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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** National Officers; National Council of Administration; Department Commanders; Past Commanders-in-Chief; Department Service Officers; VFW Membership

**FROM:** Glen M. Gardner, Jr., VFW Commander-in-Chief 

**DATE:** November 21, 2008

**SUBJECT:** MIA Accounting Effort for the Republic of Vietnam

I call upon veterans of the Vietnam War to search their memory and files for any information that might be of value in determining the fate of Vietnam's 300,000 MIAs and might be of assistance in the recovery of their remains.

Providing information of this nature to the Vietnamese government helps to generate good will among its people and further assists U.S. efforts in its investigative and recovery operations for America's MIAs. Information is also needed for the Laotian and Cambodian governments to help account for their missing.

I request Department, District, Post, and VFW member assistance in gathering information that would help identify Vietnamese, Laotian, and Cambodian gravesites. Such information or material may include veterans' statements; photos and locations of battles or burial sites; battlefield souvenirs, especially if they contain names or other identifying information; personal effects, such as photos, letters or identification documents taken from casualties; sketch maps, etc.

Any information that would be helpful in this recovery effort should be forwarded to Michael Wysong, Director, National Security & Foreign Affairs, VFW Washington Office, 200 Maryland Avenue, NE, Washington, DC 20002. All information collected will be turned over to the respective governments at a time and place to be determined.

Please give this communiqué the widest dissemination possible. I thank you in advance for your cooperation in this very important effort.