



VIETNAM-ERA STATISTICAL REPORT

AMERICANS UNACCOUNTED - FOR IN SOUTHEAST ASIA

COMPONENT	COUNTRY OF LOSS					TOTALS
	VN	VS	LA	CB	CH	
ARMY	10	414	74	26	0	524
NAVY	255	83	17	0	7	362
MARINE CORPS	22	164	17	4	0	207
AIR FORCE	180	124	191	17	0	512
COAST GUARD	0	0	0	0	0	0
CIVILIANS	1	19	6	5	0	31
TOTALS	468	804	305	52	7	1,636
PURSUIT STATUS						
FURTHER PURSUIT	179	417	271	43	4	914
DEFERRED	30	49	11	1	0	91
NO FURTHER PURSUIT	259	338	23	8	3	631
TOTALS	468	804	305	52	7	1,636

VN = VIETNAM, NORTH
CH = CHINA

VS = VIETNAM, SOUTH
LA = LAOS

CB = CAMBODIA

AMERICANS ACCOUNTED - FOR (Post - January 27, 1973)

VIETNAM	699	
CHINA	3	
LAOS	270	
CAMBODIA	38	
TOTALS	1,010	

This update reports the accounting of U.S. Air Force Captain Richard David Chorlins, previously missing from Laos.

U.S. GOVERNMENT EFFORTS: Since the fall of Saigon in 1975, the U.S. Government has acquired 23,551 reports possibly pertaining to Americans in Southeast Asia:

SUMMARY OF REPORTS

FIRSTHAND LIVE SIGHTINGS	1,994
HEARSAY SIGHTINGS REPORTS	5,606
CRASH/GRAVE SITES	5,943
DOGTAGS	10,008
TOTAL	23,551

- a. Of the 1,994 firsthand reports received since 1975, 1,941 (97.34%) reports are resolved.
 - 1,340 (67.20%) 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 (2.26%) reports were correlated to wartime sightings of military personnel or pre-1975 sighting of civilians who remain unaccounted for.
 - 556 (27.88%) reports were determined to be fabrications.

- b. The remaining 53 (2.66%) unresolved firsthand reports represent the focus of the U.S. Government analytical and collection efforts:
 - 46 (2.31%) 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, 10,008 “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 may 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

Pre-1976	1976-1985	1986-1995	1996-2005	2006-2015	Total
36	3	1	12	1	53