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MIA JOINT ARRIVAL CEREMONY TO BE HELD

JTF-FA DETACHMENT 2, HANOI - Remains believed to be those of 12 unaccounted-for American servicemen from the Vietnam and Korean Wars will be honored at an arrival ceremony at Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii on July 10 at 9 a.m. All veteran and military organizations are invited to attend.

Eight sets of remains from the Vietnam War were recovered by military and civilian members of Joint Task Force-Full Accounting and the U.S. Army's Central Identification Laboratory, Hawaii (CILHI) during search and recovery missions in Laos and Vietnam. Four sets of remains from the Korean War were recovered by CILHI teams during recent excavations in North Korea.

The twelve sets of remains will be honored at the Hickam ceremony by an all-service honor guard at the 15th Air Base Wing Operations Building. Following the ceremony, the remains will be taken to CILHI where the forensic identification process will begin.

More information about the U.S. government's full accounting mission in Southeast Asia can be found on the Defense POW/Missing Personnel Affairs Office web site at www.dtic.mil/dpmo JTF-FA contact is: Maj. Rene Stockwell (808) 477-5301. CILHI contact is: Maj. Kevin Upson at (808) 448-8903 ext. 103.