

**VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE  
RESOLUTION**

**MIAP-2008-1**

**MISSING IN AMERICA PROJECT**

**CSC SUPPORT FOR MISSING IN AMERICA PROJECT**

**ISSUE**

An untold number of American Veterans pass away every year. Many of these veterans have no family or friends remaining or are estranged from their families. Their cremated remains may be left on a shelf in a mortuary or morgue somewhere in the country, to be forgotten. As Vietnam Veterans of America's first adopted resolution states, "Never again will one generation of veterans abandon another," we should not abandon these veterans. Vietnam Veterans of America, California State Council, Inc. will support the Missing in America Project, with no cost to this entity.

**BACKGROUND**

The Missing In America Project was launched nationwide in January 2007. The Missing In America Project (MIAP) is a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation. The purpose of the MIAP is to locate, identify and inter the unclaimed cremated remains of American veterans through the joint efforts of private, state and federal organizations; to provide honor and respect to those who have served this country by securing a final resting place for these forgotten heroes.

The initial focus of MIAP will be a massive, nation-wide effort utilizing a large number of volunteers. This task will be executed through the combined, cooperative efforts of members of veteran organizations, volunteer groups, local Funeral Homes, State Funeral Commissions, State and National Veterans Administration Agencies, and State and National Veterans Cemetery Administrations.

Local, state and national laws must be followed in the identification, claiming process and proper interment of the unclaimed remains of forgotten veterans.

Since July 17, 1862, veterans have been buried with honor and respect. We need to make sure this continues for all veterans, including the unclaimed cremated remains that may be sitting on shelves across the country. By supporting the Missing In America Project, the California State Council, Inc. can help provide these heroes, who served their country, with a proper resting place.

**POSITION**

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