

DEFENSE POW/MIA ACCOUNTING AGENCY



DPAA's Operational Perspective

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“Fulfilling Our Nation’s Promise”



Positive Progress Despite Cv-19



- **Ceased DPAA field missions: ~Mar 2020 – mid-Jan 2021**
- **DPAA's doors remained open**
 - Adapted to telework; monitored evolving Cv-19 conditions
 - Close coordination with USEMB & Partner Nations
 - Developed Cv-19 protocols to safely resume field missions
- **1st DPAA field missions post Cv-19 (Cambodia, Vietnam)**
- **Tremendous cooperation with VN Govt midst Cv-19**





FY2020 / 21 Field Summary



- **FY20. 7 Joint Field Activities: 13 US recovery teams; 8 VNOSMP recovery teams; 5 investigation teams**
- **FY21. 8 Joint Field Activities: 15 US recovery teams, 7 VNOSMP recovery teams; 6 investigation teams**
- **Recent Cv-19 outbreak altered the mid-Aug 144th JFA; leveraging VNOSMP to conduct 3 recovery missions, Last Known Alive investigation, Joint Forensic Review**





Cooperation and Collaboration



- **U.S.-Vietnam cooperation enabled vital VNOSMP field activities**
- **Key leader engagements & partner nation consultations**
- **Maintaining strong relations & momentum despite Cv-19**



FY2022 Outlook



- **FY22 (planned). 7 Joint Field Activities: 10 US recovery teams, 4 VNOSMP recovery teams, 6 investigation teams**
- **Planning efforts underway: 145th JFA Vietnam, Laos (22-1LA) and Cambodia (22-1KH and 22-2KH)**
- **Maintain momentum and maximize Joint Field Activity bilateral efforts**
- **DPAA leadership visits at earliest and safest opportunity**



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