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U.S. - NORTH KOREA POW/MIA TALKS END

U.S. and North Korean negotiators ended talks Jan. 26, 2002, on future recoveries of the remains of U.S. servicemen missing in action from the Korean War.

The talks, which began Jan. 23, 2002, were held in Bangkok, Thailand. Negotiators led by the Department of Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office sought to establish a schedule of operations to recover U.S. remains from several areas in North Korea.

The U.S. negotiating team included representatives from the United Nations Command, the Department of State and the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

As a result of previous negotiations, U.S. teams have recovered more than 150 sets of remains believed to be those of American soldiers. Between 1996-2001, specialists from the U.S. Army Central Identification Laboratory have conducted 27 joint recovery operations in an area about 60 miles north of Pyongyang, the capital city, as well as near the Chosin Reservoir in the northeast part of the country.

No dates were set to resume negotiations.