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The Honorable Nikki R. Haley  
Office of the Governor  
1205 Pendleton Street  
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Governor Haley:

I am writing to ask that you issue a proclamation designating September 16, 2016, as POW/MIA Recognition Day for the State of South Carolina. We sincerely hope that each and every state will recognize its unreturned Veterans. Your state's participation will reinforce the importance of National POW/MIA Recognition Day, to be proclaimed by the President. A draft resolution is enclosed for your consideration. Your support, and that of the people of South Carolina, could not come at a more crucial time.

In February of 2014, based in large measure on our December 2013 discussion, former Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel directed "complete reorganization" of the entire Department of Defense POW/MIA accounting community. Our discussion was direct and intense, based on shared history of the issue and the Secretary's awareness of the many challenges we face. We are eager for results from the still ongoing transition and hoping for the best, but an expression of interest by you and the other states' governors will be very helpful and signal widespread citizen support.

From the Vietnam War perspective, the League is optimistic about improvements in the quality of joint field operations with Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia, including use of US Navy assets for underwater surveys and recoveries along the coastlines of Vietnam and Cambodia. We are also pleased with initiatives being taken by the respective governments to facilitate accounting results. Unilateral steps by Vietnam to provide long-sought archival records that help provide answers were especially welcome, as was the Lao Government's approval of longstanding appeals for the Defense Intelligence Agency's in-country specialist to conduct relevant investigations throughout the year, though some logistical challenges are yet to be solved.

Enclosed is current information, including a list of America's unreturned Vietnam War Veterans from your state. Should your staff have any questions, please email League Administrator Leslie Swindells, [leslie.swindells@pow-miafamilies.org](mailto:leslie.swindells@pow-miafamilies.org) or call the League office, 703-465-7432. A copy of this letter is being sent to a League member or official in your state, as noted, and we look forward to your reply.

Respectfully and best wishes,

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Chairman of the Board

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# U.S. Unaccounted-For from the Vietnam War

## Report for: South Carolina

### Prisoners of War, Missing in Action and Killed in Action/Body not Recovered

Military Service	Country of Casualty	Name	Loss Rank	Status	Date of Incident	Home of Record
USA	Laos	BISCHOFF, JOHN MALCOLM	E7	BB	1961/04/22	MOUNTAIN REST, SC
USN	S. Vietnam	BOWMAN, FRANK (NMN)	E5	BB	1968/06/16	WALTERBORO, SC
USA	S. Vietnam	BROWN, HARRY WILLIS	E5	XX	1968/02/12	CHARLESTON, SC
USN	N. Vietnam	CARTER, WILLIAM THOMAS	O2	BB	1966/11/10	LONGS, SC
USA	S. Vietnam	CLACK, CECIL JAMES	E3	BB	1969/01/01	CHESTER, SC
USAF	S. Vietnam	DUSING, CHARLES GALE	E5	KK	1965/10/31	CHARLESTON, SC
USA	S. Vietnam	EDWARDS, HARRY JEROME	E4	BB	1972/01/20	HOLLY HILL, SC
USA	S. Vietnam	ELLIS, RANDALL S	E4	XX	1969/04/18	CHARLESTON, SC
USA	S. Vietnam	ELLIS, WILLIAM JR	E3	XX	1966/06/24	SUMMERVILLE, SC
USN	S. Vietnam	GARNER, JOHN HENRY	E4	BB	1967/05/29	CHARLESTON HEIGHT, SC
USA	S. Vietnam	GINN, DAVID LANDRELL	E3	BB	1970/11/03	ANDERSON, SC
USAF	N. Vietnam	HACKETT, HARLEY B III	O3	XX	1968/07/24	FLORENCE, SC
USAF	N. Vietnam	HYNDS, WALLACE G JR	O6	BB	1967/08/02	SUMTER, SC
USA	S. Vietnam	JOHNSON, FRANKIE B JR	E5	XX	1968/04/21	FOUNTAIN INN, SC
USMC	S. Vietnam	KEEFE, DOUGLAS ONEIL	E2	BB	1967/05/20	COLUMBIA, SC
USA	S. Vietnam	LATIMER, CLARENCE ALBERT	E4	XX	1969/03/30	DUE WEST, SC
USA	S. Vietnam	MCKITTRICK, JAMES C	O3	XX	1967/06/18	LAURENS, SC
USA	S. Vietnam	MCMURRAY, FRED HOWELL JR	O2	XX	1968/04/07	CHARLESTON, SC
USAF	N. Vietnam	MIMS, GEORGE I JR	O2	XX	1965/12/20	MANNING, SC
USN	S. Vietnam	MINOR, CARROL WILLIAM	E3	BB	1968/12/09	GREENVILLE, SC
USMC	S. Vietnam	OSBORNE, SAMUEL WILLIAM JR	E2	BB	1967/04/27	CHARLESTON, SC
USA	S. Vietnam	PLATT, ROBERT L JR	E3	XX	1967/06/10	CHARLESTON, SC
USA	S. Vietnam	RHODES, FERRIS ANSEL JR	O3	XX	1971/01/03	GREENWOOD, SC
USAF	Laos	SALE, HAROLD R JR	O2	XX	1967/06/07	LEXINGTON, SC
USA	S. Vietnam	SALLEY, JAMES JR	E7	KK	1971/03/31	COLUMBIA, SC
USA	S. Vietnam	TAYLOR, TED JAMES	O3	BB	1971/07/15	LANCASTER, SC
USMC	Laos	VILLEPONTEAUX, JAMES H JR	O2	BB	1966/05/11	CORDESVILLE, SC

#### Report Totals:

Total BB - Killed in Action, Body Not Recovered:	13
Total KK - Died in Captivity, Remains Not Returned:	2
Total MM - Missing (Civilians Only):	0
Total PP - Prisoner (Civilians Only):	0
Total XX - Presumptive Finding of Death:	12
Total:	27

#### End of Report

**Status Codes:** AR - AWOL/Deserter/Collaborator Returnee    KK - Died in Captivity, Remains Not Returned    PP - Prisoner (Civilians Only)  
BB - Killed in Action, Body Not Recovered    KR - Died in Captivity, Remains Returned    RR - POW Returnee  
BR - Body Recovered    MM - Missing (Civilians Only)    XX - Presumptive Finding of Death  
EE - Escapee    NR - Remains Returned/Remains Recovered



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**POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY PROCLAMATION  
September 16, 2016**

WHEREAS, 1,019 Americans are still missing from the Vietnam War, as well as 7,821 are unaccounted-for from the Korean War, 126 from the Cold War and over 73,000 from WWII; though thousands are unrecoverable deep-sea losses; and

WHEREAS, their families, friends, and countless other Americans still deal with a lack of certainty regarding their fates; and

WHEREAS, the Obama Administration has recently reinforced its commitment to maintaining POW/MIA accounting as a priority of the United States, though concerns remain about adequate funding and personnel; and

WHEREAS, Vietnam, Laos, and Cambodia are now cooperating well, U.S. Government intelligence and other evidence indicate that increased unilateral and joint efforts would bring more rapid answers; and

WHEREAS, North Korea provides no current cooperation and countries such as Russia and China could provide much greater assistance in locating documents and responding to questions about unaccounted-for Americans; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the State of \_\_\_\_\_ commends, supports and shares our Nation's commitment to account as fully as possible for Americans still missing and unaccounted-for from our nation's past wars and conflicts; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the State of \_\_\_\_\_ calls on the President, Secretary of State and Secretary of Defense to consistently raise with foreign counterparts the need for increased actions to help account for and return our missing and unaccounted-for personnel to the United States; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the State of \_\_\_\_\_ calls on Congress to ensure that the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency receives the funding and personnel necessary to accomplish the mission of accounting for our unreturned veterans, thus signaling nations around the world and our active duty personnel that America stands behind those who serve; and be it finally

RESOLVED, that I, as Governor, of \_\_\_\_\_, do hereby proclaim September 16, 2016, as POW/MIA Recognition Day in the State of \_\_\_\_\_ in honor of all Americans still missing and unaccounted-for from the Vietnam War, Korean War, Cold War and WWII, and ask all citizens to observe this day with appropriate ceremonies.