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MIA REPATRIATION ARRIVAL CEREMONY

CAMP H.M. SMITH, HAWAII – Remains believed to be those of six unaccounted-for U.S. servicemen from the war in Southeast Asia are scheduled to arrive at Hickam Air Force Base at 9 a.m., Wednesday, July 14. All veteran and military organizations are invited to attend the arrival ceremony.

The remains were recovered by a team of 118 mostly Hawaii-based military and civilian specialists who were deployed to Vietnam in May and June. Forty-five cases involving potential aircraft and ground losses were investigated during the 30-day operation, and seven sites were excavated.

Since 1973, 523 American service members, formerly listed as unaccounted-for, have been recovered, identified and returned to their families. There are currently 2,060 Americans still unaccounted-for from the war in Southeast Asia, 1,534 in Vietnam.

The remains will be flown from Hanoi to Andersen AFB, Guam, where a repatriation ceremony will be held to signify their return to U.S. soil. Upon arriving at Hickam, the remains will go to the U.S. Army's Central Identification Laboratory-Hawaii for forensic identification analysis.

(Press Note: Media organizations wishing to cover the arrival ceremony must contact the Hickam Public Affairs Office, 449-2490, by 4 p.m., July 13.)