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CILHI Team Leaves for South Korea
Searching for Unaccounted-For Service Members

HICKAM AFB, Hawaii -- An investigative team from the U.S. Army Central Identification Laboratory, Hawaii recently deployed to South Korea to search for information on unaccounted for service members from the Korean War.

The team will remain in South Korea for the next month investigating six sites associated with unaccounted-for service members. The team will follow up leads from the demilitarized zone down to Pusan County. The eight-member CILHI team consists of a team leader, team sergeant, medic, two linguists, an anthropologist, an explosive ordnance disposal technician and a photographer. The information gathered by the team will be used to schedule future recoveries of the service members lost in the Korean War.

The mission of CILH is to search for, recover and identify unaccounted for service members from previous wars. While more than 54,000 Americans service men and women lost their lives during the Korean War there are more than 8,100 service members still unaccounted for.

Since 1973, CILHI had identified and returned to their families more than 1,030 Americans listed as prisoner, missing and unaccounted for from previous wars. While the recovery and identification process may take years, the CILHI is dedicated to achieving the fullest possible accounting for all servicemen and civilians still unaccounted for from our nation's wars and to bringing home those killed defending our country.

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