

DPMO Cold War Report – Cold War Losses, Single Page Summary

Thirty-nine U.S. military aircraft and one civilian aircraft were either shot down by communist forces or crashed on the periphery of communist countries while flying operational missions during the Cold War (1946-1991). This table summarizes the 14 missions whose crews were either wholly- or partially-unaccounted for when DPMO was created in 1993. For greater detail on each incident, go to the **incident description page**.

As you view these tables, keep in mind that behind every figure, there is—or was—a courageous service member. Although we've arranged them in tables and numbers to assist researchers, they will always be much more than that to us.

	Loss Date	Aircraft Type	Location	Aircrew Size	Returned or Recovered Alive	Remains Recovered	Missing
1.	8 Apr 50	PB4Y2	Baltic Sea	10	0	0	10
2.	6 Nov 51	P2V	Sea of Japan	10	0	0	10
3.	13 Jun 52	RB-29	Sea of Japan	12	0	0	12
4.	7 Oct 52	RB-29	Pacific Ocean	8	0	1	7
5.	29 Nov 52	Civilian	Peoples Republic of China	4	2	0	2
6.	18 Jan 53	P2V	Formosa Straits	13	7	0	6
7.	29 Jul 53	RB-50	Sea of Japan	17	1	2	14
8.	17 Apr 55	RB-47	Bering Sea	3	0	0	3
9.	22 Aug 56	P4M	East China Sea	16	0	4	12
10.	10 Sep 56	RB-50	Sea of Japan	16	0	0	16
11.	2 Sep 58	C-130	Armenia	17	0	17	0
12.	1 Jul 60	RB-47	Barents Sea	6	2	1	3
13.	14 Dec 65	RB-57	Black Sea	2	0	0	2
14.	15 Apr 69	EC-121	Sea of Japan	31	0	2	29
			TOTAL	165	12	27	126

Crew arranged by service

	Aircrew	Returned or Recovered Alive	Remains Recovered	Missing
Air Force	81	3	21	57
Civilian	4	2	0	2
Marine Corps	1	0	0	1
Navy	79	7	6	66
Totals	165	12	27	126