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VIETNAM WAR POW/MIAS

The number of Americans missing from the Vietnam War stands at **1,698**. Our national effort on this Issue has the greatest probability of accomplishing the “**Fullest possible accounting**” in our lifetimes. Please continue to push your efforts and support towards that goal. **Thank you.**

ELKO, NEVADA JOINS THE BIG FOUR

Elko, Nevada has in five years managed to join the four most active states on the POW/MIA Issue. Elko now joins **Michigan, Ohio, New Jersey and Georgia** as the most active and successful in Public Awareness. **The POW/MIA Elko Awareness Association** has galvanized the support of their entire community behind the Issue in support of the **National League of POW/MIA Families**. At a February event held by the Association, they raised a record amount in fundraising to benefit the **League**. Elko has done what normally takes an entire state to accomplish. **Thank You Elko and welcome to our family.**

OFFICIAL REPRESENTATION OF ARMY SPC. BOWE BERGDAHL AND FAMILY

During the Elko event, the parents of U.S. Army SPC. Bowe Bergdahl attended and met with League officials over two days to discuss his case and seek representation. On June 30, 2009, then Pvt. Bergdahl was captured by the Taliban and is seen in four propaganda videos. League officials included Executive Director Ann Mills Griffiths, Board Chairman Mark Stephensen, Regional Coordinators Tom and Nancy Engkilterra and Nevada Coordinator Betty Bartals Murphy.

The National League of POW/MIA Families is the official representative of Bowe and his family. “Our priority now is to stop possible exploitation from occurring and not increase Bowe’s value to his captors, while creating a national public awareness campaign to educate the American people of Bowe’s situation” said League Regional Coordinator Tom Engkilterra. “This is a very delicate case and all caution should be used by anyone who wants to be involved” Engkilterra further noted. **It is our high honor to represent the Bergdahl family.**

All inquiries, activities and questions should be coordinated through the League.

Get involved, supporting the League supports Bowe. Let’s work together to support this soldier who is **servng honorably** while in enemy hands on our behalf. **Pray for Bowe!**



Print and put in your house front window.

“**Standing with Bowe**” and “**Riding with Bowe**” stickers for cars and motorcycles, enlarged above, and yellow Bowe bracelets can be ordered through **POW/MIA ELKO AWARENESS ASSOCIATION** online.

***Activity suggestion: Do what the South Bay Blue Star Mom (Calif.) and District 13 American Legion Riders (Calif.) and POW/MIA Elko Awareness Association did: Adopt Bowe as “your own”, work with the League and put stickers on your cars and motorcycles.**