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SERVICE MEMBER REMAINS RETURNED FROM VIETNAM

CAMP H.M. SMITH, HAWAII -- Remains believed to be those of seven U.S. servicemen unaccounted for from the conflict in Southeast Asia will be repatriated in a ceremony at Hickam Air Force Base at 11 a.m., Wednesday, Aug. 26.

The remains were recovered in Vietnam in June and July by Vietnamese and U.S. military personnel assigned to Joint Task Force-Full Accounting at Camp Smith and the U.S. Army's Central Identification Lab at Hickam Air Force Base. The remains recovery followed extensive investigative work to locate aircraft crash or burial sites.

After the repatriation ceremony, the remains will go to the Central Identification Laboratory where they will undergo analysis for individual biological identification.

Joint Task Force-Full Accounting was created six years ago to expand U.S.

Government efforts to achieve the fullest possible accounting for Americans who did not return from the war in Southeast Asia. Since its creation, the task force has repatriated almost 450 sets of remains, and there is a currently a 93-person team in Vietnam investigating 47 cases involving potential aircraft and ground losses. As many as eight sites will be investigated during the 30-day operation.

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(NOTE: Media representatives who wish to cover the repatriation ceremony should contact Master Sergeant Gene LaDoucer at Hickam's Public Affairs Office at 449-2490. Additional media questions regarding the mission of JTF-FA should be addressed to Maj. Franklin Childress at 477-5301 or Maj. Joe Davis at 477-5401.)