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MIA SEARCH TEAM DEPLOYS TO VIETNAM

CAMP H.M. SMITH, HAWAII - A team of 99 mostly Hawaii-based U.S. military and civilian specialists leave for Vietnam Thursday, Aug 24, with hopes of recovering remains that may lead to the identification of American servicemen listed as unaccounted-for since the war in Vietnam.

On Monday, Aug. 28, 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 19 Vietnamese provinces and cities. Thirty-six cases involving aircraft and ground losses are scheduled for investigation during the 30-day operation. There are six primary excavation sites and ten alternate locations.

Since 1973, the remains of 575 American servicemen, formerly listed as unaccounted for, have been identified and returned to their families. There are currently 2,008 Americans still unaccounted-for from the war in Southeast Asia, 1,514 in Vietnam.

The 98 team members are comprised of 59 U.S. Army, 20 Air Force, 6 Navy, 4 Marines, and 9 Department of Defense civilians.