

**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	262	89	19	0	7	<b>377</b>
MARINE CORPS	22	174	16	8	0	<b>220</b>
AIR FORCE	193	155	229	17	0	<b>594</b>
COAST GUARD	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
CIVILIANS	1	20	8	5	0	<b>34</b>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>487</b>	<b>888</b>	<b>363</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1799</b>
	<u>PURSUIT STATUS</u>					
FURTHER PURSUIT	208	490	298	45	4	<b>1045</b>
DEFERRED	30	44	24	5	0	<b>103</b>
NO FURTHER PURSUIT	249	354	41	4	3	<b>651</b>
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VN = VIETNAM, NORTH  
CH = CHINA

VS = VIETNAM, SOUTH  
LA = LAOS

CB = CAMBODIA

**AMERICAN REMAINS REPATRIATED POST- JANUARY 27, 1973:**

VIETNAM	606
CHINA	3
LAOS	209
CAMBODIA	29
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>847</b>

**NOTES:**

This change reflects the accounting of one USAF officer who was missing in action from North Vietnam.

**U.S. GOVERNMENT EFFORTS:** Since the fall of Saigon in 1975, the U.S. Government has acquired 22820 reports possibly pertaining to Americans in Southeast Asia:

**SUMMARY OF REPORTS**

FIRSTHAND LIVE SIGHTINGS	1988
HEARSAY SIGHTINGS REPORTS	5276
CRASH/GRAVE SITES	5780
DOGTAGS	9776
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>22820</b>

- a. Of the 1988 firsthand reports received since 1975, 1942 (97.69%) reports are resolved.
  - 1341 (67.45%) 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 (27.97%) reports were determined to be fabrications.
- b. The remaining 46 (2.31%) unresolved firsthand reports represent the focus of the U.S. Government analytical and collection efforts:
  - 42 (2.11%) pertain to Americans reported in a captive environment.
  - 4 (0.20%) reported sightings of Americans in a non-captive environment (i.e. working as truck drivers; married with Vietnamese family).
- c. Since mid-1982, 9776 “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 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**

**CAPTIVE**

Pre-1976	1976-1980	1981-1985	1986-1990	1991-1995	1996-2000	2001-2005	2006 - 2010	<b>Total</b>
33	2	0	1	0	3	3	0	<b>42</b>

**NON-CAPTIVE**

Pre-1976	1976-1980	1981-1985	1986-1990	1991-1995	1996-2000	2001-2005	2006-2010	<b>Total</b>
1	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	<b>4</b>