

POW/MIA League Meeting Off-the-Scope Cases Handout

<p>Step 1 - Sources of Information</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Message Traffic, also known as TWX (pronounced “twix”) 2. Official statements of Loss: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Air Force Form 484 - Missing Person Supplementary Report ○ Army Form 130-R - Report of Incident ○ Department of Defense Form 1300 - Report of Casualty 3. Intelligence Reports/Group 559 Reports 4. Unit Memos or Statements-for-the-Record 5. Personal correspondence 6. Follow-up statements 7. Library of Congress for Search-and-Rescue (SAR) Logs 8. National Archives Southeast Asia Archival Databases 	<p>Step 2 – Recreating the Flight</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mission type and Flight plan route 2. Time (planned vs. actual; can be different zones) 3. Weather conditions 4. Position (can be in different formats) <table border="0" style="margin-left: 20px;"> <tr> <td style="padding-right: 20px;">Degrees, Minutes, Seconds (historical)</td> <td>Universal Transverse Mercator (UTM)</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-right: 20px;">17°10'27.59"N</td> <td>579706.38 m E</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-right: 20px;">105°44'58.18"E</td> <td>1898994.46 m N</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2"> </td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-right: 20px;">Degrees, Decimal Minutes (historical)</td> <td>Military Grid Reference System (MGRS)</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-right: 20px;">17° 10.460'N</td> <td>48QWD7970698994</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-right: 20px;">105° 44.970'E</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2"> </td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-right: 20px;">Decimal Degrees (GPS)</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-right: 20px;">17.174331°</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-right: 20px;">105.749494°</td> <td></td> </tr> </table> 5. Altitude/Airspeed/Heading 6. Additional mission notes 	Degrees, Minutes, Seconds (historical)	Universal Transverse Mercator (UTM)	17°10'27.59"N	579706.38 m E	105°44'58.18"E	1898994.46 m N			Degrees, Decimal Minutes (historical)	Military Grid Reference System (MGRS)	17° 10.460'N	48QWD7970698994	105° 44.970'E				Decimal Degrees (GPS)		17.174331°		105.749494°	
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<p>Step 3 – Work from Big to Small</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Plot locations of cases resolved by DPAA 2. Status of uncorrelated cases 3. Work from the known to the unknown 4. Don’t stumble over outlying information 5. Remember the KISS Principle 6. Ask the League’s Archival Research Committee (ARC) for help 	<p>Resources for Families</p> <p>Library of Congress Vietnam-Era Prisoner-of-War/Missing-in-Action Database: http://lcweb2.loc.gov/frd/pow/</p> <p>National Archives Archival Databases Wars/International Relations: Vietnam War: https://aad.archives.gov/aad/series-list.jsp?cat=WR28</p>																						

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