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## MIA Search Team Deploys to Vietnam

**CAMP H.M. SMITH, Hawaii** - A Joint Field Activity consisting of one investigation team and six recovery teams will deploy from Hickam Air Force Base to Vietnam on 4 Aug, on a mission to locate and recover remains leading to the identification of American servicemen still unaccounted for from the war in Southeast Asia. The teams consist of up to 95 personnel of mostly Hawaii-based U.S. military specialists from Joint Task Force-Full Accounting, the U.S. Army's Central Identification Laboratory, Hawaii and the Joint Field Operating Base, Hawaii (Stony Beach).

On Aug 9, team members will be joined by technical representatives from the Socialist Republic of Vietnam to begin joint investigations and remains recovery operations in 12 Vietnamese provinces. Up to 16 cases involving aircraft are scheduled for investigation during the 30-day operation. In addition, six primary sites are scheduled for excavation.

Since 1973, the remains of 628 American service members, formerly listed as unaccounted for, have been identified and returned to their families. There are currently 1,957 Americans still unaccounted-for from the war in Southeast Asia, 1,474.

The investigation and recovery teams consist of members from the Army, Air Force, Navy and Marine Corps. as well as Department of Defense civilians.