

“Of all the others that come to Vietnam to work with us, Vietnam Veterans of America is the organization we choose to work with and will continue working with.” —NGUYEN KHANH TOAN, Deputy Minister of Interior, Socialist Republic of Vietnam

“I am convinced that a great deal of the credit for the recent improved Vietnamese cooperation with us on the POW/MIA issue must go to the Vietnam Veterans of America and particularly the Veterans Initiative through its research and regular visits here in country. The effect of your work here has been very positive, and as I noted earlier, the Veterans Initiative has authenticated the credibility of our objectives here. I stand ready to assist you in any way as you reach out to achieve the goals established by the Veterans Initiative. You have my unqualified support.” —PETE PETERSON, Former Ambassador, Embassy of the United States of America, Hanoi

“VVA should take pride in the impact you are making within the Vietnamese government. It appears you have helped to open some doors, especially in generating more cooperation from the villages to the national levels of government.” —JAMES L. GREER, Organizational Liaison, Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office

“The fact that VVA is assisting Vietnamese veterans in accounting for their missing has allowed us to obtain information concerning American missing that we otherwise may not have obtained” —LTC JONATHAN P. CHASE, Commander, Detachment 2, JTF-FA, Hanoi



#### WHERE DO WE SEND THIS INFORMATION?

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THE VETERANS INITIATIVE PROVIDES THE BEST OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO BRING RESOLUTION TO THIS TRAGIC LEGACY OF THE VIETNAM WAR.

A LITTLE PIECE OF YOUR MIND  
MAY GIVE YOU PEACE OF MIND



THE VETERANS  
INITIATIVE NEEDS YOUR HELP



## WHAT IS THE VETERANS INITIATIVE?

The Veterans Initiative is an historic effort that brings former enemies together to attempt to resolve the issue of those on both sides of the conflict who remain missing from the war. By sharing information veteran-to-veteran, America's and Vietnam's veterans are able to develop new sources of information to help resolve the issue of American and Vietnamese MIA.

### WHAT DO WE HOPE TO GAIN FROM THE VETERANS INITIATIVE?

The fullest possible accounting of American POW/MIA's, with the highest priority being those Americans last-known alive.

Answers for American and Vietnamese families and veterans about the fate and location of those who died or remain missing.

The knowledge that veterans can help bring their brothers home.

Veterans of the war demonstrating a sincere desire to bring closure to this issue by working together.

Peace of mind by letting go of the past.

### HOW DOES IT WORK?

You determine what information you want to share. So do veterans in Vietnam.

VVA presents the information you send to Vietnamese veterans organizations as a humanitarian gesture of good faith in the hope that they will respond with information about our missing.

### WHAT KIND OF MATERIAL DO YOU HAVE IN MIND?

Identity papers, film, and documents taken from dead Vietnamese soldiers or captives.

Original or sketch maps of gravesites and dates or action.

Descriptions of incidents that could provide information about Vietnamese losses and American missing.

### IS THERE ANYTHING I SHOULDN'T SEND?

Please do not send anything illegal or dangerous, such as explosives or captured weapons. Instead, write down the type and serial number on the weapon and a brief description of how and where you came into possession of it, and send that to us. If you are in doubt, call VVA.

### MAY I SEND INFORMATION ANONYMOUSLY?

Yes. Many have already. We only want to know what happened.

### MAY I SEND COPIES OF MATERIALS?

Yes. Although original documents are the most reliable sources of information, we urge you to send us clear copies.

Many who have submitted materials say they were ready to get rid of them and the pain it has caused them, beginning the healing process.

We know things that were not written in reports or other documents. We were on the ground where the action happened, and we may recall events and activities that never made it into official records.

In 1993 a congressional delegation and representatives of three veterans service organizations traveled to Vietnam to evaluate the current progress on the POW/MIA issue. When top Vietnamese officials remarked that no one had helped them account for their 300,000 missing, Vietnam Veterans of America offered to do just that—to go back home and ask American veterans to submit information on Vietnamese war casualties.

