

Remains of LNAS aviator identified

Remains of a Lemoore Naval Air Station aviator, Lt. (jg) David M. Christian, shot down 22 years ago over the skies of North Vietnam have finally been identified.

Christian's remains were

released by the North Vietnamese government on April 10, 1986, and not positively identified until this month according to an announcement made Tuesday by Navy officials.

Christian, piloting an A-4E with

now-decommissioned VA-23 aboard the USS Midway, was shot down by ground fire on June 2, 1965 while on a bombing run over North Vietnam. His plane went into the Gulf of Tonkin, and Christian was unable to successfully eject from the Skyhawk. The Oakland, CA native was declared killed in action.

Christian's home state of record is Kansas. No interment plans have yet been publicly announced.

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