

**SUBJECT: VIETNAM-ERA UNACCOUNTED FOR STATISTICAL REPORT**

**BACKGROUND:** The Department of Defense, Washington Headquarters Service, and the Department of State report the current numbers of Americans who are unaccounted for in Southeast Asia:

**AMERICANS UNACCOUNTED FOR IN SOUTHEAST ASIA**

<u>COMPONENT</u>	<u>COUNTRY OF LOSS</u>					<b>TOTALS</b>
	VN	VS	LA	CB	CH	
ARMY	9	450	91	24	0	<b>574</b>
NAVY	263	89	19	0	7	<b>378</b>
MARINE CORPS	22	174	16	8	0	<b>220</b>
AIR FORCE	194	160	230	17	0	<b>601</b>
COAST GUARD	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
CIVILIANS	1	20	8	5	0	<b>34</b>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>489</b>	<b>893</b>	<b>364</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1807</b> *
	<u>PURSUIT STATUS</u>					
FURTHER PURSUIT	193	486	297	45	4	<b>1025</b>
DEFERRED	39	53	28	5	0	<b>125</b>
NO FURTHER PURSUIT	257	354	39	4	3	<b>657</b>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>489</b>	<b>893</b>	<b>364</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1807</b>

VN = VIETNAM, NORTH      VS = VIETNAM, SOUTH      CB =  
 CAMBODIA      CH = CHINA      LA = LAOS

\* INCLUDES 468 AT SEA/OVER WATER LOSSES

**AMERICANS ACCOUNTED FOR POST- JANUARY 27, 1973 REPATRIATED BY:**

VIETNAM	599
CHINA	3
LAOS	208
CAMBODIA	29
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>839</b> *

**NOTES:**

These changes reflect the accounting of one Air Force officer, previously missing in action from Cambodia. Additionally, the "accounted-for" section now includes an additional 63 remains which were recovered and identified after January 27, 1973. These 63 names have always been included in the PMS EA listing, but they were simply not included in the numerical totals of those who had been accounted-for. This update does not affect the number who are still unaccounted-for.

\* Includes 63 remains recovered and identified after January 27, 1973.

**U.S. GOVERNMENT EFFORTS:** Since the fall of Saigon in 1975, the U.S. Government has acquired 22745 reports possibly pertaining to Americans in Southeast Asia:

**SUMMARY OF REPORTS**

FIRSTHAND LIVE SIGHTINGS	1980
HEARSAY SIGHTINGS	5253
REPORTS ON GRAVE SITES	5743
DOGTAGS	9769
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>22745</b>

- a. Of the 1980 firsthand reports received since 1975, 1942 (98.08%) reports are resolved.
  - 1341 (67.73%) 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 (2.27%) reports were correlated to wartime sightings of military personnel or pre-1975 sighting of civilians who remain unaccounted for.
  - 556 (28.08%) reports were determined to be fabrications.
- b. The remaining 38 (1.92%) unresolved firsthand reports represent the focus of the U.S. Government analytical and collection efforts:
  - 35 (1.77%) pertain to Americans reported in a captive environment.
  - 3 (0.15%) reported sightings of Americans in a non-captive environment (i.e. working as truck drivers; married with Vietnamese family).
- c. Since mid-1982, 9769 “dog tag” reports on 8275 individuals reveal the following trends:
  - 7719 (93.28%) of those names reported are individuals who returned to the U.S. alive
  - 386 (4.66%) of the reports correspond to U.S. remains that have been recovered/identified and buried in the U.S.
  - 170 (2.05%) 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 can 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	1976-1980	1981-1985	1986-1990	1991-1995	1996-2000	2001-2005	Total
27	3	0	1	0	3	4	<b>38</b>