietnam War-era veterans were welcomed by the Post Commander, Lt Col (R) John Muckleroy, and guest presenter, CMSgt (R) Tom Nurre, chairman of the EC-47 History Site. CMSgt (R) JJ Graham, president of The Heritage Chapter, presented Certificates of Honor to all eligible Vietnam War-era veterans. The Heritage Chapter secretary/treasurer, SMSgt (R) Larry Ross, took the photographs included in this report.



Vietnam War veteran John Shore is being presented the commemorative lapel pin by VFW Post 1815 commander, Lt Col (R) John Muckleroy, at the commemorative ceremony on November 16, 2015.





L-R: CMSgt (R ) JJ Graham, president of the Heritage Chapter - FTVA, congratulates veteran John Shore and presents him the chapter Certificate of Honor recognizing his service during the Vietnam War-era.



VFW Post 1815 commander, Lt Col (R) John Muckleroy presents a commemorative lapel pin to Vietnam War veteran, Paul Solis.





L-R: Mrs. Solis observes her husband, Vietnam War veteran Paul Solis, being presented an EC-47 ARDF History Exhibit challenge coin by CMSgt (R) Tom Nurre, during the VWC commemorative program at the VFW Hall on November 16, 2015.



November 16, 2015: **Right:** Lt Col (R) John Muckleroy, VFW Post 1815 commander, presents a lapel pin to a Vietnam War veteran. The commander presented pins to 21 Vietnam War veterans during this VFW ceremony.





Vietnam War veteran, Darrell Elliott, after receiving a commemorative lapel pin and Certificate of Honor at the VFW Post 1815 tribute to veterans ceremony held in San Angelo, Texas, on November 16, 2015.





L-R: Vietnam War veteran Cliff Beck is presented a commemorative lapel pin at the VFW Tribute to Veterans ceremony by Post 1815 commander, Lt Col (R) John Muckleroy. Mr. Beck was one of 21 veterans pinned at this event.



Vietnam War-era veterans are honored at a commemorative ceremony at the VFW Post 1815 hall on November 16, 2015. This is a group photo taken following the presentation of lapel pins and Certificates of Honor.

## Local briefs

### VFW to honor vets of Vietnam War era

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1815 and the EC-47 History Site Vietnam War Commemorative Partner Program are inviting the public to a tribute to Vietnam War-era veterans.

The tribute will include presentations of the Vietnam War Commemorative Lapel Pin to veterans who served between Nov. 1, 1955, and May 15, 1975, regardless of location.

Retired Chief Master Sgt. Tom Nurre, chairman of the EC-47 History Site Commemorative Partner Program, and retired Lt. Col. John Muckleroy will present the lapel pins on behalf of the VFW.

The ceremony starts at 6 p.m. Monday, 125 S. Browning St., and is free and open to the public. Veterans who were in any branch of the service

during the above mentioned dates are welcome to attend and get a pin.

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Staff reports