

DDO Fiscal Year 2020 Mission Executive Summaries

Laos 20-1LA

Joint Field Activity (JFA) 20-1LA deployed 66 personnel in three recovery teams from 18 October to 04 December 2019 to the Central and Southern Provinces of Laos. Also during this JFA, the Deputy Director of Operations (DDO), Expeditionary Support (ES) leadership, and DPAA's Senior Enlisted Leader visited Detachment 3 in Vientiane and conducted site visits before departing to Vietnam.



Photo: Mr. Shawn Joy, team anthropologist, reviews a scientific site report while conducting an excavation during mission 20-1LA in the Lao Peoples' Democratic Republic.

Vietnam 20-1VN

Joint Field Activity (JFA) 20-1VN deployed 68 personnel in three recovery teams from 18 October to 04 December 2019 to the Northern and Central Provinces of Vietnam. DPAA also deployed two organic investigation teams; one research-investigation team that focused efforts at the People's Army of Vietnam (PAVN) Library and one investigation team that focused investigations and surveys of 13 separate cases. Also during this JFA, the Deputy Director of Operations (DDO), Expeditionary Support (ES) leadership, and DPAA's Senior Enlisted Leader visited Detachment 2 in Hanoi and conducted site visits before returning to Hawaii.



Photo: Rear Admiral Darius Banaji, DPAA's Deputy Director for Operations, assists a recovery team during its excavation of a site in Vietnam during mission 20-1VN.



Photo: U.S. Marine Corps Sgt. Lucas Robinson, a Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) recovery team explosive ordnance disposal technician (EOD), sweeps a unit for loose metal during a recovery mission in Lang Son Province, Vietnam, Nov. 5, 2019.

India 20-1IN

From 4 November to 4 December, a ten-member team from Southeastern Archeological Research, Inc. (SEARCH) conducted recovery operations at a World War II crash site in India. SEARCH is partnering with DPAA to conduct operations in India. DPAA's valued partners provide the agency the ability to increase the number of operations conducted each year in support of the personnel accounting mission.



Photo: Members of a SEARCH team conduct recovery operations in India.