

April 28, 1987

MEMORANDUM FOR CORRESPONDENTS

Remains returned from Indochina have been identified as the following U.S. serviceman:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Service</u>	<u>Loss Date</u>
David M. Christian	L/TJG	USN	Jun 2, 1965
<u>Loss Country</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>Home of Record</u>	
North Vietnam	Jan 15, 1941	Lane, Kan.	

The remains of Lieutenant Junior Grade Christian were among the 21 repatriated by the Socialist Republic of Vietnam on April 10, 1986. The identities of the remains of nine other Americans returned in April were announced previously. Others are still undergoing analysis at the U.S. Army Central Identification Laboratory in Hawaii.

The remains will depart Hickam Air Force Base in Hawaii with a full military honors ceremony at 8:00 a.m., April 29, 1987, Hawaii time, and travel to Travis Air Force Base, California, for their final journey home.

The U.S. Government appreciates the cooperation by the Socialist Republic of Vietnam that resulted in the return of this servicemember's remains and hopes it represents just one of many continued steps to resolve this longstanding humanitarian issue.

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