

# Memorial Day 2003

This Memorial Day I am remembering my adopted POW-MIA, Samuel Adams. This is for him and his family.



MIAs from wars other than Vietnam are largely accounted for. For those who fought in this 'unpopular' war, little official support exists to bring resolution and comfort to soldier's families. That's why pages like this are created by volunteers.



## HIS STORY

I don't know much about the personal life of Samuel Adams, except that he disappeared at about the same age (30 years old) that I was when I adopted him. Had I been lost at that point in life, I would've left a wife and two babies behind. Who would have helped them find anything out about me? Despite stereotypes, many who fight and die are not 18 year old adventure seekers, but people who temporarily leave their offices, shops, or factories to take another job, one that they hope is short and successful and that they know is necessary.

On October 31, 1961, four U.S. Air Force sergeants were traveling by bus from the coastal resort town of Vung Tau toward Saigon. They were stopped by local Viet Cong forces and taken prisoner. On November 2, 1965, the four sergeants attempted to escape from custody, and Staff Sergeant Jasper N. Page was successful. He last saw Sergeant Adams as the Viet Cong were chasing him and shooting at him.

In March 1992, the Joint Task Force interviewed a witness in Vietnam who described sightings of the four servicemen shortly after their capture at way-station B50. Information was also received that one prisoner escaped and the remaining three prisoners were shot. After burial, their bodies were later exhumed and reburied at a new location which has since been deforested, and the grave site can not be located.

When 591 Americans were released at the end of the war in 1973, Adams, Dusing and Moore were not among them; their names were on a list. No bodies were returned to their families, even though the Vietnamese clearly know where to find the three men.



## ADOPTED POW/MIA BIO

### ADAMS, SAMUEL

Name:	Samuel Adams
Rank/Branch:	E5/US Air Force Unit
Date of Birth:	02 August 1935
Home City of Record:	Goldenrod FL (family in NH)
Date of Loss:	31 October 1965
Country of Loss:	South Vietnam Loss
Coordinates:	10400N 1070000E (YS224805)
Status (in 1973):	Prisoner of War



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