**Subject:** Mass Graves at Bien Hoa Air Base - Tet’68 battle

For those Security Police assigned to Bien Hoa AB or any other air base in VN

When the Battle of Bien Hoa was over, approximately 150 VC were buried just east of Bien Hoa AB’s Bunker Hill -10, and another 75 -100 just inside BH Gate #2.

Marty Strones (VSPA LM-1011; Vietnamese Honor Medal, 1st Class) and I went back in 2017 and 3 weeks later found the grave of 150 but could only recover approx 80 due to road construction since the war.

The area at Gate #2 has not been altered. This site was identified by an  augmentee (Ron Pine) positioned at Gate #1 the night of the battle. He saw the activity going on at Gate #2 in the mid morning and he and his Strike Team Leader (unknown at this time) drove over on the inner perimeter road to check out what was being trucked in via the gate. We expect this grave to be excavated soon.

We are still looking for two larger graves on and or adjacent to the base. One Col Miller noted as 424 off the SE corner. And a second off or on the base in the NW corner. The night of 1/31/68 at guard mount, two flat bed 40’ Army trailers pulled up looking for directions to our bomb dump. It’s estimated they brought in approx 400. Does anyone from BHAB have any clues?

The sole benefactors of this humanitarian project are the affected Families. The Dept of Defense has since authorized us to search for our MIAs as well. We have several cases pending. One former VC General has provided us with details on two Americans placed in a tunnel entrance. They come to us because of our success and their trust in what we do.

These Families (VN & US) all endure the same pain of not knowing anything since they were first told.

To date we have provided VN with the locations of at least 8,000 remains. Our team of 6 contains: 1 Security Police, 1 Cobra Pilot, 1 Infantryman, 1 Marine and 2 Vietnamese Engineers. Our searches involve not only VN but Laos and Cambodia as well. If we have aerial and or satellite views from the 64 - 72 it complete the process of pin pointing quick.

Just the Tet’68 battle alone there are still another 2600 reported KIAs between Bien Hoa, Long Binh Base and the nearby village of Hỏi Nai. In total VN is missing 300,000 and our MIA count is approx 1579.

Welcome Home to all of you.

Thank you,

Bob Connor