

POW Camps in North Vietnam

Known camp locations where Americans were held prisoner



795 Americans are known to have been taken prisoner during the Vietnam war (725 military and 70 civilians). Almost 500 of these POWs were downed pilots or airmen. 65 military POWs and 8 civilians died in captivity (9% of all POWs).

36 American POWs escaped from captivity during the Vietnam War (30 military and 6 civilians). 32 of these escaped while held in South Vietnamese locations, and made it safely to friendly lines. 3 American military POWs escaped from North Vietnamese camps but were eventually recaptured.

All American military POWs were grouped into three POW camps for release at the end of the war:

Hoa Lo (Hanoi Hilton)
Plantation (Hanoi area)
Zoo Annex (Hanoi area)

The 1st and 2nd groups of POWs repatriated to American control came from the Hanoi Hilton camp. The 3rd group of released POWs came from Plantation. The last group of POWs came from the Zoo.

More than 1,800 American servicemen from the Vietnam conflict remain MIA and unaccounted for as of 2006.

With kind assistance from Captain John M. McGrath, USN (retired) - former Vietnam POW from June 1967 to March 1973. Thanks, Mike!

Created by Geoff Liebrandt