Vietnam War mass grave found thanks to US veteran tip-off

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Authorities excavate a site in Binh Dinh to look for remains of fallen soldiers during the Vietnam War. Photo by VnExpress/Hoai Phuc

The remains of 25 Vietnam War soldiers were found in a mass grave in the south central province of Binh Dinh thanks to a tip-off from a U.S. veteran.

The veteran, who is unnamed, provided the coordinates and maps to an area at Xuan Son Hill, which is now part of Hoai An District's An Nghia Commune, Ho Quoc Dung, the Binh Dinh Party Committee Secretary, said Thursday. The area was a battlefield during the Vietnam War in 1966.

After two weeks of excavations, authorities found over 25 soldier remains, along with several objects. The remains would unrdergo a memorial ceremony on April 30, followed by burial at a cemetery for fallen soldiers in Hoai An District.

According to information provided by the U.S. veteran and data from authorities, around 60-80 soldiers lost their lives in the Xuan Son hill area during 1966. Therefore, a search for the rest of the remains is ongoing.