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MIA MIA Search Team Deploys to Vietnam  
on 70<sup>th</sup> Joint Field Activity Mission

**CAMP H.M. SMITH, HAWAII** - A Joint Field Activity consisting of an investigation team, a research investigation team and five recovery teams will deploy from Hickam Air Force Base for Vietnam on a mission to account for Americans still missing or unaccounted for as a result of the Vietnam War. The teams consist of up to 95 personnel of mostly Hawaii-based U.S. military specialists from Joint Task Force-Full Accounting (JTF-FA), the U.S. Army Central Identification Laboratory, Hawaii (CILHI) and the Defense Intelligence Agency, Joint Field Operating Base, Hawaii (Stony Beach).

Team members will be joined by counterparts from the Socialist Republic of Vietnam to begin work on joint investigations and remains recovery operations in nine Vietnamese provinces to include an underwater recovery operation in southern Vietnam. The investigation team is scheduled to investigate up to 14 cases involving missing or unaccounted-for servicemen. Remains recovery excavations are scheduled at five primary sites. In addition, the research investigation team will investigate up to eight last known alive cases during the 30-day field activity.

Since 1973, due to the great efforts of the Department of Defense and veterans' organizations, the remains of approximately 726 Americans formerly listed as missing or unaccounted for in Southeast Asia have been identified. There are currently 1,914 Americans still missing or unaccounted for from the war in Southeast Asia, 1,444 of them in Vietnam.

The investigation and recovery teams consist of members from the Army, Air Force, Navy and Marine Corps as well as Department of Defense civilians from CILHI and JTF-FA. The research investigation team consists of representatives from Stony Beach and members of JTF-FA.

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