

**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	445	90	24	0	<b>568</b>
NAVY	261	89	19	0	7	<b>376</b>
MARINE CORPS	22	173	16	8	0	<b>219</b>
AIR FORCE	192	155	226	17	0	<b>590</b>
COAST GUARD	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
CIVILIANS	1	20	8	5	0	<b>34</b>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>485</b>	<b>882</b>	<b>359</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1787</b>
	<u>PURSUIT STATUS</u>					
FURTHER PURSUIT	198	482	308	44	4	<b>1036</b>
DEFERRED	34	45	10	6	0	<b>95</b>
NO FURTHER PURSUIT	253	355	41	4	3	<b>656</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	614
CHINA	3
LAOS	213
CAMBODIA	29
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>859</b>

**Note:** This change reflects the accounting of one USAF Colonel who was missing in action from Laos.

**U.S. GOVERNMENT EFFORTS:** Since the fall of Saigon in 1975, the U.S. Government has acquired 22872 reports possibly pertaining to Americans in Southeast Asia:

**SUMMARY OF REPORTS**

FIRSTHAND LIVE SIGHTINGS	1989
HEARSAY SIGHTINGS REPORTS	5289
CRASH/GRAVE SITES	5798
DOGTAGS	9796
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>22872</b>

- a. Of the 1989 firsthand reports received since 1975, 1942 (97.64%) reports are resolved.
  - 1341 (67.42%) 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 (27.95%) reports were determined to be fabrications.
- b. The remaining 47 (2.36%) unresolved firsthand reports represent the focus of the U.S. Government analytical and collection efforts:
  - 43 (2.16%) 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, 9796 “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**

Pre-1976	1976-1980	1981-1985	1986-1990	1991-1995	1996-2000	2001-2005	2006-2010	<b>Total</b>
35	3	0	1	0	4	4	0	<b>47</b>