

IT IS THE GOAL AND OBLIGATION of Vietnam Veterans of America to seek and promote the fullest possible accounting of those soldiers, sailors, airmen, and Marines listed as POW/MIA in Southeast Asia and other parts of the world, regardless of the war during which they were lost. VVA's POW/MIA Committee disseminates information on this issue, a lingering legacy of all wars, to our National Board of Directors, State Councils, Chapters, friends, VVA membership, and the public.

Of the 2,583 troops listed as missing at the conclusion of the Vietnam War, the remains of 852 have been returned as of September 2009.

VVA's Veterans Initiative Program is an historic effort to bring former enemies together to bring closure for families of troops who remain missing from the war.

Of an estimated 300,000 missing Vietnamese troops, information regarding the location of some 10,000 remains has been given to Vietnam by VVA. About 1,000 remains have actually been recovered.

**Never again will
one generation
of veterans
abandon another**



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POW/MIA

**To Seek the Fullest
Possible Accounting
Of Those American Troops
Still Listed As “Missing”
From All Wars**



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Where can I find information about those listed as Missing in Action not only from the Vietnam War, but from earlier as well as current wars?

You should contact the Defense Prisoner of War/ Missing Personnel Office, commonly referred to as the DPMO.

I believe I have information on possible live Americans listed as MIA. Whom shall I contact?

Again, contact the DPMO.

How can I obtain information about the current status of someone who had been declared a POW/ MIA?

You will need to contact the appropriate service Casualty Resolution Office.

Does our government actively investigate and recover the remains of POW/MIAs?

Yes. DPMO is the office within the Department of Defense that has statutory responsibility for investigating the fate of POW/MIAs. The Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command, known as JPAC, conducts the actual field work on a full-time basis.

I need some help with regard to a missing family member. Where can I go?

You should contact the National League of Families.

How might I return a POW/MIA bracelet or other possession to the family of a POW/MIA?

Members of the public often contact the DPMO to request information on servicemen for whom they wore a Vietnam War POW/MIA bracelet. They usually wish to contact the person or his family so they can send them the bracelet that they wore. Because the DPMO cannot provide private addresses, they recommend forwarding a postage-affixed letter to the serviceman's respective Casualty Resolution Office with a cover letter explaining the request. If the Casualty Resolution Office has a current address, they will forward the letter. It is the decision of the serviceman or his survivors to contact the person. However, many former POWs, and their families, are no longer in touch with their Casualty Resolution Office.

As a family member of a POW/MIA, what can I do to help?

DNA reference samples often are critical for the identification of remains that have been, or will be, recovered. To provide a sample, you should contact the appropriate Casualty Resolution Office.

I have information about the location or fate of a former enemy soldier or civilian. Whom should I contact?

You should contact the National Office of Vietnam Veterans of America and ask for a Veterans Initiative staff member.

Defense Prisoner of War/
Missing Personnel Office (DPMO)
www.dtic.mil/dpmo

CASUALTY RESOLUTION OFFICES

Department of the Army
800-892-2490

Marine Corps
800-847-1597

Department of the Navy
800-443-9298

Department of the Air Force
800-531-5803

Joint POW-MIA Accounting Command (JPAC)
www.jpac.pacom.mil

National League of Families
www.pow-miafamilies.org/what.html

Missing Man Table and Honor Ceremony
www.aiipowmia.com/histories/histcere1.html

**History of the National League of Families,
POW/MIA Families, POW/MIA Flag**
www.dtic.mil/dpmo/powday/flaghistory.htm

**American Former Prisoner of War benefits,
disability compensation for service-connected
injuries, diseases, or illnesses**
www.vba.va.gov/bln/21/Benefits/POW/POWbenefits.htm

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