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A four-member Delegation, representing the National League of POW/MIA Families, is headed to Vietnam, Laos, and Cambodia on February 25<sup>th</sup>.

Falls Church, Virginia (February 26, 2024) — The National League of POW/MIA Families a non-profit, 501(c) (3) organization whose threefold goal is the return of all prisoners, the fullest possible accounting of the missing, and the repatriation of all recoverable remains of those who died while serving our Nation during the Vietnam War. The League is proud to announce that another League Delegation is now headed to Hanoi. The purpose of the visit is to seek expanded efforts to bring home America's military and civilian Vietnam War Veterans still unreturned, thus ending the uncertainty of their families.

This is the first notable Vietnam War POW/MIA Delegation to visit Vietnam since the significant upgrade in bilateral relations to the level of Comprehensive Strategic Partnership, announced last September when President Biden visited Hanoi. The stated purposes for the upgrade were peace, cooperation, and sustainable development. The League believes the new relationship offers potential opportunities for both countries to increase and improve the pace and scope of unilateral and joint accounting efforts before it is too late.

The League has pursued the fullest possible accounting for America's missing Vietnam War Veterans – unreturned POW/MIAs – since before the end of active US involvement, ended by the Paris Peace Accords on January 27, 1973. Such efforts became "a matter of highest national priority" in the mid-1980s, after President Reagan came into office with a personal commitment.

As Governor of California, Reagan was in office when the listed POWs came home in 1973, recognizing then that not enough was being done to account for those still missing. The first League delegations to talk with Vietnam's leaders in Europe dates back to before war's end and, since then, the League has participated in or led many delegations seeking answers for the families, always with the single goal of bringing American servicemen and civilians' home, to the country they served.

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