



## VIETNAM-ERA STATISTICAL REPORT

### AMERICANS UNACCOUNTED - FOR IN SOUTHEAST ASIA

COMPONENT	COUNTRY OF LOSS					TOTALS
	VN	VS	LA	CB	CH	
ARMY	10	416	74	27	0	527
NAVY	255	83	17	0	7	362
MARINE CORPS	22	164	17	4	0	207
AIR FORCE	181	125	195	17	0	518
COAST GUARD	0	0	0	0	0	0
CIVILIANS	1	19	6	5	0	31
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>469</b>	<b>807</b>	<b>309</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1,645</b>
PURSUIT STATUS						
FURTHER PURSUIT	179	418	274	48	4	923
DEFERRED	31	49	11	0	0	91
NO FURTHER PURSUIT	259	340	24	5	3	631
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VN = VIETNAM, NORTH  
CH = CHINA

VS = VIETNAM, SOUTH  
LA = LAOS

CB = CAMBODIA

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

VIETNAM	695	
CHINA	3	
LAOS	266	
CAMBODIA	37	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1,001</b>	

**This update reports the accounting of U.S. Air Force Lt Col Robert Edward Pietsch, previously missing from Laos.**

**U.S. GOVERNMENT EFFORTS:** Since the fall of Saigon in 1975, the U.S. Government has acquired 23,560 reports possibly pertaining to Americans in Southeast Asia:

### SUMMARY OF REPORTS

FIRSTHAND LIVE SIGHTINGS	1,996
HEARSAY SIGHTINGS REPORTS	5,609
CRASH/GRAVE SITES	5,945
DOGTAGS	10,010
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>23,560</b>

- a. Of the 1,996 firsthand reports received since 1975, 1,942 (97.29%) reports are resolved.
  - 1,341 (67.18%) 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 (2.25%) reports were correlated to wartime sightings of military personnel or pre-1975 sighting of civilians who remain unaccounted for.
  - 556 (27.86%) reports were determined to be fabrications.
- b. The remaining 54 (2.71%) unresolved firsthand reports represent the focus of the U.S. Government analytical and collection efforts:
  - 48 (2.40%) pertain to Americans reported in a captive environment.
  - 6 (0.30%) reported sightings of Americans in a non-captive environment (i.e. working as truck drivers; married with Vietnamese family).
- c. Since mid-1982, 10010 “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
37	3	1	12	1	<b>54</b>