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Los Angeles Times

U.S. Delegation in Hanoi to Discuss Ties : Diplomacy: Americans are ready to discuss a four-phase plan for normalizing relations.

L.A. Times Archives

April 20, 1991 12 AM PT

From Times Wire Services

HANOI — Retired U.S. Gen. John W. Vessey and an American delegation arrived here Friday for talks with Vietnamese officials on obstacles to normalizing relations between Hanoi and Washington.

Vessey came officially to discuss with Hanoi officials the fate of American soldiers missing from the Vietnam War. But he said he would also discuss a recently announced four-phase U.S. plan for normalizing relations with Vietnam.

According to U.S. statistics, 2,353 servicemen disappeared in Indochina during the war, including 1,719 in Vietnam. Vietnam has turned over 291 sets of remains thought to be those of MIAs.

The two countries have had no diplomatic ties since the war, which ended in 1975, and Washington has led a crippling trade embargo against Vietnam.

Washington's plan for a gradual resumption of ties includes resolution of the MIA issue, the release from re-education camps of former South Vietnamese officials and acceptance of a U.N.-brokered peace plan for Cambodia.

Hanoi, the main backer of the Phnom Penh government, has said normalization with Washington should be achieved without conditions and that it would facilitate a Cambodian solution.

Vietnamese Foreign Minister Nguyen Co Thach, before his first meeting with Vessey, said Friday that talks "will be difficult because the Americans have conditions on Cambodia that we cannot satisfy."

The foreign minister said Hanoi cannot force Phnom Penh leaders to accept "things they don't want to accept."

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sett Field Committee will be a closure commission to investigate the base's one-third of Silicon Valley economy. The Mofcom will also attract NASA or some other agency take over the base, which can be run at a cost of \$1 billion per year.

has told the mayors they will be happy to arrange for the base to be sent their case," and will be happy to keep the base open as long as it does not cost taxpayers

WASHINGTON POST April 21, 1991 Pg. 29

Hanoi Approves U.S. MIA Office

Associated Press

The United States has received permission from Vietnam to establish a temporary office in Hanoi that would speed the search for missing American servicemen, the Pentagon said yesterday.

The approval could help lead to formal U.S. recognition of the communist government in Hanoi.

A Pentagon spokesman, Air Force Lt. Col. T.P. Mazar, said the United States had been pushing for the establishment of such an office in Hanoi for years, and that Vietnamese approval came during talks in Hanoi Friday and yesterday between the special U.S. envoy, Gen. Vessey, and Vietnamese Foreign Minister Nguyen Co Thach.

No date was set for establishment of the office, Mazar said.

The office, which will be staffed by Defense Department personnel, is intended to facilitate joint U.S.-Vietnamese field investigations of possible MIA sites. The office will be temporary, "based on whether or not it's fruitful," Mazar said.

An estimated 1,700 Americans are still listed as missing in action in Vietnam; about 2,300 in all of Southeast Asia.

The United States has told Vietnam that speeding the search for MIAs is one of two conditions for normalizing ties between the two

countries. The other prerequisite is for Vietnam to help end the civil war in Cambodia, where a Vietnamese-installed government has been fighting U.S.-backed rebels.

WASHINGTON TIMES
Apr. 22, 1991 Pg. 9

Hitched ride unites GI, smiling Iraqi

ZAKHO, Iraq (Reuters) — U.S. Airman Gregory Cinelli set out on foot for a refugee camp in a building in northern Iraq last week, despite bitter protests of the Baghdad government.

A passing car screamed to a halt. The driver, an Iraqi soldier, opened the door, smiled, saluted and offered him a lift.


"I was real hesitant at first," said the 20-year-old airman who flew by helicopter into northern Iraq as part of the allied operation to set up camps for Kurdish refugees.

"But he wasn't armed and I knew I had a knife on me. I kept thinking, 'If this guy makes a move I'm going to stick him,'" said Airman Cinelli.

Airman Cinelli, from Boston, told reporters that the soldier, who was in uniform and wearing a red beret, was driving an American-made Bronco station wagon.

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'We will not let them down, leave them behind'

A Soldier's Solemn Duty

By CDR(s) Edward H. Lundquist
Directorate for Defense Information

Critics say the admirals and generals in the Pentagon are always getting ready to fight the last war.

But GEN John W. Vessey, Jr., feeling a solemn duty to those left behind in the last war, lead the effort to find answers about Americans still missing in Southeast Asia.

As the OASD(PA) action officer for POW/MIA affairs, I can attest to the fact that the POW/MIA issue is one of the most active at the Pentagon press office. Some days are busier than others, but a day with a dozen media queries about this subject is not unusual. Hardly a day goes by without a single question from a reporter.

Vessey, a retired Army general who fought in Korea, Vietnam and Laos, ultimately served as chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Today, he serves his country as the special presidential emissary to Hanoi for POW/MIA affairs.

Vessey visited Hanoi April 19-20 for talks with the Vietnamese foreign minister and other officials. The meetings followed up on agreements reached in 1987, during his first trip to Hanoi. He visited there again in October 1989, and Vice Premier Thach visited Washington in October 1990.

GEN Vessey was accompanied by Ken Quinn, deputy Asst-SecState for East Asia/Pacific; Carl Ford, principal DepAsstSec-Def for International Security Affairs; GEN Robert Kingston, (USA-Ret.); Ann Mills Griffiths, executive director of the Na-



GEN John W. Vessey, special presidential emissary to Hanoi for POW/MIA Affairs, joins Vietnamese Vice Premier and Foreign Minister Nguyen Co Thach in addressing the media following two days of talks in Hanoi. The U.S. and Vietnam agreed that the U.S. will open a temporary POW/MIA office in Hanoi.



News media greet GEN Vessey's delegation upon arrival at Hanoi's Noi Bai airport.

tional League of Families of Prisoners of War and Missing in Action in Southeast Asia, as well as staff from the Joint Staff, DoD, Defense Intelligence Agency, and myself. The delegation totaled 15 people.

Few active duty naval officers have been to Hanoi since the end of the war. I'm told that I am the second. It was a unique opportunity to learn more about the POW/MIA issue first hand, and to visit a city that most Vietnam veterans have never seen.

It was beneficial having a PAO on this trip. There were media at the airport in Hanoi covering our arrival.

Having never been to Vietnam before, I had nothing to compare it to. The sidewalks were crowded, and there were many little shops and stands doing a lively trade. Cars and trucks were common, but far outnumbered by bicycles. There were many small houses being built along the road to the airport. The people were friendly; early one morning I took a walk and observed many people in the parks and courtyards doing their graceful morning exercise or playing spirited games of badminton.

It was beneficial having a PAO on this trip. GEN Vessey and the principals relied on my advice in planning for and dealing with the media. There were media at the airport in Hanoi covering our arrival, including Reuters, NHK Japanese Television, Agence France-Presse, and others. We permitted a photo op and I distributed the Memorandum for Correspondents and answered questions using the public affairs guidance which I had prepared before leaving for Hanoi.

SINCE 1987, VIETNAM HAS repatriated 288 sets of remains, but only 123 of those have resulted in accounting for missing Americans; most of the rest are believed to be non-American mongoloid. There are still 2,273 Americans missing or otherwise unaccounted for from the war in Indochina. Each of these

Americans represents one, or several, local stories. Collectively, they are part of the larger story that often gets national and worldwide attention.

Nearly half of these Americans were killed in action, but their bodies were not recovered. The others were classified at one time as prisoners of war or missing in action, but did not come home at the end of the war. Nor were their remains recovered and identified. Vessey and the POW/MIA families know we will never be able to account for all of our missing, but it is the policy of the U.S. Government to press for the "fullest possible accounting" as a matter of highest national priority.

At the conclusion of the talks, we issued a joint press statement and held a news conference attended by about 35 news media, including several television crews. Surprisingly, only one question was asked at the news conference, by an American reporter working for Reuters.

I'm told that I was only the second active duty naval officer to visit Hanoi since the end of the war.

After our meetings in Hanoi, we returned home by way of Okinawa and Alaska. On the plane, GEN Vessey talked to me about his mission.

"If there are live Americans, we want to find them and return them," says Vessey. "If they are dead, we want to recover the remains if it is possible."

Vessey says his most recent mission was a success, but he qualifies that assessment. "We have room for more success. We're taking difficult steps. Difficult, because we have some serious differences and serious misunderstandings with Vietnam, and we have no diplomatic relations with them. So, we try to expand our common views," he says.

"We've focused on a certain set of what we call discrepancy cases to illuminate the issue of live Americans. The Vietnamese have said that since 1973, they hold no live Americans. We've not been able to accept that assertion at face value. This is because of the information we have about people who were alive when we last saw them and who clearly became prisoners or were allowed to become prisoners, but who did not come back in 1973," Vessey said.

During the April meetings in Hanoi, the U.S. and Vietnam agreed to establish a temporary POW/MIA office in Hanoi to facilitate access to Vietnamese archival information which would shed light on the fates of

the missing. It will help expand an already agreed-upon mechanism of investigating sightings of Americans reported alive. It will also help to have people in Hanoi to coordinate advance planning for field investigations.

Vessey says the U.S. also wants the office to be able to help facilitate the return of remains.

"Our government has been accused of nefarious activities to avoid resolving this issue," says GEN Vessey. "That simply is not true. We have a lot of people who are working very hard on this issue."

Over 150 men and women in the U.S. Government work on this issue on a full-time basis. There are about 40 intelligence analysts with the Defense Intelligence Agency; 38 technical experts at the Joint Casualty Resolution Center who keep track of each and every case of missing Americans; 49 search and recovery experts, forensic anthropologists and other specialists who work at the U.S. Army's Central Identification Laboratory in Hawaii that scientifically attempts to identify remains recovered in Southeast Asia.

"We have a duty to the families," says Vessey. "We have a duty to the soldiers, sailors, airmen and marines serving today. What makes us do our duty is the knowledge that we will not let them down, not leave them behind. We get people to serve in the military willingly because they understand that we will take care of them and their families."

"When we don't do that," he says, "there is something wrong with the system."



Bicycles are the primary transportation in Hanoi, capital of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam. (DOD Photos by CDR(s) Edward H. Lundquist)





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A Fireside Chat

Dr. Tom Holland

**Director, Forensic Institute for Research & Education
Middle Tennessee State University**

Facilitator: Mr. Kelly McKeague, Director, DPAA

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The Big Picture

Mr. Kelly McKeague
Director, DPAA

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Overview of Highlights

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- **Historic year of anniversaries and Vietnam War accounting remains the #1 operational priority**
- **2nd year of increased budget → more field ops // defending it against the 8% Department-wide reductions**
- **Tangible increases in accessions and identifications**
- **China progress paused? // Russia restoring archival access**
- **Traveling to region next week**





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Video Submissions

Mr. Jedidiah Royal, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Indo-Pacific Security Affairs

Mr. Andrew Herrup, Deputy Assistant Secretary for East Asia & Pacific Affairs

The Honorable Heather Variava, US Ambassador to Laos

Chargé d'Affaires Bridgette Walker, Chargé in Cambodia

The Honorable Marc Knapper, US Ambassador to Vietnam

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REMEMBRANCE

Rick's Great Adventure

Jan/Feb 2025



Links to my trip and JFAs 25-2LA/3LA

- Rick's Great Adventure - <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61571715038956>
- A Live Fulfilling Climb - <https://www.dpaa.mil/News-Stories/Our-Stories/Article/4063421/a-life-fulfilling-climb/>
- 25-2LA Recovery Mission - <https://www.dvidshub.net/video/953463/25-2la-recovery-mission-video-story>
- 25-2LA Recovery Mission, Phou Pha Thi - <https://www.dvidshub.net/video/952094/25-2la-conducts-recovery-operations-phou-pha-thi>
- Laos: The Forgotten GIs - <https://www.arte.tv/en/videos/121200-000-A/arte-reportage/>
- I Want You Home, Dad - <https://www.npr.org/2025/04/28/nx-s1-5348846/i-want-you-home-dad-searching-for-the-missing-50-years-after-vietnam-wars-end>



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LAO PEOPLE'S ARMY HISTORICAL MUSEUM





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The battle of Pathi

Pathi is a high and dangerous rocky mountain range in Xamneua, Houaphanh Province (Laos), where the US built a solid military base, with artillery fields, heliports and radar stations to guide aircraft to attack provinces in Northern Laos and Northern Vietnam.

On the night of March 11, 1968, the Lao - Vietnamese coalition attacked Pathi base. On the 12th of March, we took control of the base at noon. As a result, more than 800 enemies were eliminated from combat, including the Commander and a number of American advisors and technical staff, disbanding 3 companies, shooting down 10 aircraft, and capturing nearly 300 guns of all kinds, etc. In particular, the destruction of the flight control radar station on top of Pathi has limited the US air force's bombing of the Upper Laos and Northern Vietnam.



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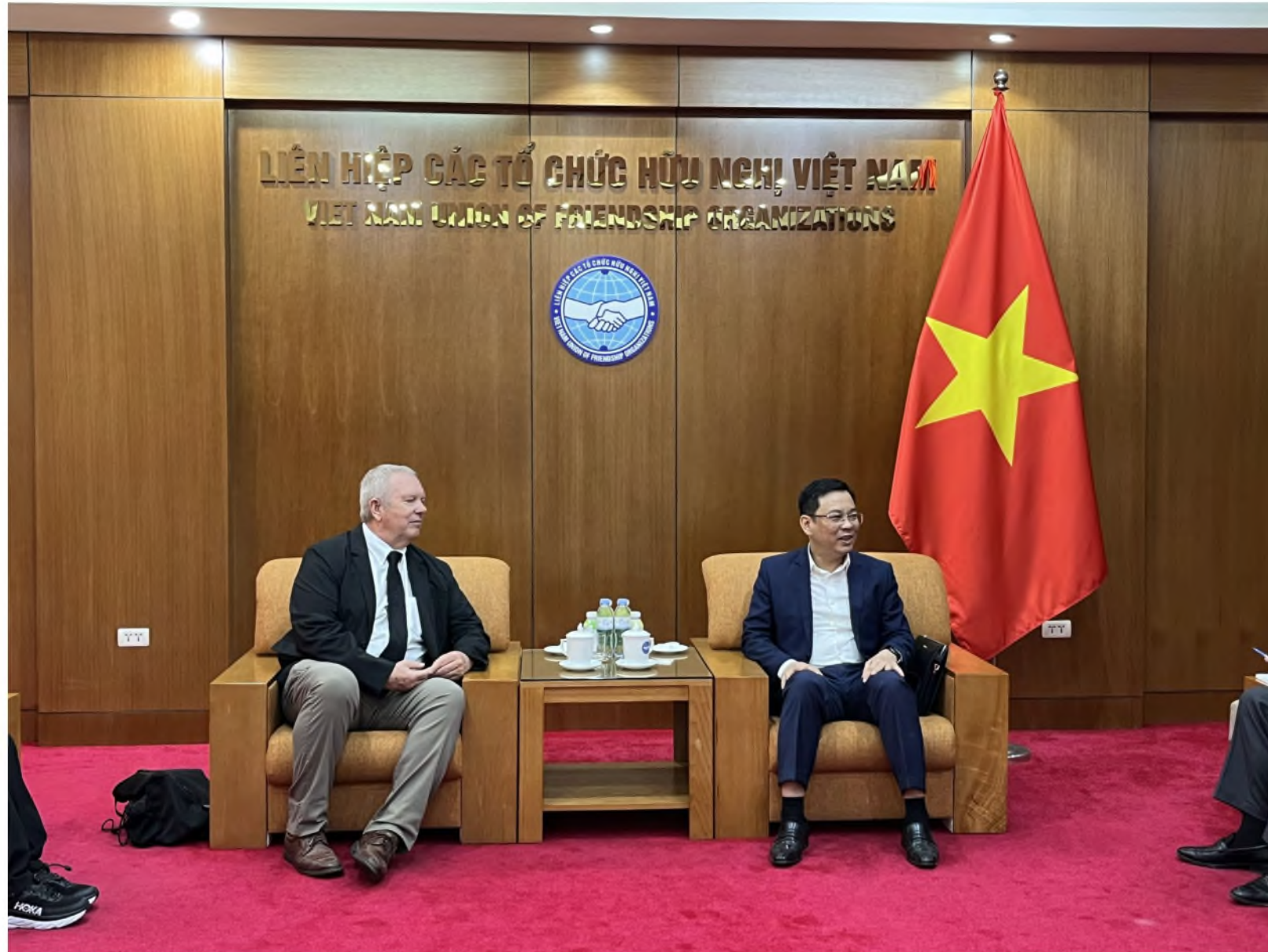
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- Experience in conflict resolution and person to person diplomacy
- Trusted by Vietnamese agencies and individuals
- Personnel on the ground

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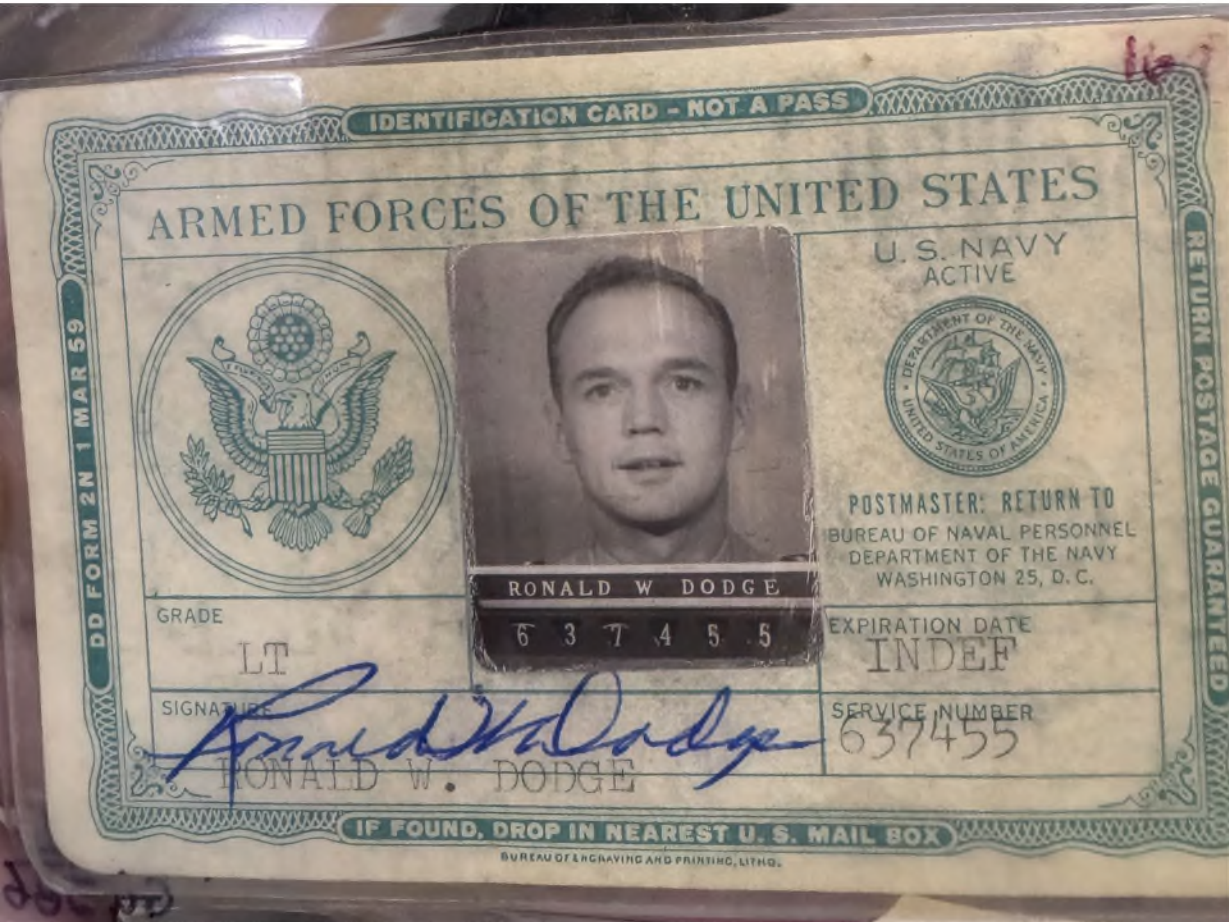
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Museums



Ron Dodge and Fred Knapp ID Cards



Museums Artifacts from Dad's crash



VMFSA Families



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Phu Thuy



Luat Son Highway Ferry/Ford



Conclusion-Resolution-Reconciliation

- **Conclusion:** a final summation
- **Resolution:** the act of answering; solving
- **Reconciliation:**
 - to restore to friendship or harmony
 - settle “*reconcile differences*”
 - to make consistent or congruous “*reconcile an ideal with reality*”
 - to cause to submit to or accept something unpleasant “*was reconciled to hardship*”
 - ***to account for***



Honor & Remember

Mr. George Lutz
Executive Director

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HONOR AND REMEMBER

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12:45 – 2:00	Lunch – On your own, in and around hotel	
2:00 – 2:20	Operation H.E.A.R.T	Mr. Dave Huffman, Mission POW/MIA
2:20 – 2:40	Locating and Obtaining Artifacts from Foreign Museums	Mr. Buddy Newell, DPAA Mr. Brad Taylor, DIA
2:40 – 3:00	Alternate Crash Sites and Burial Locations	Mr. Ben Kristy & Mr. Robert Ingraham, DPAA
3:00 – 3:20	Unilateral Recoveries, Challenges and Successes	Dr. Debra Zinni, DPAA
3:20 – 3:35	Vietnam War Identification Project Update	Dr. Nicolette Parr, DPAA
3:35 – 4:15	Questions & Answers	Mrs. Jennifer Nasarenko
4:15 – 5:30	Break	
5:30 – 7:00	Dinner – Main Ballroom	
7:00 – 7:20	Board Buses for Vietnam Veterans Memorial Tour	
7:20 – 7:40	Travel to Vietnam Veterans Memorial Tour	
7:40 – 9:00	Vietnam Veterans Memorial Tour	
9:00 – 9:20	Buses depart for hotel	

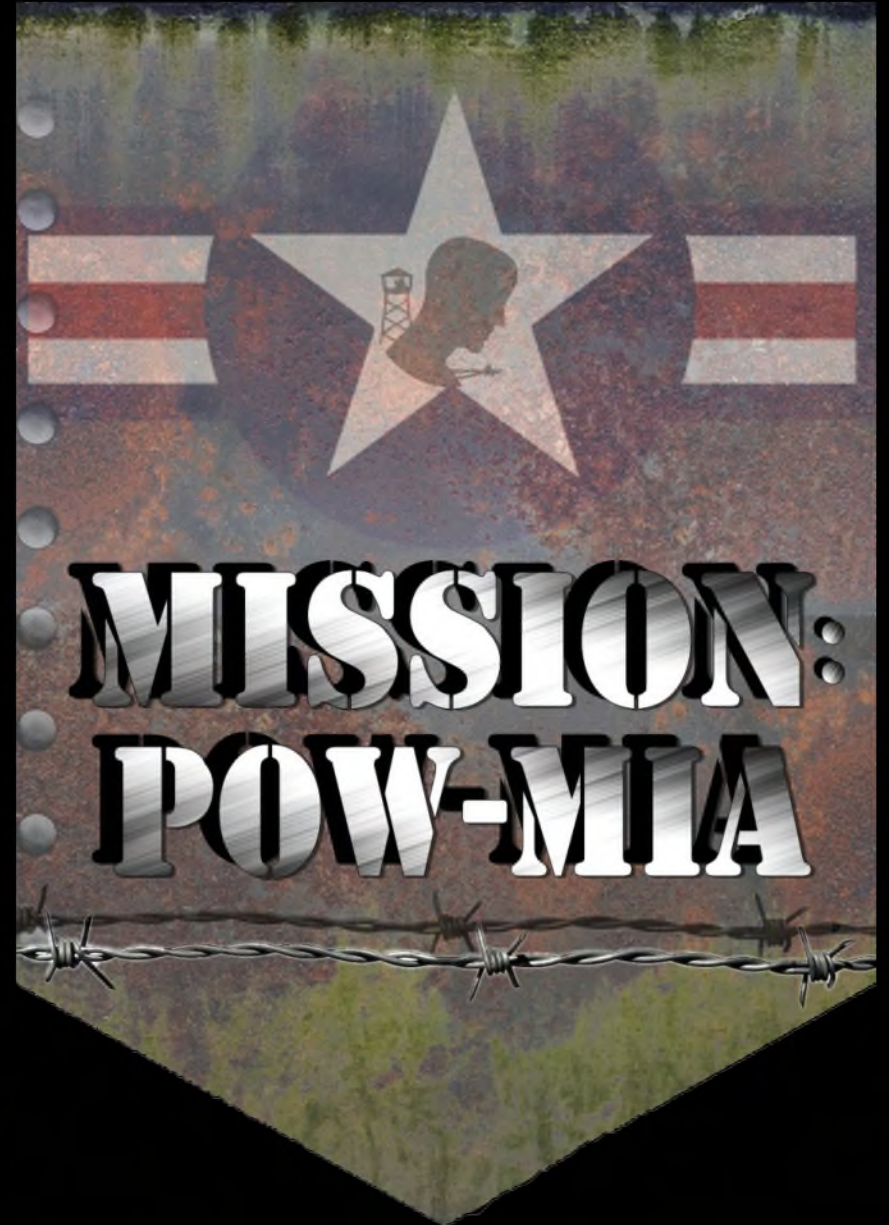


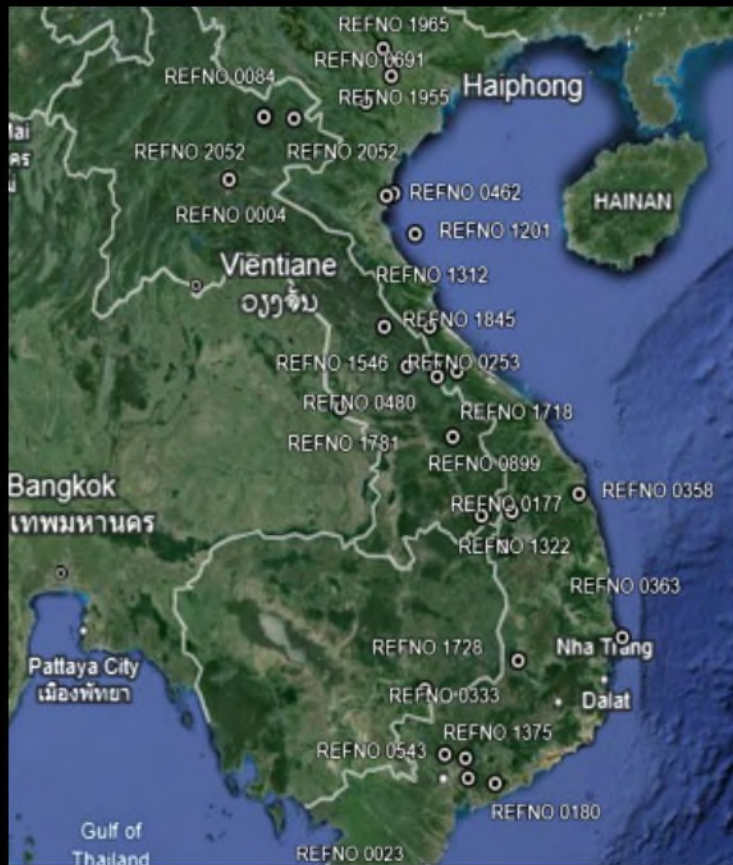
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Operation: H.E.A.R.T

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Dave Huffman
Executive Director
Mission: POW-MIA





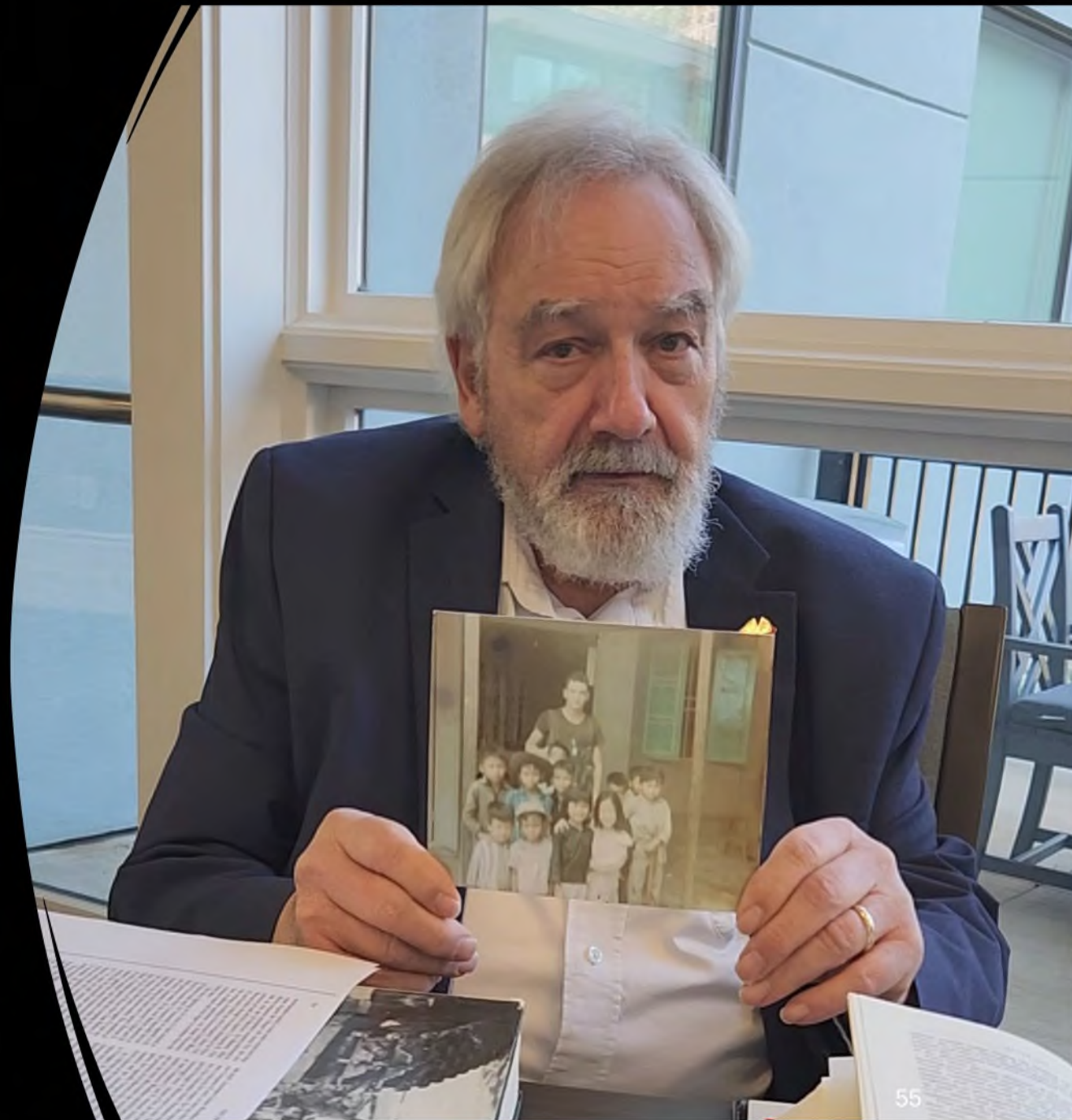
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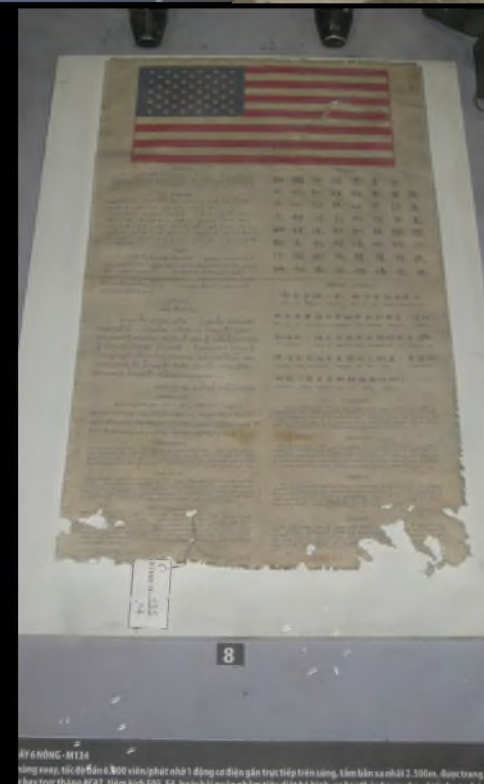
Vietnamese Artifacts

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- Knives
- Diaries
- Photos
- Letters
- Battle flags

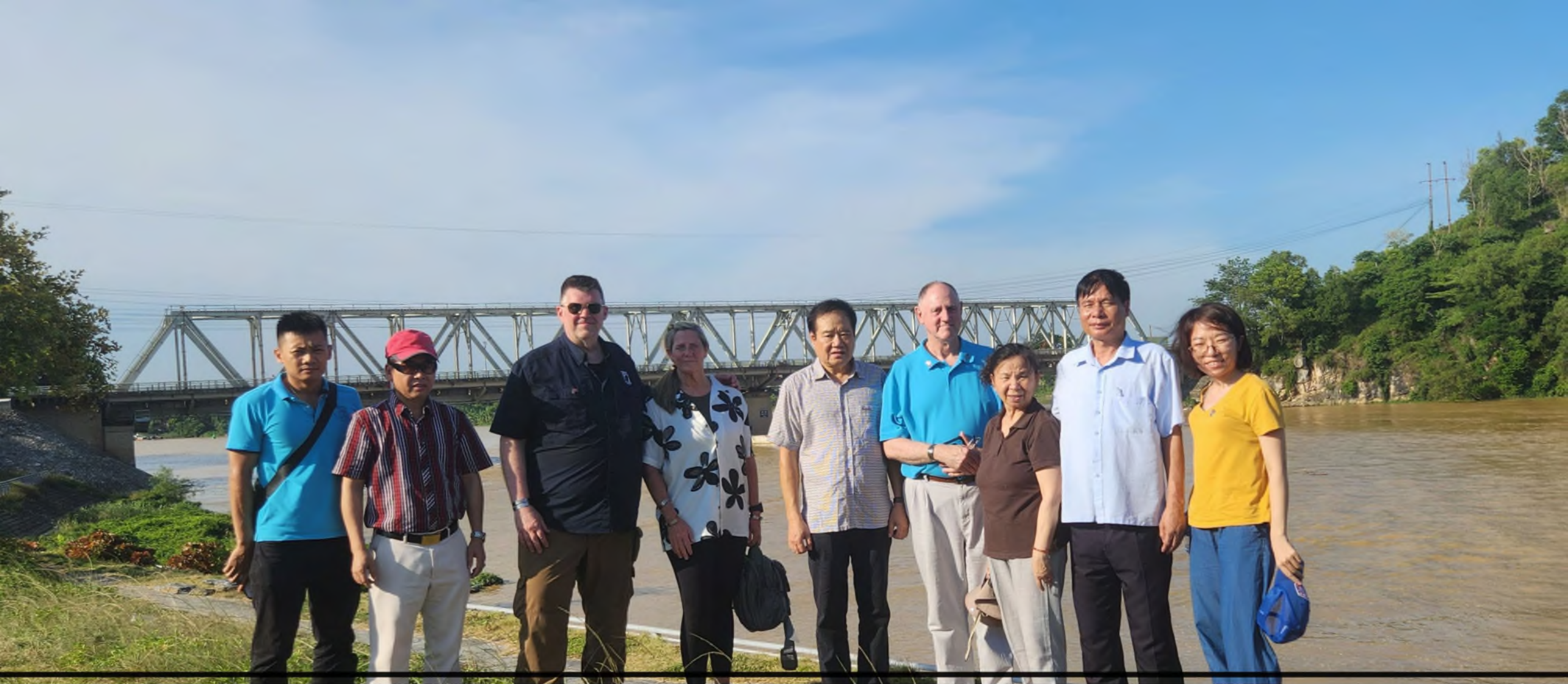


American Artifacts

- ID Cards
- Dog Tags
- Blood Chits
- Uniforms & Equipment with Identifying information
- Weapon serial numbers
- Helmets with Squadron Markings
- O2 Masks
- Jewelry



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Dragon's Jaw Bridge



1. Mũ phi công 2. Giấy 3. Áo liên quân 4. Cờ ăn xin của phi công Mỹ bị
 dân Thanh Hoá bắt rơi và bắt sống, năm 1965.

Thanh Hoa Provincial Museum

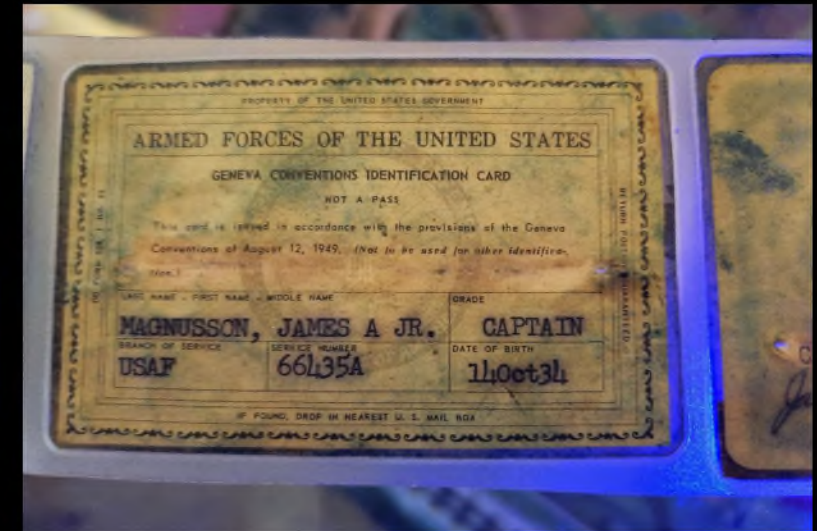
1. Shoes 2. Jumpsuits 3. A flag of the U.S pilot
 down and who was arrested alive by Thanh Hoa soldiers



Anything in Storage?

Major James Magnusson

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MIA AVIATORS SUPPORTING SOG MISSIONS



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 WO1 GEORGE RHILLIP BEBO
 CPT BRUCE CARLTON BESSER
 CPT RALPH WAYNE BROWER
 SSGT EUGENE LUNGFORDD CLAY
 SFC WALTER S. DENNEY, JR.
 SFC JOHN N. HUNTLEY
 SFC GARY LEE JOHNSON
 CAPT LEONARD C. LESSEE
 COL CARROLL BAXTER LULLY
 SGT LARRY WAYNE MAYBEE
 CWO DALE ALLEN PEARCE
 CAPT ROBERT "BOB" F. REX
 CAPT JOHN LESLIE RUDER
 CWO DAVID PECOR SOVLAND
 SSG GENE PAUL STUMBERGEN
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SFC John Robert Adams

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Ho Chi Minh Trail Museum

Stony Beach reports



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BIRTHPLACE Ashtabula, Ohio	SOCIAL SECURITY NO. 287-32-5223

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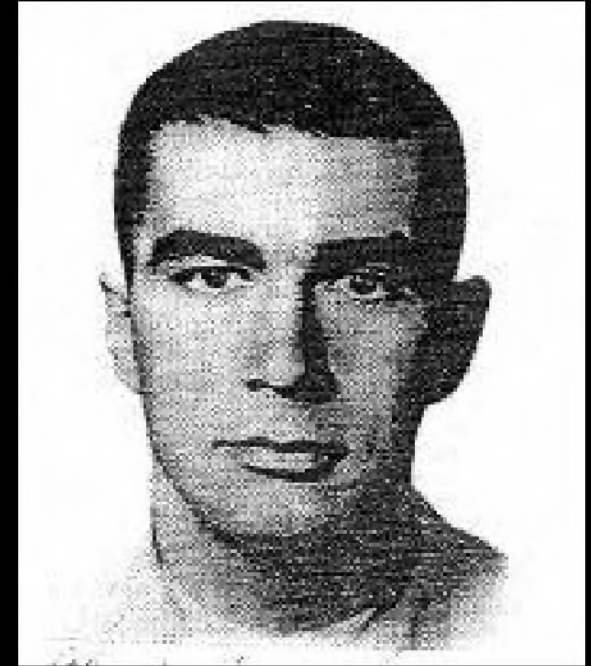
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Maj. Eugene Wheeler



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POW or MIA helmet?



Quang Binh Military Cemetery

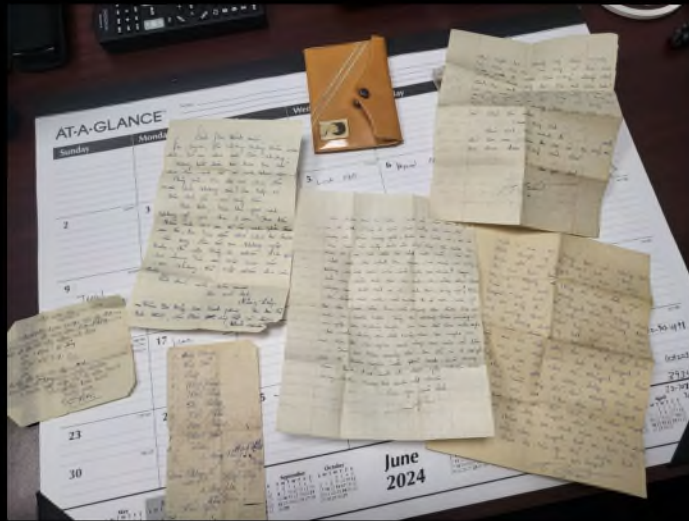
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People to People Exchanges



Vietnam Deputy Foreign Minister & Ambassador to US Luncheon hosted by DPAA



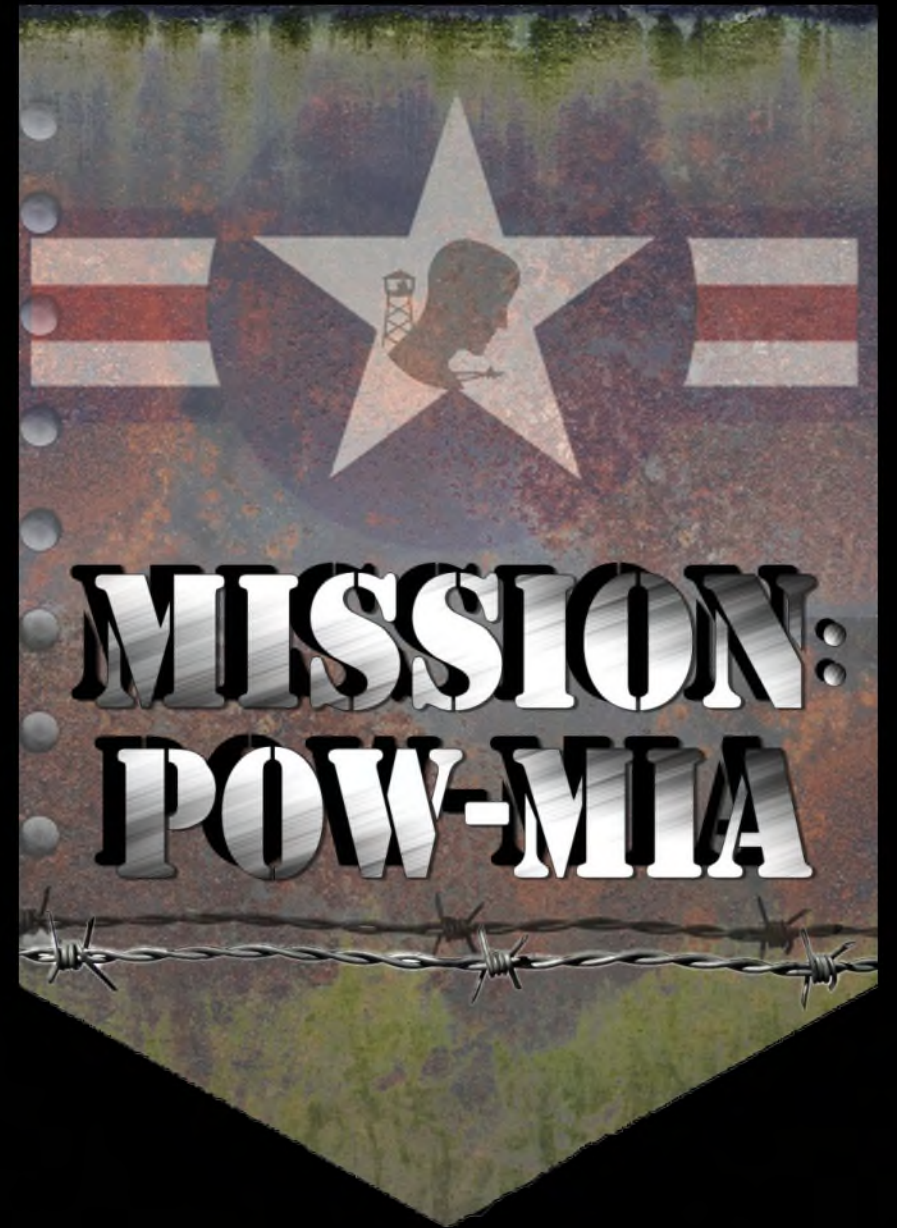
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Thank You

- DPAA DC
- DPAA Hawaii
- DPAA Det Hanoi
- USAF Casualty
- USAF Mortuary Affairs
- US Vietnam Veterans
- US Institute of Peace
- Vietnamese Government
- Vietnam Martyrs' Family Support Association
- Vietnam Union of Friendship Organizations
- Healing Through History
- Mission: POW-MIA families & members





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Locating and Obtaining Artifacts from Foreign Museums

Mr. Buddy Newell, Case Analyst, Indo-Pacific Directorate, DPAA

Mr. Brad Taylor, Chief of Stony Beach, Defense Attaché Service, DIA

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Alternate Crash Sites and Burial Locations

Mr. Ben Kristy, Historian, Indo-Pacific Directorate

Mr. Robert Ingraham, Forensic Archaeologist, Scientific Analysis Directorate

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Unilateral Recoveries Challenges and Successes

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Types of Sites Selected for Unilateral Excavation

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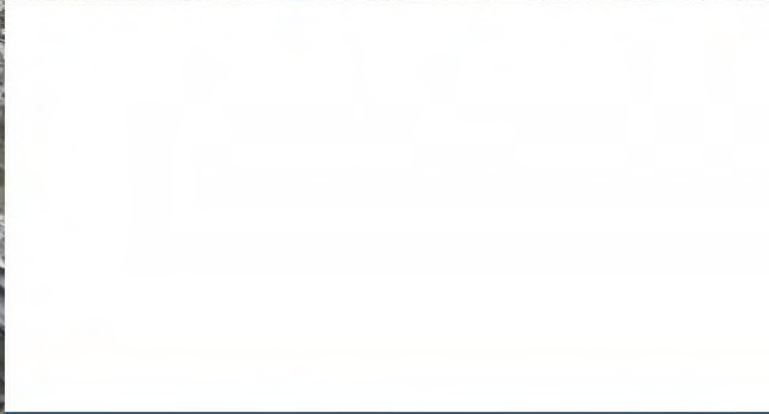
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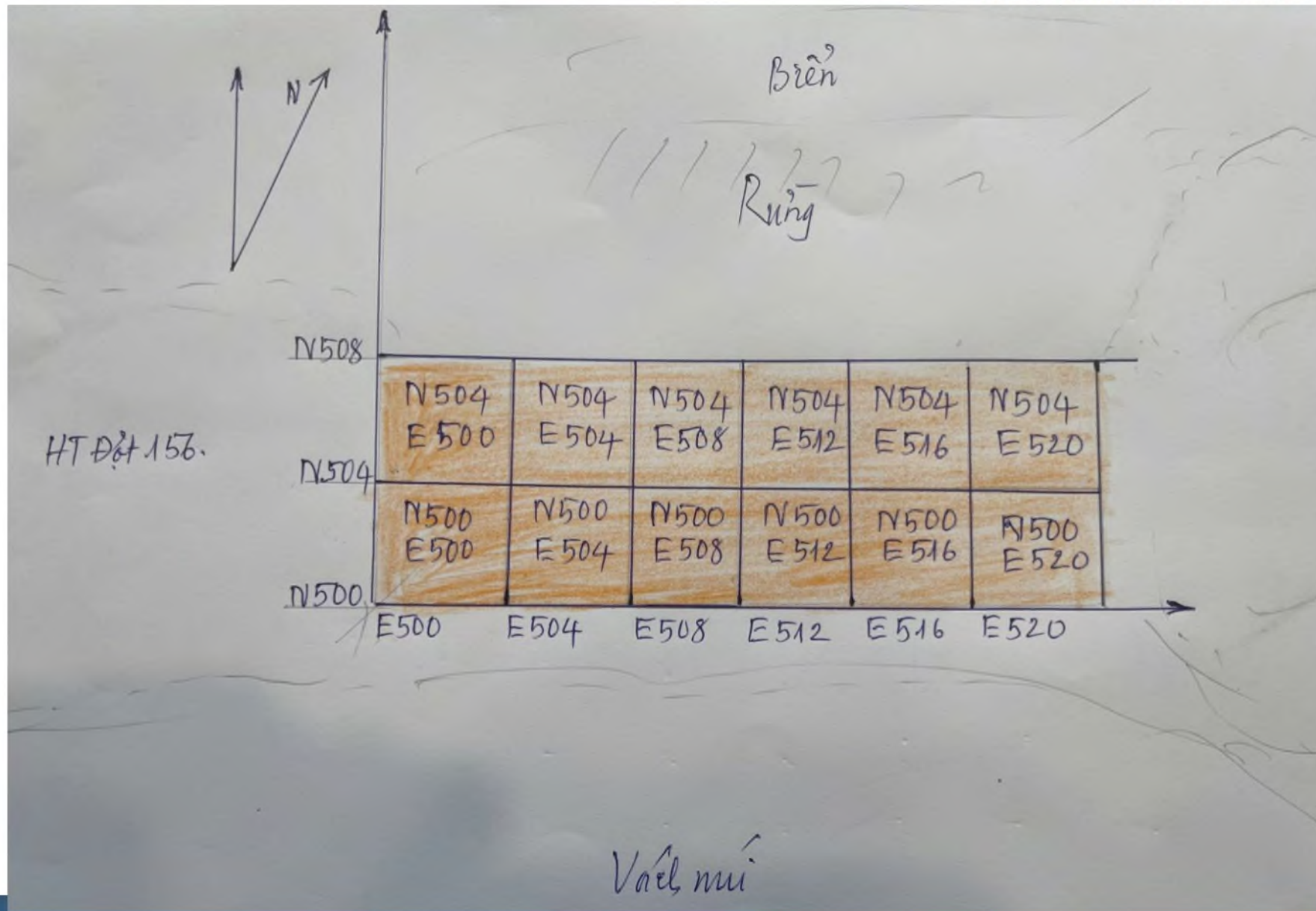


End of Mission Photo

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Documentation





- Number of Recoveries – approximately 60
- Number of REFNOs – 19





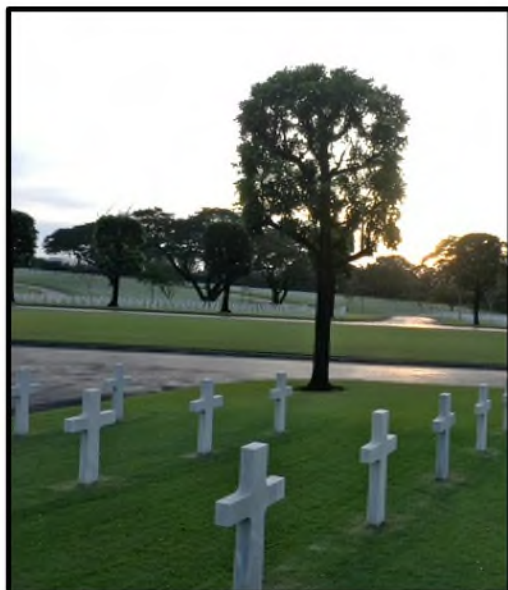
Evidence Accessioned from RT-H

- 5 Possible Material Evidence
 - from 3 REFNOs
- 19 Possible Life Support Equipment
 - from 7 REFNOs
- 22 Possible Osseous Evidence
 - from 10 REFNOs
 - 53% of the REFNOs



Identifications from RT-H

- 11 Identifications from 6 REFNOs
 - ✓ 50% success rate when osseous is recovered





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Vietnam War Identification Project

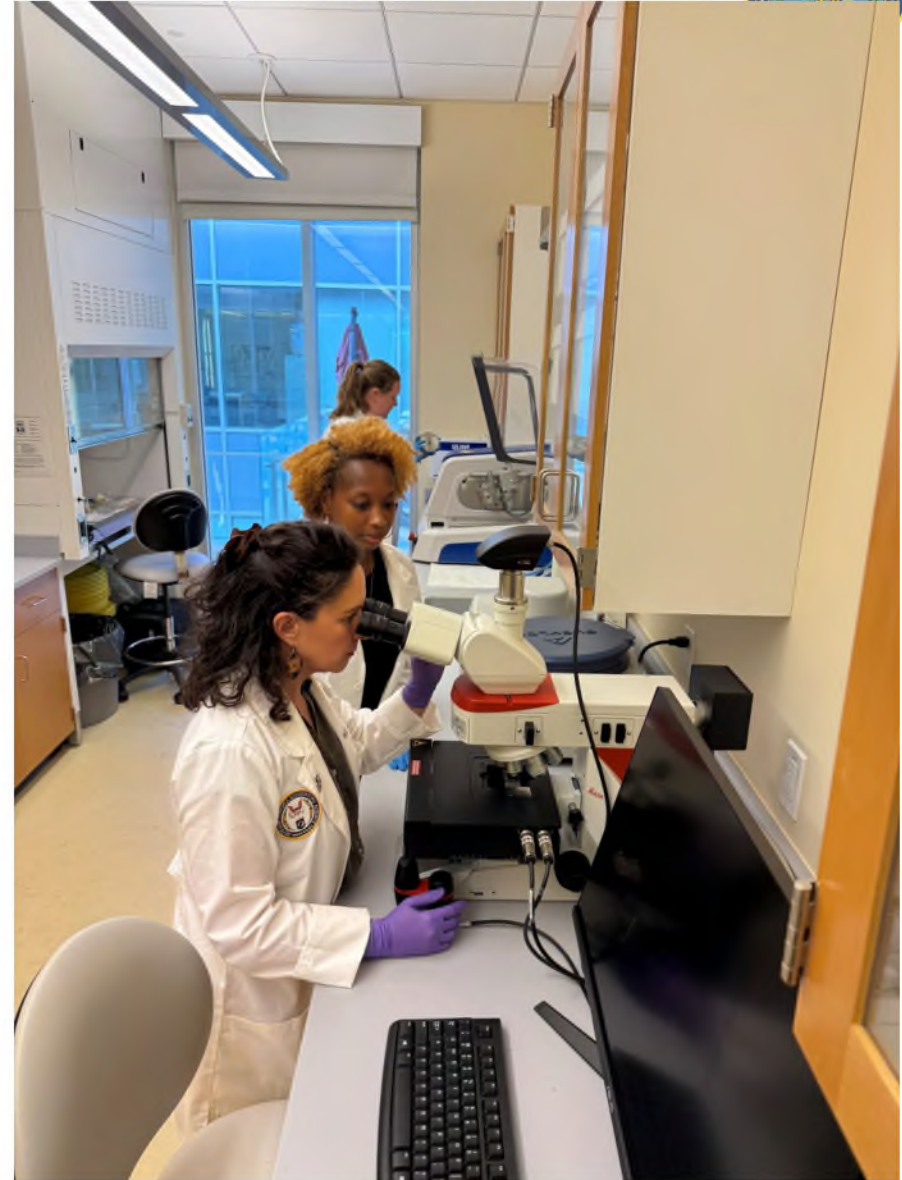
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VWIP Identifications Since Last Annual Government Briefing

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QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Vietnam War AGB Afternoon Agenda

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- 4:15 – 5:30 Break
- 5:30 – 7:00 Dinner – Main Ballroom
- 7:00 – 7:20 Board Buses for Vietnam Veterans Memorial Tour
- 7:20 – 7:40 Travel to Vietnam Veterans Memorial Tour
- 7:40 – 9:00 Vietnam Veterans Memorial Tour
- 9:00 – 9:20 Buses depart for hotel



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