

Current as of: 2/23/2017

SUBJECT: VIETNAM-ERA UNACCOUNTED FOR STATISTICAL REPORT

BACKGROUND: The Department of Defense, Washington Headquarters Service, and the Department of State report the current numbers of Americans who are unaccounted for in Southeast Asia:

AMERICANS UNACCOUNTED FOR IN SOUTHEAST ASIA

COMPONENT	COUNTRY OF LOSS					TOTALS
	VN	VS	LA	CB	CH	
ARMY	10	409	71	23	0	513
NAVY	253	82	17	0	7	359
MARINE CORPS	22	163	16	4	0	205
AIR FORCE	177	125	188	17	0	507
COAST GUARD	0	0	0	0	0	0
CIVILIANS	1	19	6	5	0	31
TOTALS	463	798	298	49	7	1,615
PURSUIT STATUS						
FURTHER PURSUIT	211	495	272	42	7	1,027
DEFERRED	27	51	13	0	0	91
NO FURTHER PURSUIT	225	252	13	7	0	497
TOTALS	463	798	298	49	7	1,615

VN = VIETNAM, NORTH VS = VIETNAM, SOUTH CB = CAMBODIA
CH = CHINA LA = LAOS

AMERICAN REMAINS REPATRIATED POST- JANUARY 27, 1973:

VIETNAM	711
CHINA	3
LAOS	276
CAMBODIA	41
TOTAL	1,031

This update reports the accounting of U.S. Air Force Colonel (Col) William Edward Campbell previously missing from Laos.

U.S. GOVERNMENT EFFORTS: Since the fall of Saigon in 1975, the U.S. Government has acquired 23,575 reports possibly pertaining to Americans in Southeast Asia:

SUMMARY OF REPORTS

FIRSTHAND LIVE SIGHTINGS	1,996
HEARSAY SIGHTINGS REPORTS	5,614
CRASH/GRAVE SITES	5,947
DOGTAGS	10,018
TOTAL	23,575

- a. Of the 1,996 firsthand reports received since 1975, 1,941 (97.24%) reports are resolved.
 - 1,340 (67.13%) reports were equated to Americans who are accounted for (i.e., PW returnees, missionaries, civilians jailed at various times for violation of Vietnamese codes).
 - 45 (2.25%) reports were correlated to wartime sightings of military personnel or pre-1975 sighting of civilians who remain unaccounted for.
 - 556 (27.86%) reports were determined to be fabrications.
- b. The remaining 55 (2.76%) unresolved firsthand reports represent the focus of the U.S. Government analytical and collection efforts:
 - 48 (2.40%) pertain to Americans reported in a captive environment.
 - 7 (0.35%) reported sightings of Americans in a non-captive environment (i.e. working as truck drivers; married with Vietnamese family).
- c. Since mid-1982, 10,018 “dog tag” reports have been received on over 10,000 names.
 - Generally speaking 93% of those names reported are individuals who returned to the U.S. alive
 - 5% correspond to U.S. remains that have been recovered/identified and buried in the U.S.
 - and 2% relate to individuals who remain unaccounted for.
- d. In all instances, dog tag reports receive thorough investigative attention, to include informing the military services of those reports with valid names so next- of- kin can be advised as appropriate.

The following timeline presents an overview of unresolved firsthand sightings by the year of the sighting:

**TIMELINE: UNRESOLVED LIVE SIGHTING REPORTS
CAPTIVE**

Pre-1976	1976-1985	1986-1995	1996-2005	2006-2015	Total
36	2	1	10	1	50

NON-CAPTIVE

Pre-1976	1976-1985	1986-1995	1996-2005	2006-2015	Total
0	1	0	4	0	5