



Examples of Documents Used to Determine Eligibility for Interment of Vietnam-Era Laotian Hmong in VA National Cemeteries

in Accordance with 38 CFR 38.619 (a)(2)

National Cemetery Administration
December 2025

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THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE

No. 2 [REDACTED]

INS Registration No. A0 [REDACTED]

Personal description of holder as of date of naturalization:

Date of birth: OCTOBER 15, 1947

Sex: MALE

Height: 5 feet 5 inches

Marital status: DIVORCED

Country of former nationality:
LAOS

[REDACTED]

I certify that the description given is true, and that the photograph affixed hereto is a likeness of me.

[REDACTED]

(Complete and true signature of holder)

Be it known that, pursuant to an application filed with the Attorney General at: BLOOMINGTON, MINNESOTA

The Attorney General having found that:

[REDACTED]

then residing in the United States, intends to reside in the United States when so required by the Naturalization Laws of the United States, and had in all other respects complied with the applicable provisions of such naturalization laws and was entitled to be admitted to citizenship, such person having taken the oath of allegiance in a ceremony conducted by the

US DISTRICT COURT OF MINNESOTA

at: ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA

on: JUN 27 2001

that such person is admitted as a citizen of the United States of America.

[Signature]

Commissioner of Immigration and Naturalization

IT IS PUNISHABLE BY U. S. LAW TO COPY, PRINT OR PHOTOGRAPH THIS CERTIFICATE, WITHOUT LAWFUL AUTHORITY.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FORM N-550 REV. 4-91

For decedents naturalized under the Hmong Veterans' Naturalization Act of 2000, a U.S. Certificate of Naturalization (Form N-550) issued on or after May 26, 2000, through May 26, 2003, may be used per 38 CFR 38.619 (a)(2)(i)(A) if the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service verifies the individual naturalized under Section 2(1) of the Act.

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LAO VETERANS OF AMERICA, INC.



No. [REDACTED]

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT: [REDACTED]

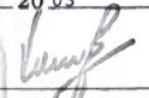
SERVED IN THE: ☐ TERRITORIAL FORCES (ADC); ☒ SPECIAL GUERRILLA UNITS (SGU);

☐ ROYAL ARMED FORCES (FAR) IN LAOS FROM 1964 TO 1975 IN THE VIETNAM WAR.

THIS 30th DAY OF December 20 03

Ltc. Thai C. Vang, President
Lao Veterans of America, Inc.
Former 21st Group Mobile

[REDACTED]


MAJOR GENERAL VANG PAO
FORMER S.G.U. AND 2ND
MILITARY REGION COMMANDER
LAO NATIONAL ARMY

An affidavit of the decedent's superior officer attesting to the type of service, location, and dates served is sufficient per 38 CFR 38.619 (a)(2)(ii)(B).

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The United Royal Lao Armed Forces & Special Guerrilla Units Veterans of the Vietnam War
P.O. Box 43487 Brooklyn Park, MN 55433, Tel: 763-355-2848
Web Site: www.unitedroyalao-veterans.org

LETTER OF CERTIFICATION

My Name: [REDACTED] Rank at Discharge: Major

☐ FAR ☐ RLG ☐ Air Force ☒ SGU/USG Surrogate Army

Others (Specify) _____

Address: [REDACTED] City: [REDACTED] State: [REDACTED] Zip: [REDACTED]

Telephone: [REDACTED] Email: _____

Date of Birth: 01-04-1941 Place of Birth: Province: Savannakhet; Country: Laos

ID # [REDACTED]

Spouse's name: [REDACTED] Date of marriage: April 15, 1965

Unit	Inclusive Date	Company	Battalion	Group Mobile
Airborne Unit	1958-1968	Head Quarter Company	1 st Airborne Battalion	15 th Airborne Brigade
Special guerrilla Unit	1969-1974	Groupe Mobile HQ	Head Quarter	Groupe Mobile 33

Company CO	Battalion CO	GM CO	Case Officer' codenames
Khoum Pasavath	Inpanh Louangrat	Khamhou Boutsarat	
		Khao Insixiangmay	Than La, Than Noi, Than Ott

Name Location of Service	Military Region
Savannakhet	Military Region 3

Combat Experience	Place	Military Region	Year
Retake Khongsedone	City of Khongsedone	Military Region 4	1972
Retake Paksoong	City of Paksoong	Military Region 4	1972-1973

Training Place	Place	Type of Training	Year
Lop Bury	Thailand	Combat	1959
Wiskey 3 (Kilometer 26)	Savannakhet Laos	Combat	1971

Type of Medals	By Whom	Year
Ancient Combattant	Airborne Brigade Commander	1963
Croix de Guerre	King of Laos	1974

When You Were Wounded	Year You Were Wounded	Name of Hospital	How Long
N/A			

When Were You Captured	Place	Military Region	Inclusive Date
1975	Tchepone	Military Region 3	1975

Signature: B. Daily Date: 11.2.17 Finger Print: _____

Notary: _____



Witness's Name: Lt. Phanomphom Daoheuang Signature: [Signature]

Address: 416 Humboldt Avenue City: Minneapolis

State: MN Zip Code: 55405 Ethnicity, please specify: Lowland Lao

Previous Unit: SGU GM 33 Last Post: Platoon Leader

Telephone Number: 612-554-7677 ID Number: X 324262556409

Verifier's Name: Lt. Bounnom keophothisane Signature: [Signature]

Address: 12906 Edgewater Path City: Apple Valley

State: MN Zip Code: 55122 Ethnicity, please specify: Low Land Lao

Previous Unit: SGU GM 33 Last Post:

Telephone Number: 612-685-3676 ID Number: C703005684910

Military Region Representative Name: Maj. Somkhit Mountahpanya

Signature: [Signature]

Address: 6809 65th Avenue N City: Brooklyn Park

State: MN Zip Code: 55428 Ethnicity, please specify: Lowland Lao

Previous Unit: SGU GM 33 Last Post: GM S1

Telephone Number: 763-447-5854 ID Number: J 8201 5132 1410

President of the Association's Name: Colonel Khao Insixiangmay
Khao Insixiangmay
President RLVOA
Col. SGU GM 33 CO

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June 20, 2013

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

██████████ is my friend and former colleague who served in the Special Guerrilla Unit (SGU) program in Laos' Military Region Three (Savannakhet). Initially, as a captain in the regular Lao army (FAR), he served as a sort of case officer surrogate: an interpreter, an operations assistant, an extra brain and pair of eyes and pair of hands, and often in effect an advisor to the advisors. With time and additional experience and with advanced formal training, he rose to the rank of SGO Lieutenant Colonel and to successful command of a four battalion Group Mobile (GM).

Throughout the five years or so that I knew ██████████, he was a gentleman of integrity, and physical and moral courage. He was honest, candid and outspoken, and clung tenaciously to his viewpoint when he was in the right. He was an able tactician and excellent military leader. His dedication and dependability were without equal in the SGU organization. And as mentioned above, he was a good and valued friend.

██████████
Special Operations Case Officer,
CIA (Retired)
Colonel, USMC (Retired)

To: Whom it may concern

My name is ██████████ and I was a Case Officer in Laos for two years from 70 to 72. My call sign was ██████████ I was assigned to MR 3 and worked with Road Watch and River line teams for about six months on the Ho Chi Minh Trail. In January of 71, I was assigned to GM 31, a Group Mobile consisting of four battalions. These battalions were BG 308, 310, 315, and 318. GM 31 was a highly mobile unit that operated from the Cambodian border to the northern Plain des Jars in MR 2.

We initially depended upon air for re supply and Tactical Air Support provided by the U.S. Air Force and the Royal Lao Air Force. We did not have any artillery support in that we were always on the move.

Over a two-year period GM 31 was involved in six major operations that lasted from two to five months. On one of those operations GM 31 seized the town of Savanase on the western Ho Chi Minh Trail. This disrupted enemy communications and supply for some time. In the fall of 1971, GM 31 struck HIE 1978 which was northeast of Long Chien and stopped the enemy offensive for the year. In early 72 the only unit that was deployed between Long Chien and a determined enemy was GMD1. Four battalions defended a twenty six hundred meter line for a month, at which time they had to withdraw due to casualties.

Throughout my entire time with GM 31 the officers and men of GM 31 performed as well as any military unit under like circumstances. The unit was blessed with great leadership that included ██████████ who was killed at Sam Thong, ██████████ who consistently led from the front, ██████████ who never refused a mission and a young Lieutenant whose name was ██████████. These men are but a few who served admirably and can always look with pride at their service.

As time marches on, not a day goes by that I don't think of Laos and the men that I was fortunate enough to serve with in GM 31. We may not have won the war but the Father Lao and North Vietnamese know that we had been there and I am sure they remember us as a unit that gave their best.

I apologize that I may not have all my facts right and also I apologize to the men that I have failed to mention. You are all honorable soldiers that did your duty.

Two affidavits from other individuals who were also serving with such a special guerilla unit or irregular forces and who personally knew of the decedent's service are sufficient per 38 CFR 38.619 (a)(2)(ii)(C).

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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

"A measure of the heroism and effectiveness of the Hmong struggle can be seen in the fact that the North Vietnamese forces arrayed against them increased over the years from the original 7,000 to 70,000, including several of North Vietnam's best divisions."

—Ambassador William Colby, Former CIA Director

In tribute to the Hmong and Lao special combat units that served in the
U.S. Secret Army in Laos, we join the grateful people of America
to award to you this

**Commendation and Citation for
Vietnam War Service in Laos**

to

ID

On this 14th day of May, 1998

For your courageous defense of your people and homeland against communist aggression, as well as your support and sacrifice on behalf of the United States military and clandestine forces, 1961-1975. Hmong and Lao members of the U.S. Secret Army fought in the Vietnam campaign in crucial air and ground operations as pilots, air crews and soldiers in support of Air America, the U.S. Air Force "Ravens" Program, U.S. Army Special Forces' White Star Teams and other American military efforts.

Now, therefore, on this 14th day of May, 1998, on the occasion of the Lao Veterans of America National Recognition Day ceremonies at the Vietnam War Memorial and Arlington National Cemetery, we salute your receipt of Vietnam War medals and we confer upon you and the other Hmong and Lao combat veterans this commendation and citation, and the long overdue recognition and honor you so rightly deserve for your sacrifices on behalf of the United States, Laos and the freedom loving people of Southeast Asia.



Rep. Dana Rohrabacher



Rep. Tim Holden



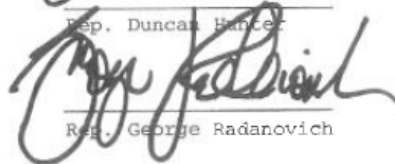
Rep. Randy Cunningham



Rep. Patrick Kennedy



Rep. Duncan Hunter



Rep. George Radanovich

Other appropriate evidence that factually documents the service, location, and dates served is sufficient per 38 CFR 38.619 (a)(2)(ii)(D).

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THIS IS AN IMPORTANT RECORD
SAFEGUARD IT

ANY ALTERATIONS IN SHARED
AREAS, EITHER FORM VOID

CERTIFICATE OF RELEASE OR DISCHARGE FROM ACTIVE DUTY

1. NAME (Last, First, Middle) [REDACTED]		2. DEPARTMENT, COMPONENT AND BRANCH U.S. SECRET ARMY SPECIAL GUERRILLA UNIT		3. SOCIAL SECURITY NO. [REDACTED]																																		
4.a. GRADE RATE OR RANK SERGEANT	4.b. PAY GRADE E-5	5.a. DATE OF BIRTH (yy/mm/dd) 1962-02-15		5.b. RESERVE OBLIG. TERM DATE Year 07 Month 03 Day 15																																		
7.a. PLACE OF ENTRY INTO ACTIVE DUTY U.S. BASE LONG TIENG LS-20A, XIENG KHOUANG, LAOS		7.b. HOME OF RECORD AT TIME OF ENTRY (City and State or complete address if known) LONG TIENG, XIENG KHOUANG, LAOS																																				
8.a. LAST DUTY ASSIGNMENT AND MAJOR COMMAND GM-23 BA-205, CO-205/3, ON SECONDARY MILITARY REGION		8.b. STATION WHERE SEPARATED U.S. BASE LONG CHENG LS-20A, XIENG KHOUANG, LAOS																																				
9. COMMAND TO WHICH TRANSFERRED																																						
10.a. SGLI COVERAGE (2) NONE																																						
11. PRIMARY SPECIALTY (List number, title, and years and months in specialty. List additional specialty numbers and titles involving periods of one or more years)																																						
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1968 Was recruited by the CIA U.S. Special Forces to join the U.S. Secret Army Special Guerrilla Unit. Served under the CIA and U.S. Special Forces command on Secondary Military Region, Xieng Khouang, Laos to (1) protect the U.S. Electronic Mountain Radar ALS-85 site that guided the air power to bomb the Ho Chin Minh Trail, (2) rescue the down American Pilots and (3) block the North Vietnamese Troops from using the Ho Chin Minh Trail to deliver Military Supplies to fight the American Troops in South Vietnam war. 13. DECORATION, MEDALS, BADGES, CITATION AND CAMPAIGN RIBBONS AWARDS OR AUTHORIZED (All periods of service) 1/ Vietnam Campaign Medal, 2/ Republic of Vietnam Service Medal, 3/ Operation Medal, 4/ Combat Service Medal, 5/ Homeland Security Medal, And other Medals from United States Volunteers America, Inc. (USV) 14. MILITARY EDUCATION (Course title, number of weeks, month and year completed) 03/1968 I was recruited by the U.S. CIA to join the U.S. Secret Army Special Guerrilla unit, (SGU) Base training Military And Care taker Children, Clean House for General Vang Pao at Long Tieng, LS-20A, Xieng Khouang, Laos																																						
15.a. MEMBER CONTRIBUTED TO POST VIETNAM CIA VETERANS EDUCATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM		15.b. HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE OR EQUIVALENT		15.c. DAYS ACCRUED LEAVE PAY																																		
YES NO		YES NO		YES X NO																																		
16. REMARKS																																						
Member was assigned duty on GM-23, BA-205, CO-205/3, Military Food Supplies at the CIA Head Quarter at Long Tieng LS-20A of the U.S. Secret Army Special Guerrilla Unit under the CIA and U.S. Special Forces Command on Secondary Military Region, Xieng Khouang, Laos. Member Served on the U.S. Secret Army Special Guerrilla Unit (SGU) from 02/15/1968 to 5/14/1975.																																						
19.a. MAILING ADDRESS AFTER SEPARATION (Include zip code)		19.b. NEAREST RELATIVE (Name and address included Zip Code)																																				
Bao Vue Xiong 1242 Queen Ave N. Mpls, MN 55411 (618) 713-1338		Bousa Kia Xiong (Daughter) 8278 Trinity Gardens N. Brooklyn Park, MN 55443 (612) 423-4834																																				
20. MEMBER REQUEST COPY BE SENT TO VA OR IF NOT YES NO		22. OFFICIAL AUTHORIZED TO SIGN (Typed name, grade, title, and signature)																																				
YES NO		Colonel James Bill Lair Chief of CIA and U.S. Secret Army SGU Officer in Northern Laos																																				
21. SIGNATURE OF MEMBER BEING SEPARATED																																						
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SPECIAL ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (For use by authorized agency only)																																						
23. TYPE OF SEPARATION CIA and U.S. Special Forces Withdrawal from Laos		24. CHARACTER OF SERVICE (Include appropriate)																																				
25. SEPARATION AUTHORITY U.S. Secret Army (SGU) Operation Officer to Laos 02/1968-05/1975		26. SEPARATION CODE JOLMBN 212/213		27. REENTRY CODE NONE																																		
28. NARRATIVE REASON FOR SEPARATION Withdrawal of U.S. Sufficient Service Endorsement from Laos and Member release from Active Duty Completion of Requirement for Retirement																																						
29. DATES OF TIME LOST DURING THIS PERIOD NONE		30. MEMBER REQUEST COPY 4																																				
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DD Form 214 AUTOMATED-ST C55411- 5656 Previous editions are obsolete

U.S. SECRET ARMY SGU MEMBER

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1. NAME (Last, First, Middle) [REDACTED]		2. DEPARTMENT, COMPONENT AND BRANCH U.S. Secret Army SGM	3. SOCIAL SECURITY NO. [REDACTED]															
4. HIGHEST RANK HELD E-5 (SGT)		5. DATE OF BIRTH (YYMMDD) 10/02/ 1952	6. US NATURALIZED CITIZEN ☒ YES ☐ NO															
7.a. PLACE OF ENTRY INTO ACTIVE DUTY Longtieng CIA HQ LS-20A Longtoeng, Xieng Khouang, Laos		7.b. HOME OF RECORD AT TIME OF ENTRY Longtieng X.K. Laos																
8.a. LAST DUTY ASSIGNMENT AND MAJOR COMMAND Care taker G.V.P. Children at General		8.b. STATION WHERE SEPARATED House, Longtieng X.K. Laos																
9. COMMAND TO WHICH TRANSFERRED Region 2, Longtieng, HQ, Xieng Khouang, Laos		10. PRISONER OF WAR ☐ YES ☐ NO																
11. PRIMARY SPECIALTY (List number, title and years and months in specialty) 02/15/1968 - 05/14/1975 I was Caretaker G.V.P. all Children		12. RECORD OF SERVICE																
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15. REMARKS 10/2005-- 12/2012 I was join USV, Inc. 03/2013 - 07/2015 I was Transfer to USNDC.																		
16.a. MAILING ADDRESS & TELEPHONE NUMBER [REDACTED]		16.b. NEAREST RELATIVE (Name and Telephone Number) 1/ [REDACTED] 2/ [REDACTED]																
17. SIGNATURE OF MEMBER [REDACTED] Print Name [REDACTED] Date 11/27/15 <i>[Signature]</i>		18. OFFICIAL SGM AUTHORIZED TO SIGN (Name, grade, title, and signature) Chief of CIA Guerrilla Operation of North in Laos Colonel James W. Bill Lair																

OFFICIAL SGM FORM

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