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MIA SEARCH TEAM DEPLOYS TO VIETNAM

CAMP H.M. SMITH, HAWAII - A team of 95 mostly Hawaii-based U.S. military specialists leave for Vietnam Thursday, June 22, with hopes of recovering remains that may lead to the identification of American servicemen unaccounted-for since the Vietnam War.

On Monday, June 26, members from Joint Task Force-Full Accounting at Camp Smith and the U.S. Army's Central Identification Lab at Hickam Air Force Base will join technical representatives from the Socialist Republic of Vietnam to begin joint investigations and remains recovery operations in 16 Vietnamese provinces and cities. Thirty-two cases involving aircraft and ground losses are scheduled for investigation during the 30-day operation. There are six primary excavation sites and nine alternate locations.

Since 1973, the remains of 566 American service members, formerly listed as unaccounted for, have been identified and returned to their families. There are currently 2,017 Americans still unaccounted-for from the war in Southeast Asia, 1,514 in Vietnam.

The 95 team members are comprised of 46 U.S. Army, 17 Air Force, 10 Navy, 11 Marines, 3 National Guardsmen, and 8 Department of Defense civilians.