

# 2006 ANNUAL REPORT

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***UNITY, DETERMINATION, OBJECTIVITY.....***

***PROGRESS***

***National League of Families of American Prisoners  
and Missing in Southeast Asia***

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Incorporated in the District of Columbia on May 28, 1970, the National League of POW/MIA Families is the only national organization with a voting membership comprised solely of wives, children, parents, siblings and other close relatives of American prisoners of war, missing in action, killed in action/body not recovered and returned POWs from the Vietnam War. The League's objectives are to obtain the release of all POWs, the fullest possible accounting for the missing and the return of all recoverable remains of those who died while serving our nation in Southeast Asia. The League is a non-profit, humanitarian, tax-exempt organization (IRS No. 23-7071242), financed by donations from veterans and other concerned Americans and the POW/MIA families.

**BALANCE SHEET**

December 31, 2006

**Assets**

Cash & investments	\$ 13,985
Receivables and prepaid expense	2,004
Furniture and equipment, less accumulated depreciation of \$7,533.....	<u>2,016</u>

Total Assets \$ 18,005

**Liabilities & Fund Balance****Liabilities**

Accounts payable	\$ 22,514
Payroll taxes payable	2,581
Accrued expenses	<u>80,410</u>

Total Liabilities \$105,505

Net assets – unrestricted (87,500)

Total Liabilities & Net Assets \$ 18,005

**Statement of Revenue & Expenses  
Year Ended December 31, 2006**

**Revenue:**

Program contributions	\$192,837
Donated time	<u>244,670</u>
Total Revenue	<u>\$437,507</u>

**Expenses:****Program**

Salaries and benefits	109,574
Travel/Program	4,111
Printing/postage	2,097
Public Awareness	259,690
Other expenses	33,894
Conference/meetings	<u>31,034</u>

Total Program \$440,400

**Fundraising:**

Salaries & benefits	\$ ---
Printing/postage	---
Subscription generation and processing	---
Other expenses	2,447
Conference/meetings	<u>1,724</u>

Total Fund-raising \$ 4,171

**Management and General:**

Salaries and benefits	\$4,566
Other expenses	4,305
Conference/meetings	<u>1,724</u>

Total Mgmt/General \$ 10,595

Total Expenses \$455,166

Change in Unrestricted Net Assets \$ (17,659)

Net Assets 01/01/06 \$ (69,841)

Net Assets 12/31/06 \$ (87,500)

## **PROGRAMS & EVENTS**

The League annually holds a national meeting for POW/MIA families and other concerned Americans to provide them an opportunity to hear current briefings on the status of U.S. efforts to account for Americans missing from the Vietnam War. In 2006, the League communicated frequently with all levels of the US Government, the Military Services and Congress to convey the families' views on the accounting process and progress achieved, or lack of same, on POW/MIA accounting objectives. The League sent a small delegation to Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia and Thailand. Discussions were held with senior US and foreign officials in each country to urge increased unilateral actions, as well as bilateral and multilateral cooperation to obtain answers. Current, factual material was regularly distributed to all League members, and thousands – possibly millions – were reached through the League's website ([www.pow-miafamilies.org](http://www.pow-miafamilies.org)). Hard-copy educational materials were also distributed widely to support POW/MIA accounting objectives.

## **MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

*Challenges mounted in 2006 as the League fought to maintain priority on the issue despite near-total focus on national security and the continuing and necessary war against international terrorism. Significant attention was required to promote concepts and approaches for consideration at the policy level dealing with POW/MIA matters. Based on US intelligence and other information, Vietnam's unilateral efforts did not comply with the President's criteria outlined first in his March 20, 2002 certification to Congress, nor with successive Secretary of State determinations to Congress in 2004, 2005 and 2006. Some objectives were achieved through field operations, but Vietnam is known to have had wartime control in areas where nearly 85% of Americans missing in Laos and Cambodia were lost. Thus, it is still to Vietnam that the US must look for archives, records and witnesses. Reliable evidence reveals that information and remains that could help account for hundreds of missing Americans should still be available from Vietnam. The US Ambassadors to Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia were responsive to League appeals and most helpful in urging officials in each country to increase cooperation to account for US personnel.*

Ann Mills Griffiths  
Executive Director