



### Lost Soul

I'm fixing to tell you a story about a young man who enlisted back in 1968 out of revenge for class mates lost from his high school in Viet Nam. His Recruiter told him about what would happen to him during his enlistment and by God he didn't lie.

He went to boot camp, communications school, jump school (paratrooper), ranger school and jungle training in Panama. Shortly after returning to the states. A couple months later he received orders for Vietnam along with a promotion to buck sergeant.

When he reported to Nam instead of being sent to the commo unit he had orders for, he was detoured to an Aviation unit. After shy of three months he requested a ground unit after being downed three times.

He then was assigned to an Ranger LRRP (long range recon) team with the 173d, their mission basically consisted of searching out the enemy calling in locations and destroying them, along with Hamlets suspected of supporting the enemy. When they found one every- thing was destroyed.

One day in December 1969 his team was patrolling along the Ho Chi Minh Trail just about 15 clicks North West of Kae Sanh they were ambushed by a group of Viet Cong. During the fire fight one of his team members took a bullet meant for him. As fate would have it he was hit any way.

A call was made for air support and a dust off for the wounded. When air support arrived one of the gun ships were shot down and the dust off bird made it in for the wounded.

On the flight back he held the troop, he tried reaching in the chest to keep his heart pumping trying to keep him alive, but the young troop didn't make it.

This was the start of many more lives lost from his team. After seventeen months the young sergeant left Nam with one of the original members of his team (who died of cancer in 1997). He suffered the lost of nine members total.

The quilt of losing all those team members to this day still eats at his insides. There isn't a night that goes by that he's awoken from the night mares, cold sweats, and numerous other things.

For about 12 years he had help from an Angel on earth (a Mental health Doctor) at the VA hospital, but last year she died, leaving him a LOST SOUL.

I'm sure this man is not the only one out there, so if you know of one pray for them, because no matter what people might think there is a Great Spirit out there and if we ask he does help.

Well until next month BE SAFE, ride free and may The Great Spirit be with you. "Keep On Triken ! "

Please remember our Troops deployed overseas and pray for their safe and quick return, also remember our POW~MIA and pray for their return, also pray for their families who still hope for their return.

Skypilot



Message to Any Surviving Prisoners of War - Sorry guys, you are on your own. Grab a spoon and start digging that tunnel. Build that raft and take your chances. Don't bother with the Escape & Evade codes, the Walking K or USA. Forget about your authenticator codes. No one is coming to get you.

No one within the Department of Defense, specifically the Defense Prisoner of War Missing Personnel Office (DPMO) is interested in recovering a live POW. They don't want to hear about them. And, most sadly, they don't even want to seriously consider the possibility they exist.

Any evidence of incident survival, even for those believed to have died in captivity prior to Operation Homecoming is brushed away, misrepresented or outright lied about. Reports of pre and post-Homecoming survival are dismissed using a logic that defies comprehension.

We wrote the above shortly after we returned from our annual meeting in Washington D.C. In re-reading our message to surviving POWs, we thought perhaps we were a bit harsh on DPMO. So, we spent the month of July and most of August thinking about what we wrote and decided that perhaps we were not harsh enough.

Our regular readers are quite familiar with the "Tourison Memos." In the first memo, written July 22 1992, Tourison named 9 servicemen stating; "This is the first admission from Vietnam that these nine were captured alive." The second memo, written August 1, 1992, named an additional 10 servicemen saying; "My review of POW/MIA case files disclosed DIA/JTFFA message traffic referring to individuals DoD now has information survived into captivity."

In the year since we made the "Tourison Memos" public, DPMO has consistently maintained that the memos expressed Mr. Tourison's "opinions." They ignore Tourison's statement that he based his memo's on a review of POW/MIA case files. They ignore Tourison's statement that "Vietnam has acknowledged they were captured alive...."

How is it an opinion that the Vietnamese acknowledged capture? They either did or didn't. It is not open to interpretation. Referring to Lt. James Egan, Tourison wrote; "Vietnam has now acknowledged that Lieutenant Egan was captured alive and has reported the he died in captivity in December 1968." Tourison did not pick the date of December 1968 out of thin air. It is not his opinion that Egan died in December 1968. That date was provided by the Vietnamese. On another note, where was Egan held? No returned POW reported being held with Egan, so where was he for the 2 years, 11 months and odd number of days of his captivity?

Tourison even drafted a letter, to Alan Ptak at the Department of Defense, recommending it be sent over the signatures of Committee Chairman John Kerry and Vice Chairman Bob Smith. The letter stated; "It has come to our attention that over the last several years, the Joint Casualty Resolution Center and/or Joint task Force Full Accounting (JTFFA) have received information from witnesses in Vietnam that some American servicemen declared dead while in a missing status actually survived into captivity. In some cases this information has come from Vietnamese officials who are acknowledging for the first time that some Americans not previously confirmed captured alive did in fact survive into captivity but later died."

During the DPMO briefing at our meeting, we asked a very simple question; "Has anyone at DPMO contacted Sedgwick Tourison to ask what he based his memo's on?" We're sure you can guess the answer.... it was "No."

Wouldn't you think that someone in DPMO would have picked up the phone to ask Tourison how he came to write these memos, and on what they were based. After all, some of the people at DPMO worked with Tourison at DIA. He is not a stranger to the folks at DPMO.

We happen to know it wouldn't even require a long distance call. But, no the minds at DPMO are made up and there will be no changing them, no matter what the evidence, including admissions of capture by the Vietnamese themselves. Taken from [www.nationalalliance.org](http://www.nationalalliance.org)

### Vietnam Memorial in Washington DC Vandalized

The Vietnam War Memorial in Washington DC was vandalized Friday night, September 7th. There were no witnesses to the act of desecration which was discovered by a Park Service employee.

The vandal appears to have walked along the wall while squirting an oil based substance from a container on the lower sections of the panels. The liquid discolored the polished surface of the stone memorial and was absorbed into the porous stone where the names of our fallen heroes are etched into the wall.

Many names have become unreadable due to the absorbtion of the fluid.

On March 17th a large number of veterans and patriots gathered around the area of the Vietnam War Memorial to prevent just such a threatened desecration by the radical



The names along the lower part of The Wall appear to have taken the brunt of the damage.

leftist demonstrators associated with the ANSWER coalition, SDS and the Black Cloc. An attempt was made to deface the memorial late that day but was stopped by National Park Police with several radicals arrested.

No radical group has stepped forward yet to claim responsibility for this outrage to the memory of our veterans. It is unlikely any will.

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