

Vietnam Veterans - We're seeking your help!

Can you help the Operation Wandering Souls project?

### **The Operation Wandering Souls project aims to:**

- Help Vietnam identify the burial sites of their soldiers killed in action by Australian, New Zealand and other forces during the Vietnam War.
- Return to Vietnamese families items that were 'liberated' from bodies or captured on the battlefield by Australian and New Zealand soldiers.

### **Why?**

There are many reasons including that the Vietnamese people helped us find our six MIAs. Now it's time to help them find theirs. They have an estimated 200,000 still MIA. Secondly, the Geneva Conventions (Convention 1, articles 16 and 17) say we should.

### **What we've done so far**

- We've given them the location of every Australian or New Zealand contact that resulted in one or more of their soldiers being KIA.
- We've found about 450 names of VC/PAVN soldiers in the 1ATF Intelligence Summaries that were KIA by 1ATF and given that information to the Vietnamese.
- We've already returned about 200 artefacts that were 'liberated', to family members.
- We've recently given Vietnam information about the locations of over 900,000 battles and firefights by US, ARVN, Republic of Korea and Thai forces, that resulted in one or more of their soldiers being KIA.

### **How you can help the project**

If you 'liberated' an artefact from the battlefield, rummage through your old steel trunk or wherever the items are, find them and send them to the research team at the address below. Alternatively, you can scan them and send the scanned image by email to the research team. You can contact the Operation Wandering Souls research team on the email address below.

We're all going to drop off the twig sooner or later. When we do, our kids are going to throw out all our stuff from Vietnam and it will end up in landfill – unless we take action now to help a Vietnamese family.

### **What the Operation Wandering Souls team will do**

We will receive any item you send and, with the aid of our contacts in Vietnam, we'll attempt to find a family member of the person who carried it. We'll take the item to Vietnam to return it to the family or, if we can't find a family member, to the the Vietnam People's Army unit that looks after recovery of war remains.

If we are able to locate Vietnamese family members, you might like to visit Vietnam with us (at your expense) and personally return the items to the family.

### **The Operation Wandering Souls research team**

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