



## Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office

### Progress in Cambodia as of August 1, 2012

#### Current Status of Unaccounted-for Americans Lost in the Vietnam War

	<u>Vietnam</u>	<u>Laos</u>	<u>Cambodia</u>	<u>China</u>	<u>Total</u>
Original Missing	1,971	575	90	10	2,646
Repatriated and Identified	<u>689</u>	<u>258</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>985<sup>1</sup></u>
Remaining Missing	1,282	317	55	7	1,661

Of the remaining 55 Americans still unaccounted for in Cambodia, six are in a “no further pursuit” category. This means that as a result of rigorous investigation, we have conclusive evidence the individual perished, but do not believe it possible to recover his remains. On rare occasions, new leads can arise that bring a case back to a more active status.

#### Repatriating and Identifying Remains

- The Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command (JPAC) normally conducts at least one Joint Field Activity (JFA) per fiscal year in Cambodia.
- Each JFA involves 25-40 U.S. personnel plus their Cambodian counterparts. Together, they work on investigations and excavations throughout the country for a period of approximately 30-60 days.
- American remains are transferred to JPAC’s Central Identification Lab in Hawaii for identification by forensic anthropologists.
- The 46<sup>th</sup> JFA began February 5 and continued through March 17, 2012. A recovery team excavated a site in Kratie Province.
- The 47<sup>th</sup> JFA is scheduled to begin February 5 and continue through April 1, 2013. Recovery teams are scheduled to excavate sites in Kratie, Ratanakiri, and Stung Treng Provinces.

#### Resolving “Last Known Alive” Cases

- Of the original 19 individuals “Last Known Alive” in Cambodia (those who survived or may have survived their loss incident and were either alive on the ground, in captivity, or in immediate proximity to capture, but did not return), DoD has confirmed the death of 10, with nine still unresolved.
- Of the 10 whose deaths have been confirmed, the remains of four have been located and identified.
- U.S. and Vietnam technical experts met again in Hanoi in January to discuss Last Known Alive cases in areas of Cambodia controlled by Vietnamese forces during the war.

#### Research and Investigations

- U.S. POW/MIA investigators are stationed in Phnom Penh full-time. They pursue leads associated with the remaining 55 individuals missing in Cambodia.
- Witnesses have assisted in identifying recovery sites on Koh Tang, the island associated with the Mayaguez incident. Eleven of the 18 Americans missing from that incident have been recovered and identified.
- U.S. researchers continue to review materials in Cambodian archives. Private researchers studying wartime atrocities in Cambodia have shared relevant information they have uncovered.

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<sup>1</sup>This number now includes the 63 Americans who were returned and/or identified from 1973 – 1975.