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MIA REPATRIATION CEREMONY

CAMP H.M. SMITH, HAWAII - Remains believed to be those of two unaccounted-for U.S. servicemen from the war in Southeast Asia will be repatriated in a ceremony at Hickam Air Force Base at 9 a.m., Wednesday (May 5). All veteran and military organizations are invited to attend the arrival ceremony.

The remains were recovered when a team of 101 mostly Hawaii-based military and civilian specialists deployed to Vietnam, Feb. 23 to March 27, to conduct joint search and recovery operations. Forty-nine cases involving potential aircraft and ground losses were investigated during the 30-day operation, and nine sites were excavated.

Since 1973, 520 Americans, formerly listed as unaccounted-for, have been recovered, identified and returned to their families. There are currently 2,063 Americans still unaccounted-for from the war in Southeast Asia, 1,537 in Vietnam.

After the ceremony, the remains will go to the U.S. Army's Central Identification Laboratory-Hawaii for forensic identification analysis.