

**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: 6994th Security Squadron		2. NAME OF EVENT: 2024 6994th Security Squadron reunion	
3. ADDRESS OF ORGANIZATION:			
a. STREET ADDRESS: 4747 28th Street	b. CITY: Grand Rapids	c. STATE: MI	d. ZIP CODE: 49512
4. LOCATION OF EVENT (Site name; e.g., The Pentagon) Hilton Doubletree Hotel		5. START DATE OF EVENT (DDMMYYYY): 22082024	
6. END DATE OF EVENT (DDMMYYYY): 24082024			
7. ACTUAL ATTENDANCE 70	8. HOW MANY VIETNAM VETERANS WERE PRESENT? 34	9. HOW MANY VIETNAM VETERAN FAMILY MEMBERS WERE PRESENT? 36	

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 6994th Security Squadron held its 2024 reunion at the Doubletree Hotel, Grand Rapids, MI, Aug 22-24, 2024. These USAFSS veterans operated and maintained the electronic airborne radio direction finding and signals collection equipment aboard the EC-47 aircraft deployed to seven locations within southeast Asia during the Vietnam War. With guidance from the EC-47 History Site CCP co-chairmen, the 6994th Security Squadron reunion chairs organized a commemoration program to welcome home and pay tribute to Vietnam and Vietnam era veterans and their families as part of the annual reunion activities. Throughout the reunion weekend, the veterans and their families enjoyed tours of local attractions and a pizza party compliments of the Gary Sinise Foundation. The Commemoration Welcome Home program was conducted immediately after the banquet on Saturday. The squadron leadership, Rick Yeh & Rich Krejsa were joined by EC-47 History Site CCP co-chair Joe Martin for the presentation of the commemorative lapel pins, certificates of honor. EC-47 challenge coins and commemorative materials to five 6994th veterans, one USAFSS veteran and one Army veteran. The commemoration program included a declassified operations video and the Commemoration video. The 6994th Security Squadron received excellent support from the EC-47 History Site CCP and the program was well received and appreciated by everyone in attendance. Squadron reunion and pinning photos are attached.

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		Stickers: Eagle	
Tin Pin: Eagle		Stickers: Seal	
Tin Pin: Seal		Stickers: Flag	
Tin Pin: Vietnam Veterans		Presidential Proclamations	
Bumper Stickers		Other:	



6994th Security Squadron Reunion - 2024 - Grand Rapids, MI

front: 'Starsky' Hutchings, Tom Hutchings, Roger Stigworth, Jack Kimmich, Trip Lapham, Paul Smith, Archie McLaughlin, Charlie Phippin, Ken Oscarson, Rich Krejsa, Bill Biddle, Bob Weaver, Ray Mantell, Joe Giammichele

middle seated: Rich Renkas, Joe Martin, Don Collum, Lou Siple, Jim Trozzo, Gene Dugal, Ron Shelby, Ben Dawson

back: Ted Dietz, Wayne Kendall, Larry Tincher, Dave Brittingham, Richard Saur, Bill Hollenbeck, Jim Hart, Mark O'Neil, Gerald Myers, Ron McKee, John Hannan, Rich Miklaucic, Rick Yeh



Bill Hollenbeck receives the Vietnam 50th Anniversary Commemorative Pin from Rich Krejsa



Rick Yeh presents Gerald Myers with a Certificate of Appreciation



Richard Saur receives his Vietnam 50th Anniversary Commemorative pin from Rich Krejsa



Rich Krejsa congratulates Don Collum for receiving the 50th Vietnam War pin



Trip Lapham pins his wife Rae, a USAFSS veteran, with a 50th Vietnam War Commemorative Pin



Lou Siple receives the Certificate of Appreciation from Rick Yeh



Rick Yeh presents a Certificate of Appreciation to Ken Oscarson



EC-47 History Site CCP Co-Chair Joe Martin presents a Surviving Spouse Certificate of Appreciation to Gloria Rogers and her son Matt