

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: November 11th Veterans Day Celebration	
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) Old Millersview Gymnasium				
b. STREET ADDRESS: C.R. 6009	c. CITY: Millersview	d. STATE: TX	e. ZIP CODE: 76862	f. COUNTRY USA
5. START DATE OF EVENT (MMDDYYYY): 11112016	6. END DATE OF EVENT (MMDDYYYY): 11112016	7. ACTUAL ATTENDANCE 500+	8. HOW MANY VIETNAM VETERANS WERE PRESENT? 75	9. HOW MANY VIETNAM VETERAN FAMILY MEMBERS WERE PRESENT? 50
10. DID YOU COLLABORATE WITH ANY OTHER COMMEMORATIVE PARTNERS? (If so, list the commemorative partners you collaborated with for the event.) N/A				
11. ANY MEDIA COVERAGE? Newspapers: Eden Echo and Paint Rock Concho Herald				
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.) Since 1919, the Millersview, Texas, community has hosted a Veterans Day program that draws hundreds of veterans, their families, and patriotic citizens from throughout Concho County. The program this year was hosted by Beth and Steve Grounds and community volunteers at the Millersview old school gymnasium. The Joint Services Color Guard from Goodfellow Air Force Base, Texas, presented the colors to start the ceremony. The Patriotic Blue, also from Goodfellow Air Force Base, sang the National Anthem and a medley of all the service songs. Air Force Chaplain Bryan Fox led the assembly opening prayer. Colonel Jeffrey Sorrell, Vice-commander of the 17th Training Wing, delivered a motivational Veterans Day presentation that offered tribute and praise to all veterans for their service, valor and sacrifice. After a Vietnam War tribute song and a poem by local poet, Joel "Scooter" McMinn, the EC-47 History Site Commemoration Partner Program committee chairman and committee members conducted a rousing "Welcome Home" ceremony for the attending Vietnam veterans and their families. Six special guest community leaders presented commemorative lapel pins to 70 veterans.				
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	150	Stickers: Eagle	50	
Tin Pin: Eagle	50	Stickers: Seal	50	
Surviving Spouse Lapel Pin	Coming Soon	Stickers: Flag	50	
Vietnam Veteran Lapel Pins	50	Presidential Proclamations	50	
Bumper Stickers	25	Other: Veteran Lapel Pins - inventory from previous programs	20	

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12. Summary: Continuation Sheet

These leaders were: Concho County Judge, David Dillard; former Millersview student and U.S. Army veteran, Perry Stevens; retired Colonel Charlie Powell, Vietnam War veteran and local banker; Mrs. Joanne Powell, senior staff for Congressman Mike Conaway; Lillian Dolle, the Editor, Eden Echo newspaper; and JJ Graham, retired Air Force Chief Master Sergeant and chairman of the Heritage Chapter, Freedom Through Vigilance Association. Many of the veterans and presenters knew each other, so it was like a family reunion. The gymnasium was packed to capacity, with others standing outside listening to the public-address system. The commemoration ceremony ended with all veterans and their families standing and being recognized by shouts of "Welcome Home, Thank You, We Appreciate You", and heartfelt clapping and cheering. The event finished with the playing of Taps followed by the annual BBQ brisket lunch for all attendees. Organizers reported that more than 500 meals were served. We presented a total of 70 commemorative lapel pins. Fortunately, The EC-47 History Site had a small number of pins available from several previous programs, and we used these to have enough. We have now exhausted our complete supply of commemoration materials and extra commemorative lapel pins. Attached photographs by **Faith in a Flash Photography, Carl Bradley, Event Photographer.**

MILLERSVIEW, TEXAS. Millersview is at the junction of Farm roads 765 and 2134, near the West Fork of Mustang Creek and twelve miles southeast of Paint Rock in Concho County. It was named for Edward D. Miller, who, with Henry Barr, founded the settlement. The first school in the area was called the Mustang school and was on Mustang Creek seven miles northeast of Millersview. In 1907–08 the school in Millersview had ninety-two students and two teachers. A post office opened at the community in 1903 and was still open in the early 1990s. In 1908 promotional literature for the county credited Millersview with a windmill and a Woodmen of the World lodge. The population had reached 160 by 1914, when the town had three churches, three mercantile stores, a grocer, a gin, and a grain, hay, and feed enterprise. The number of residents was reported as 300 by 1931 but dropped to 100 by 1933; by 1939 it had risen again, to 250. In 1940 the school had eight teachers for elementary and high school grades. The population subsequently declined, in part because of the drought from 1950 to 1956. The high school was closed after the 1957–58 school year; four teachers taught the elementary classes in 1958–59. In 1963, with a reported population of 175, Millersview had five churches and four businesses, in addition to the school and the post office. By 1989 its school had been closed, and students attended classes in Eden. From 1970 to 2000 a population of seventy-five was reported at Millersview.

Handbook of Texas Online, Mary M. Standifer, "Millersview, TX," accessed November 22, 2016, <http://www.tshaonline.org/handbook/online/articles/hnm44>.

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Veterans Day BBQ In Millersview Friday

The 97th annual Veterans Day BBQ will be held Friday, November 11 at the old gym in Millersview.

The program starts inside the gym at 11:00 p.m.

A BBQ meal will be served following the program. Meat and beans are provided by the community. Potato salads and cakes will be provided by the local Millersview ladies. However, they always appreciate extra cakes or potato salads to help feed the crowd.

Please come out and join us as we recognize and honor our veterans.

Y'all Come!

Vietnam Vets To Be Honored Friday In Millersview

All Vietnam Veterans will be honored during the November 11th Veterans Day Celebration in Millersview, Texas. All Vietnam veterans will be awarded the Vietnam Veteran Lapel pin. The purpose of this ceremony is to recognize, thank and honor United States military veterans who served during the Vietnam War. Living United States veterans who served on active duty in the U. S. Armed Forces at any time during the period of November 1, 1955 to May 15, 1975 regardless of location, are eligible to receive one lapel pin.

Tom Nurre of San Angelo, Texas will be presenting the lapel pins and provide the ceremony. All Vietnam Vets please contact 325-456-1008. We are preparing a list of veterans to attend for the West Texas Collections and Tom Nurre. This is open to all Vietnam Vets and we ask that you arrive in Millersview by 11:00 a.m. on November 11th.

Please go to www.vietnamwar50th.com to find out the meaning behind this beautiful pin.

Veterans Day Celebration & 50th Vietnam War Commemoration Ceremony
Millersview, Texas
November 11, 2016



This was the 97th annual Veterans Day celebration that is held every year at the old school gymnasium in Millersview. Beth and Steve Grounds are the current organizers for this event. They are looking forward to continued hosting through to the 100th anniversary program.

Millersview community volunteers arrived early to set up the registration tables and BBQ serving and seating areas. Veterans and their families were met and welcomed. Vietnam War veterans were asked to wear name tags so they could be individually recognized during the event.

The Millersview Veterans Day program and the BBQ brisket lunch are famous throughout Concho County. As many as 800 meals have been served at previous events. It is a significant patriotic and family event that draws the entire Concho County community together to honor military veterans and their families every year.

All photographs by: Faith in a Flash Photography - Carl Bradley, Event Photographer (325 374-9747)





Above & right: Beth Grounds announces presentation of the colors by the Goodfellow AFB All Services Color Guard.

Below: Patriotic Blue chorus sings a medley of service songs.

Bottom & right: Veterans stand in tribute to their service song.



Photos by: Faith in a Flash Photography





Above: The EC-47 History Site Commemorative Partner Program (CPP) committee chairman, Tom Nurre, makes opening remarks for the Millersview Veterans Day 50th Vietnam War Commemoration program. He introduced guest presenters, left to right: Perry Stevens, Concho Valley Vietnam Veterans of America; Concho County Judge David Dillard; Joanne Powell, Regional Director of Office of State Representative Conaway; Retired Air Force Colonel Charlie Powell; Editor of The Eden Echo Newspaper, Lillian Dolle; and retired Chief Master Sergeant and President of the Freedom Through Vigilance Association Heritage Chapter, JJ Graham. The community representatives presented commemorative lapel pins to 70 veterans.

Below: Veterans were called forward by years of service and recognized and welcomed home. These photographs capture just a small part of the nearly overwhelming emotion felt by these veterans, their families, and their friends and neighbors.





Above left: Veterans and family members select pins, stickers, and flags from the commemoration materials display.

Above: The CPP chairman, Tom Nurre, presents an EC-47 History Site challenge coin to each community representative as a token of thanks for presenting the commemorative lapel pins.

Below: All veterans stand and receive a resounding "Welcome Home - Thank You - We Appreciate You" from the attendees.

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Upper left: The Millersview Annual Veterans Day BBQ serving line reaches around the gymnasium.

Center: An estimated 500+ veterans and their families and Concho County citizens enjoy the famed BBQ lunch and patriotic fellowship in Millersview, Texas, Veterans Day, November 11, 2016.

VETERANS DAY IN MILLERSVIEW HONORED VIETNAM ERA SERVICE MEMBERS WITH PINNING CEREMONY



Photo above: The event guest speaker, Jeffrey Sorrell, (born and raised in Irving, Texas) is the vice-commander, 17th Training Wing at Goodfellow Air Force Base. Colonel Sorrell is the principal assistant to the wing commander. He oversees many groups and has had many assignments including the Pentagon, Korea, Saudi Arabia, Germany, Iraq and Guam. He was accompanied by Chaplain Bryan Fox, the Joint Service Color Guard, and the Patriotic Blue singers from Goodfellow. He and all the military who had not been to a Millersview Veterans Day event were blown away by the patriotism and the size of the crowd. . .and gave the BBQ brisket a 5-star rating.



Photo above: A full house at the 97th annual Millersview Veteran's Day celebration. More than 500 community citizens, military veterans and their families watch as 70 Vietnam War veterans are presented 50th Vietnam War Commemoration lapel pins by members of the EC-47 History Site Commemorative Partner Program committee.

**VIETNAM WAR COMMEMORATION
COMMEMORATIVE PARTNER PROGRAM APPLICATION
(Civilian Organizations only)**

PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

AUTHORITY: 10 U.S.C. Section 113 note (Public Law 110-181, div. A, title V, Section 598, Jan. 28, 2008, 122 Stat. 141), Program to Commemorate 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War.

PRINCIPAL PURPOSE(S): Multiple organization points of contact and contact information are necessary to allow DoD to communicate with the organization. The timeframe of the commemoration lasts 13 years.

ROUTINE USE(S): Any release of information outside the DoD will be compatible with the purpose(s) for which the information is collected and maintained. The DoD Blanket Routine Uses found at <http://dpclo.defense.gov/privacy/SORNsIndex/BlanketRoutineUses.aspx> may also apply to this collection. Applicable SORNs: None. Records are retrieved only by organization name.

DISCLOSURE: Voluntary. However, failure to provide requested point of contact information may adversely affect the organization's acceptance as a commemorative partner.

INSTRUCTIONS

To apply to become a Commemorative Partner, please fill out the following information in as much detail as possible. Please type or print clearly.

Steps:

1. Use this form (DD Form 2954 for military installations) to list your organization's name and provide the names, addresses, email and telephone numbers of your committee's chairperson and point(s) of contact (POC).
2. Use Page 2 of this form to list the members of your Commemorative Committee. You may add as many as you like, but we require at least three members.
3. Use the Submit button at the bottom of this form to email your application to: WHS.VNWAR50th_CPP_CIVAPP@mail.mil. fax to: 571-256-3389, or mail hard copies to:

The United States of America Vietnam War Commemoration, Suite 810, 1101 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22209.

1. ORGANIZATION

a. NAME The EC-47 History Site (www.ec47.com)	b. TELEPHONE NUMBER <i>(Include Area Code)</i> 325 450-4476		
c. MAILING ADDRESS: (1) STREET <i>(Include Suite Number)</i> 4213 Green Meadow Drive	(2) CITY San Angelo	(3) STATE TEXAS	(4) ZIP CODE 76904

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