



1 was employed by the United States during the Vietnam  
2 conflict to conduct covert operations to infiltrate North  
3 Vietnam and who was captured and imprisoned by the  
4 North Vietnamese during the course of such operations.

5 (b) PAYMENT OF BACK PAY.—From funds available  
6 to the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary shall pay to  
7 each Vietnamese commando living in the United States  
8 who submits a timely claim under subsection (c) an  
9 amount of back pay equal to the product of the following:

10 (1) \$2,000, which corresponds to the annual  
11 salary accepted by Vietnamese commandos during  
12 the Vietnam conflict; and

13 (2) The number of years in which the Vietnam-  
14 ese commando was imprisoned by the North Viet-  
15 namease and the number of years after such impris-  
16 onment in which the Vietnamese commando was  
17 subject to persecution in Vietnam as a result of serv-  
18 ice as a Vietnamese commando, as determined by  
19 the Secretary.

20 (c) SUBMISSION OF CLAIMS.—To receive back pay  
21 under this section, a Vietnamese commando shall submit  
22 an application to the Secretary, in such form and contain-  
23 ing such information as the Secretary considers appro-  
24 priate, before the end of the two-year period beginning on  
25 the date on which the Vietnamese commando receives no-

1 tice under subsection (d) of the availability of compensa-  
2 tion.

3 (d) NOTIFICATION OF VIETNAMESE COMMANDOS.—

4 As soon as possible after the date of the enactment of this  
5 Act, the Secretary shall endeavor to notify each Vietnam-  
6 ese commando living in the United States on that date  
7 of the availability of back pay under this section. The Sec-  
8 retary shall provide notice to other Vietnamese comman-  
9 dos as soon as possible after they resettle in the United  
10 States.

11 (e) EFFECT OF PAYMENT.—The payment of back  
12 pay to a Vietnamese commando under this section shall  
13 be in full satisfaction of any claim of the Vietnamese com-  
14 mando against the United States arising out of the service  
15 of the person as a Vietnamese commando.

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