



Detachment One – Operations in Cambodia





Det-1 Ops Summary

Current unaccounted-for Americans in the Kingdom of Cambodia

FY20: 20-1KH JFA

- One recovery Joint Field Activity
- One investigation Joint Field Activity

FY21: 21-1KH JFA & 21-2KH JFA

- Two recoveries Joint Field Activities
- One Investigation Joint Field Activity

Operations Optimal Period / Coordination / Cooperation

- JFA best weather window in Cambodia
- Coordination and Cooperation with the KOC POW/MIA Committee
- Exceptional support from the USEMB



Ops Status FY2020 & FY2021

FY20

- Excavation operations Jan – Mar 2020
- Investigation/survey Mar 2020
- First Virtual US/Cambodia Bilateral Talks August 2020

FY21

- Excavation operations Jan – Mar 2021
- Investigation/survey operations Mar 2021
- Excavation operations Apr 2021
- First excavation by the DPAA Partner Team from the UIC
- Second Virtual US/Cambodia Bilateral Talks August 2021



Future Operations FY2022 & Way Ahead

FY2022: Two Joint Field Activities in the Kingdom of Cambodia

- 22-1KH, Recovery Joint Field Activity
- 22-2KH, Investigation Joint Field Activity - in 2 phases
Phase I: Independently investigate by Stony Beach Investigator
Phase II: DPAA joint with Stony Beach Investigator after completing 14-day quarantine requirements

Cooperation & Working Relationship

- Exceptional AMB, DATT/SDO, Stony Beach support

Way ahead:

- DPAA Det-1 continues working with the new DATT/SDO
- DPAA Det-1 and Stony Beach Investigator maximize efforts with field research and investigation activities



Challenges & Final Thoughts

Challenges

- Covid-19 Pandemic & Field Operations
- 14-day quarantine requirements & strict travel access
- Minimize high cost of helicopter services and maximize field investigation/recovery efforts

Area of concerns:

- 14-day quarantine, lock down & strict travel access
- Aging witnesses/time and fast changing environment
- Pending a possible local helicopter service

Commitments:

- Maximize efforts of the DPAA Det-1 and Stony Beach personnel for field research & investigations to develop leads, identify survey possible sites for future excavation