



DPAA YEAR IN REVIEW

October 2016- September 2017

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Pvt. Walter Piper, USA
Pvt. Richard Lucas, USA
Pfc. Leslie Sutton, USA
Pfc. Richard Seadore, USA
Pfc. Frank Sandoval, USA
Pfc. Edward Borders, USA
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Cpl. Gerald Mueller, USA
Cpl. Philip Iyotte, USA
Pfc. James Leonard, USA
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Pvt. Felipe Champion, USA
Sgt. 1st Class Finley Davis, USA
Pvt. Walter Green, USA
HM1 William Payne, USN
Sgt. Elmore Goodwin, USA
Pvt. Leroy Bryant, USA
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Sgt. Harry Harkness, USA
Cpl. Kermit Lejeune, USA
Pfc. Donald Eischlag, USMC
Sgt. Johnson McAfee, USMC
Pfc. Donald Baer, USA
Pfc. Willie Blue, USA
Sgt. Lester Walker, USA
Maj. Stephen Uurtamo, USA

World War II

John Armstrong, CIV
M1c Kenneth Armstrong, USN
F3c Kenneth Holm, USN
Peter Atkinson, CIV
EM3c Cecil Barncord, USN
Maxx Hammer, CIV
Pfc. Gene Appleby, USA
Cox. Verne Knipp, USN
1st Lt. Francis Pitonyak, USAAF
2nd Lt. Charles Carlson, USAAF
Staff Sgt. Byron Nelson, USAAF
F1c Michael Galajdik, USN
1st Lt. William Gray, USAAF
F3c Glaydon Iverson, USN
F1c Elmer Kerestes, USN
GM1c Arthur Neuenschwander, USN
MATT1 Ralph Boudreaux, USN
F1c Charles Casto, USN
S1c Monroe Temple, USN
Ens. William Thompson, USN
F1c Charles Thompson, USNSTM1
Cyril Dusset, USN

183 ACCOUNTED FOR 201 IDENTIFIED



October 1, 2016
through
September 30, 2017

S2c George George, USN
M1c Elliot Larsen, USN
FCM3c Robert Pribble, USN
F3c Robert Walkowiak, USN
SK2 Glenn Cyriack, USN
2nd Lt. Harry Gaver, USMC
1st Lt. Robert Oxford, USAAF
S1c Paul Raimond, USN
Cpl. Henry Andregg, USMC
Pfc. Jack Fox, USMC
Pfc. Sam Kourkos, USMC
Pvt. William Gruber, USAAF
F1c William Kennedy, USN
F1c Lawrence Fecho, USN
F1c Walter Rogers, USN
Pvt. Donald Spayd, USMC
Pfc. Reece Gass, USA
2nd Lt. George Bussa, USMC
1st Lt. Ewart Sconiers, USAAF
Pfc. John Kovach, USA
Pvt. Harold Hirschi, USAAF
S1c Milton Surratt, USN
Staff Sgt. Michael Aiello, USA
Pfc. Lonnie Eichelberger, USA
Pfc. Lloyd Lobdell, USA
Pfc. George Murray, USMC
Pvt. Archie Newell, USMC
Pvt. Ray James, USMC
1st Lt. George Betchley, USAAF
Staff Sgt. Gerald Jacobsen, USA
Pfc. Raymond Snapp, USMC
Sgt. Richard Sowell, USA
Pfc. Gerald Wipfli, USA
Cpl. Anthony Guerriero, USMC
2nd Lt. Clarence Dragoo, USAAF
2nd Lt. Richard Horwitz, USAAF
Staff Sgt. Thomas McGraw, USAAF
LT William Punnell, USN
Pvt. Joseph Carbone, USMC
Lt. j.g. Irvin Rink, USN
Pvt. Alberic Blanchette, USMC
RM2 Walter Backman, USN
2nd Lt. Clarence Allen, USAAF
Sgt. William Ball, USMC
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Tech. Sgt. Allen Chandler, USAAF
1st Lt. John Liekhus, USAAF
ARM2c Albert Rybarczyk, USN
AOM2c Ora Sharninghouse, USN
Staff Sgt. Robert Shoemaker, USAAF
Staff Sgt. Bobby Younger, USAAF
Pvt. Vernon Keaton, USMC
PhM1c John Schoonover, USN
2nd Lt. Stanley Stegnerski, USAAF
F2c John Wheeler, USN
F1c Samuel Crowder, USN

F1c Charles Ogle, USN
F1c Elmer Nail, USN
Pfc. Raymond Sinowitz, USAAF
Pfc. Billy Ball, USA
Sgt. Charles Daman, USAAF
Staff Sgt. Roy Davis, USAAF
Pfc. Francis Drake, USMC
SF3 Francis Hannon, USN
S1c Joseph Johnson, USN
1st Lt. Robert Mains, USAAF
AstCK Frank Masoni, USMC
Pfc. Manuel Menendez, USMC
F1c Gerald Pirtle, USN
WT2c Porter Rich, USN
S1c John Savidge, USN
Pfc. Harold Thomas, USMC
S2c Frank Wood, USN
CWT Paul Wright, USN
Pvt. George Patrick, USMC
2nd Lt. Elwood Bailey, USMC
S1c Edward Slapikas, USN
Pvt. John Tillman, USMC
2nd Lt. Donald Underwood, USAAF
PhM2c Thomas Murphy, USN
S2c George Wilcox, USN
Tech. Sgt. John Bailey, USAAF
Pvt. Shirley Bailey, USA
Pfc. Albert Strange, USMC
Pfc. Donald Tolson, USMC
1st Lt. Homer Spence, USAAF
Pvt. Charles Drew, USMC
Pfc. Harold Hannon, USMC
Pfc. Arnold Harrison, USMC
Pfc. Harry C. Morrissey, USMC
Cpl. John McNichol, USMC
SM3 Charles Nix, USN
SK3 Eli Olsen, USN
Pfc. Lyle Charpiloz, USMC
Sk3 Wallace Eakes, USN
S1c Clifford Goodwin, USN
Sgt. Elden Grimm, USMC
S2c Harold Head, USN
S1c James Solomon, USN
Cpl. Raymond Barker, USMC
Pvt. Edwin Jordan, USMC
M1c Kenneth Armstrong, USN
Pfc. Joe Lukie, USMC

First-Time Identifications from Previous Group Identifications

1st Lt. Marvin S. Arthington, USAF
HM2 Robert J. Bridges, Jr., USN
Capt. George P. McKnight, USAF
A1c Frederick R. Neef, USAF
Tech Sgt. William B. O'Kieff, USAF
1st Lt. Frederick M. Rader, USAF
Staff Sgt. Jack E. Beals, USAAF
2nd Lt. Patrick J. Byrnes, Jr., USAAF
2nd Lt. William B. Cox, USAAF
Sgt. Harold B. Davis, USAAF
Flt. Officer Fred L. Evans, USAAF
Pfc. James A. Franklin, USAAF
Staff Sgt. Harold E. Kuhn, USAAF
1st Lt. Fulton P. Lanier, USAAF
Capt. Lamar S. Russell, USAAF
Staff Sgt. William E. Turner, USAAF
2nd Lt. Fred H. Verhein, Jr., USAAF
1st Lt. Robert F. Violet, USAAF
Capt. Donald C. Cole, USAAF
Cpl. Joseph Petrella, USAAF
2nd Lt. Vernal J. Bird, USAAF
Sgt. Wilfred M. Husband, USAAF

Note: This page contains the names of 181 of the 183 people DPAA accounted for in FY 2017. The names of the remaining two are not included as their families are pending notification.

October
2016



A local Lao worker poses for a portrait while assisting DPAA with clearing an excavation site, to recover remains of U.S. servicemen missing from the Vietnam War, in Khammouane Province, Laos, Oct. 28, 2016. (U.S. Marine Corps photo by Sgt. Eric M Laclair)



TOP:

DPAA service members and *USNS Grasp* crewmen screen for evidence from the underwater recovery operation in the Tyrrhenian Sea, Italy, Oct. 1, 2016. DPAA worked with the *USNS Grasp* and the Mobile Diving and Salvage Unit 2 to locate U.S. service members who went missing when a B-24 Liberator crashed during WWII. (U.S. Army photo by Spc. Lloyd Villanueva)



BOTTOM:

U.S. Navy Divers of Mobile Diving and Salvage Unit 2 prepare to dive while conducting an underwater recovery operation in the Tyrrhenian Sea, Italy, Oct. 6, 2016. The Mobile Diving and Salvage Unit 2 worked with DPAA to locate U.S. service members who went missing when a B-24 Liberator crashed during WWII. (U.S. Army photo by Spc. Lloyd Villanueva)

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November
2016



TOP:

Mindy Simonsson, an archeologist with DPAA, reviews her notes while preparing an excavation site in Khammouane Province, Laos, Nov. 13, 2016. Simonsson was part of a team deployed to Laos to search for remains of U.S. servicemen missing from the Vietnam War. (U.S. Marine Corps Photo by Sgt. Eric M Laclair)



BOTTOM:

U.S. Army Staff Sgt. Marc Weyrick, DPAA, removes water from out of an excavation area during a recovery mission in Dien Bien, Vietnam, Nov. 12, 2016. Members of DPAA deployed to the area to attempt to recover the remains of an F-4C aircraft pilot unaccounted-for from the Vietnam War. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Erik Cardenas)





TOP:

Members from DPAA remove mud from a pit during a recovery mission in Dien Bien, Vietnam, Nov. 18, 2016. DPAA deployed to the area in attempt to recover the remains of an F-4C aircraft pilot unaccounted-for from the Vietnam War. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Erik Cardenas)

RIGHT:

A Vietnamese worker removes mud from a pit during a DPAA recovery mission in Dien Bien, Vietnam, Nov. 14, 2016. Members of DPAA deployed to the area in hopes of recovering the remains of an F-4C aircraft pilot unaccounted for from the Vietnam War. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Erik Cardenas)



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December 2016



TOP:

Melvan Heckman, a Pearl Harbor survivor, attends the *USS Oklahoma* Memorial ceremony on Ford Island, Hawaii, Dec. 7, 2016. DPAA continues to identify *USS Oklahoma* Sailors and Marines from the 388 unknowns whose remains had been disinterred from the NMCP in Honolulu. DPAA recently commemorated the 75th anniversary of the attack that killed 429 servicemen aboard the ship. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Jose H. Rodriguez Guzman)



BOTTOM:

Members of DPAA render honors during a disinterment ceremony for unknown service members at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, Honolulu, Hawaii, Dec. 5, 2016. The remains were transferred to the DPAA laboratory for identification. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Jose H. Rodriguez Guzman)





Prime Minister Shinzo Abe of Japan (center right) is briefed by DPAA anthropologists on the identification process during a tour of the agency's facility at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam as part of his visit to Hawaii, Dec. 26, 2016. Abe is the first Japanese leader to publicly view the site of the Pearl Harbor Attack since 1951. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Kathrine Dodd)

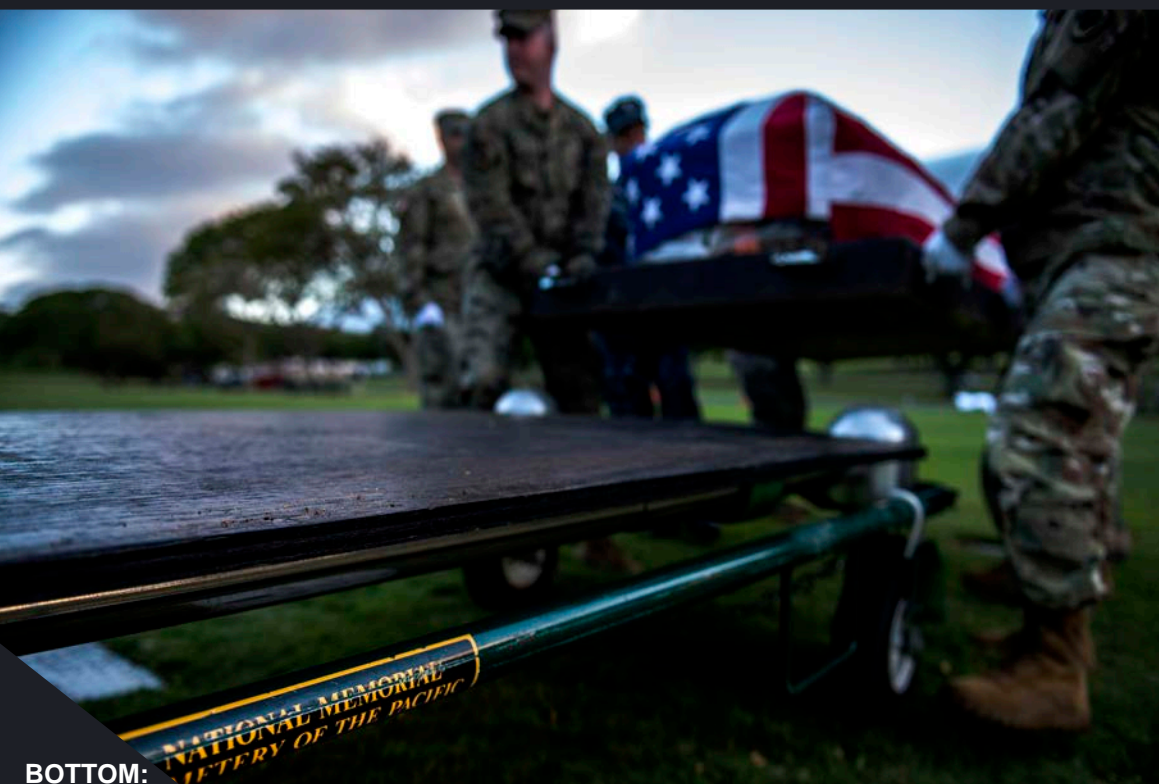
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January
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TOP:

U.S. Army Staff Sgt. Francis Sangiamvongse, linguist, screens soil with villagers during excavation operations as part of DPAA's mission in the Khammouane Province, Laos, Jan. 29, 2017. Recovery Team 3 conducted excavation operations in search of two missing U.S. Air Force pilots who crashed while on a visual reconnaissance mission during the Vietnam War more than 48 years ago. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Leah Ferrante)



BOTTOM:

U.S. service members with DPAA honor the fallen during a disinterment ceremony, Jan. 30, 2017, at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, known as the Punchbowl, in Honolulu, Hawaii. The disinterred remains were transferred to the DPAA laboratory for identification. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Erik Cardenas)





TOP:
Natalie Anderson Rauch, right, has her cheek swabbed for DNA by Suzanne Barritt-Ross with the Armed Forces Medical Examiners System's DNA Identification Laboratory, in Honolulu, Jan. 25, 2016. Rauch's father went missing in the Vietnam War, when she was only eight years old. In case his remains are ever located, they may be identified through the DNA sample she provided. (U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt. Kristen Duus)



BOTTOM:
Jack Kenkeo, life support investigator, shovels dirt from screening stations during excavation operations as part of DPAA's mission in the Khammouane Province, Laos, Jan. 23, 2017. Recovery Team 3 conducted the operations in search of two missing U.S. Air Force pilots who crashed while on a visual reconnaissance mission during the Vietnam War. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Leah Ferrante)

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TOP:

U.S. service members with DPAA transfer the American Flag as part of a dignified ceremony to disinter the remains of an unknown service member from the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific in Honolulu, Jan. 9, 2017. The remains were taken to the DPAA laboratory for analysis and identification as part of the mission to provide the fullest possible accounting for our missing personnel to their families and the nation. (U.S. Marine Corps photo by Cpl. John Tran)



BOTTOM:

Lynn Rakos, scientific recovery expert, waters hard soil to help with excavation operations as part of DPAA's mission in the Khammouane Province, Laos, Jan. 23, 2017. Recovery Team 3 executed excavation operations in search of two missing U.S. Air Force pilots who crashed while on a visual reconnaissance mission during the Vietnam War over 48 years ago. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Leah Ferrante)

*January
2017 continued*



LEFT:

U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. Michael Alexandra, an explosive ordnance disposal technician temporarily assigned to DPAA, inspects potential material evidence while searching for the remains of a U.S. service member still considered missing in action from the Vietnam War in Boualapha District, Laos, Jan 29, 2017. Alexander, who is stationed at Eielson Air Force Base, Alaska, was temporarily deployed with DPAA as part of their augment program. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Matthew J. Bruch)

BOTTOM:

U.S. service members with DPAA load the disinterred remains of an unknown service member into a transport vehicle at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific in Honolulu, Hawaii, Jan. 9, 2017. The remains were sent to the DPAA laboratory to be analyzed for identification. DPAA is grateful to the Department of Veterans Affairs for their participation in these missions. (U.S. Marine Corps photo by Cpl. John Tran)



February
2017



Soldiers with the 3rd Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard), prepare to fold the American Flag over the remains of U.S. Army Master Sgt. Ira V. Miss, Jr., during his funeral at Arlington National Cemetery, Feb. 8, 2017. Miss, who died as a prisoner of war during the Korean War, had been identified and returned to his family for burial with full military honors. (U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt. Kristen Duus)





TOP:

U.S. Army Col. Christopher Forbes, DPAA European-Mediterranean director, speaks with family members of U.S. Army Master Sgt. Ira V. Miss, Jr., during Miss' funeral at Arlington National Cemetery, Feb. 8, 2017. Miss, who died as a prisoner of war during the Korean War, had been identified and returned to his family for burial with full military honors. (U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt. Kristen Duus)



BOTTOM:

During a repatriation ceremony in the Republic of Kiribati, Feb. 10, 2017, U.S. Marines and Airmen, assigned to DPAA, carry transfer cases of possible remains of U.S. Marines recovered by History Flight, Inc., a DPAA partner organization, on the Island of Tarawa. The remains were flown to the DPAA laboratory in Hawaii for analysis and identification. (U.S. Marine Corps photo by Cpl. Julian Temblador)

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March
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TOP:

Dr. James Shorten, a Vietnam War veteran, sits in front of aircraft wreckage during an investigation in which he assisted a DPAA team to locate missing service members from the Vietnam War in Ratanakiri, Cambodia, March 8, 2017. (U.S. Marine Corps photo by Sgt. Demetrius Munnerlyn)

BOTTOM:

Local workers pass buckets of soil during a DPAA excavation and recovery mission to locate missing service members from the Vietnam War in Kham Duc, Vietnam, March 13, 2017. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Jose H. Rodriguez Guzman)



U.S. Army Sgt. 1st Class Jean Villanueva Lopez, assigned to DPAA, carries the American flag during a disinterment ceremony at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, Honolulu, Hawaii, March 13, 2017. The remains were transferred to the DPAA laboratory for analysis and identification. (U.S. Marine Corps photo by Sgt. Lauren Falk)



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April
2017



A bugle player plays "Taps" in the background, while a Soldier with the 3rd Infantry Unit (The Old Guard) salutes the American flag being held over the remains of Army Air Forces 1st Lt. Robert E. Moessner, during Moessner's funeral at Arlington National Cemetery, April 5, 2017. Moessner was the bombardier of a *B-24* aircraft that crashed in the waters of Hong Kong harbor in 1944. Moessner had been identified through DNA analysis and returned to his family for burial with full military honors. (U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt. Kristen Duus)





TOP:

Using an interactive presentation board, Johnnie Webb, DPAA Outreach and Communications Deputy Director, briefs Vietnam War veteran George Sternischa (right), at Joint Base Pearl Harbor Hickam, Hawaii, April 20, 2017. Sternischa is nephew of U.S. Navy Fireman 1st Class Michael Galajdik, who was killed on the *USS Oklahoma*, Dec. 7, 1941. Galajdik was recently identified and returned to his family for burial with full military honors. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Leah Ferrante)



BOTTOM:

U.S. Marine Corps Staff Sgt. Ethan Schrader, DPAA explosive ordnance disposal technician, digs for a metal anomaly in the ground during a DPAA recovery operation in the Tournhem Forest, France, April 29, 2017. Throughout excavation, EOD technicians scanned the ground for items that could provide clues to enable the team to locate a potential crash site as well as help the team avoid potential hazards that may have been left behind. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communications Specialist 3rd Class Armando Velez)

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May
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TOP:

A formation of MV-22 Osprey aircraft flies over the funeral for Marine Corps Reserve 1st Lt. William Ryan, at Arlington National Cemetery, near Washington, D. C., May 10, 2017. On May 11, 1969, Ryan was the radar intercept officer of an F-4B aircraft when the aircraft was hit by enemy fire. He was subsequently declared deceased. In 2016, remains found near Ban Alang, Noi, Laos, were identified as Ryan's and he was returned to his family for burial with full military honors. (U.S. Army Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Kristen Duus)



BOTTOM:

U.S. Marine Corps Gunnery Sgt. Dane Griffin searches for sub-surface metal, May 7, 2017, in hope of finding aircraft wreckage from a missing B-26 Bomber lost during WWII. Griffin, an explosives ordnance technician working with DPAA, participated in the mission in the Normandy region of France. (DoD photo by Bill Dasher)



RIGHT:

Personnel from DPAA and Republic of Korea Army (ROKA) Soldiers conduct excavation operations in Yanggu, South Korea, May 8, 2017. Eight members of DPAA deployed to South Korea to attempt to recover the remains of a missing service member lost during the Korean War. (U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt. Roy C. Woo)



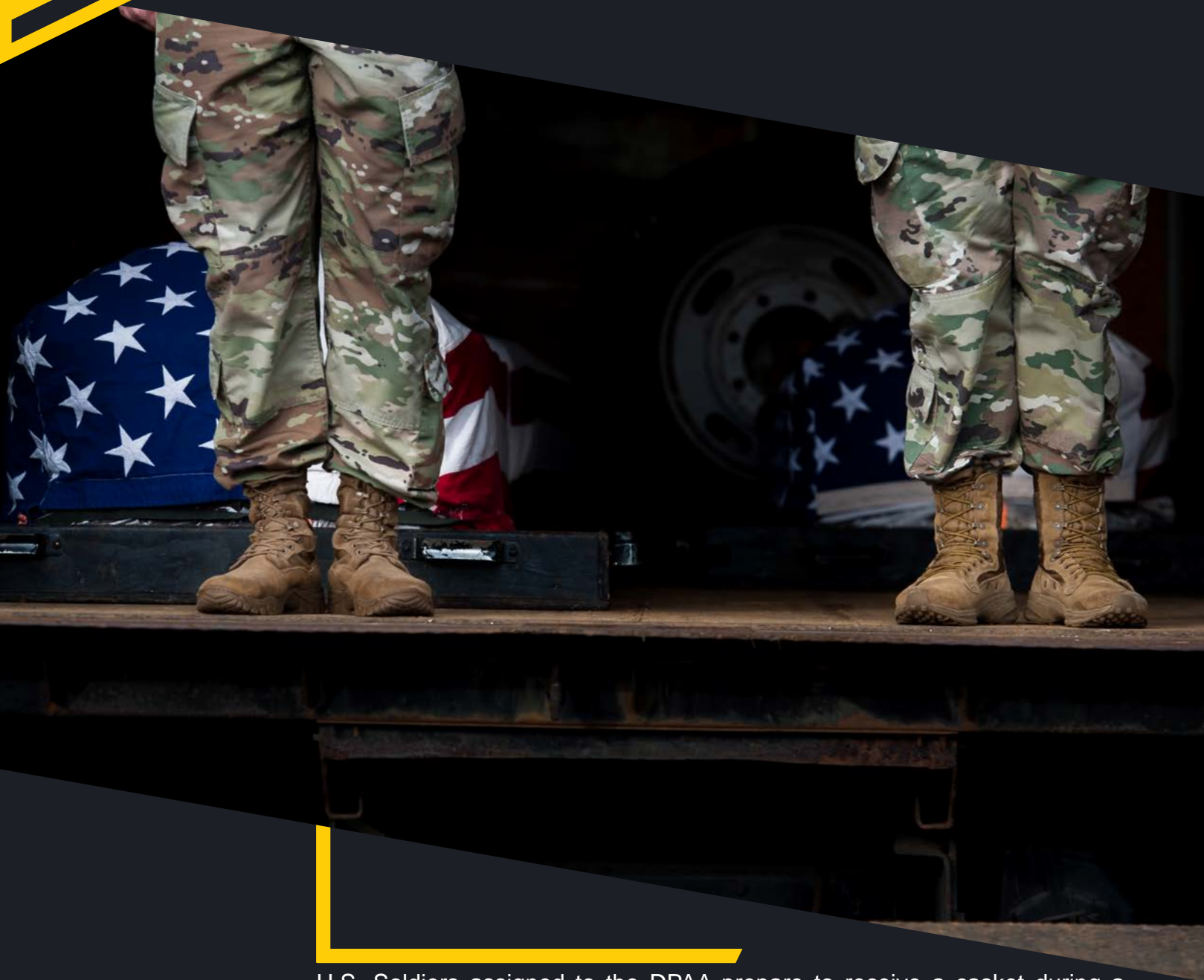
BOTTOM:

U.S. Army Sgt. 1st Class Elliot Hill, assigned to DPAA, SCUBA dives under a barge in the Gulf of Tonkin off the coast of northern Vietnam, May 30, 2017. Hill was part of a DPAA underwater recovery team that was searching for two aviators who are believed to have crashed in the area during the Vietnam War. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Blake Midnight)



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June
2017



U.S. Soldiers assigned to the DPAA prepare to receive a casket during a disinterment ceremony at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, known as the Punchbowl, in Honolulu, Hawaii, June 12, 2017. DPAA transported a total of 35 caskets associated with the *USS West Virginia*, a U.S. Navy battleship lost during the Pearl Harbor attack, to the laboratory for analysis and identification of the remains. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Seth Coulter)





TOP:

Candles are lit prior to a wreath-laying ceremony by Russian delegates, June 21, 2017, at the WWII Memorial in Washington D.C. The delegates are members of the U.S.-Russia Joint Commission on POWs/MIAs which was established in 1992 to determine the fates of the United States' and the Soviet Union's unaccounted-for service personnel from past conflicts. The ceremony honored fallen Russian soldiers from WWII. (DPAA photo by U.S. Air Force TSgt Jocelyn A. Ford)

BOTTOM:

Todd Livick, DPAA Outreach and Communications Director, left, Ann Mills-Griffiths, Chairman of the Board and CEO of the National League of POW/MIA Families, center, and Fern Sumpter Winbush, DPAA Acting Director, right, unveil the 2017 National POW/MIA Recognition Day poster during the League's 48th Annual Meeting, Arlington, Virginia, June 22, 2017. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. 1st Class Kristen Duus)



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July
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RIGHT:

Transfer cases containing the unidentified remains of 18 U.S. service members await a solemn movement from a *C-17 Globemaster III* to the DPAA laboratory at Offutt Air Force Base, Nebraska, July 13, 2017. The unidentified service members were killed during WWII and buried as unknowns at various gravesites throughout Europe until they were recently disinterred for the purpose of identification by DPAA forensic anthropologists. (U.S. Air Force photo by Kendra Williams)

BOTTOM:

James Temple receives an American Flag during a funeral ceremony honoring U.S. Navy Seaman 1st Class Monroe Temple of Des Moines, Iowa, who was laid to rest July 12, 2017, in the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, Honolulu, Hawaii. Temple was assigned to the *USS Oklahoma* when the ship was attacked by Japanese aircraft on Dec. 7, 1941. The attack resulted in the deaths of 429 crewmen, including Temple, who was recently identified through DNA analysis and returned to his family for burial with full military honors. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Seth Coulter)



U.S. Service members with DPAA carry transfer cases containing remains believed to be missing Marines from the Battle of Tarawa out of the back of a U.S. Air Force C-17 *Globemaster III*, during a solemn movement at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii, July 24, 2017. The remains were recovered from the Republic of Kiribati by History Flight, Inc., a DPAA partner organization, and are being examined by forensic anthropologists at DPAA's skeletal identification laboratory. (DPAA photo by Sgt. Kelly L. Street)



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TOP:

Lazar Karakashev, a local witness, emotionally recalls details of a *B-24* crash as he told the team, "together we will find him, and together we will return him home to his family." Karakashev was a crucial part of DPAA's mission to Rodopi, Bulgaria, July 24, 2017. The team conducted 69 days of excavation operations in search of WWII pilot 1st Lt. John D. Crouchley, who went down with his *B-24 Liberator*, the *Miss Yankee Rebel*, 73 years ago. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Leah Ferrante)

BOTTOM:

DPAA personnel escort a casket during a disinterment ceremony Honolulu, Hawaii, July 17, 2017. The ceremony was part of DPAA's effort to exhume 35 caskets associated with unknowns from the *USS West Virginia* from the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific. The battleship sank during the attack on Pearl Harbor, Dec. 7, 1941. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Kathrine Dodd)



July
2017 continued

RIGHT:

U.S. Navy Chief Petty Officer Elliot Martinez, an Independent Duty Corpsman assigned to DPAA, excavates a grave in Pokojisce, Slovenia, July 17, 2017. DPAA team members deployed to the area in attempt to recover the remains of a U.S. Army Air Corps sergeant from WWII. (U.S. Marine Corps photo by Cpl. Julian Temblador)



BOTTOM:

Lazar Karakashev, a local witness, watches as U.S. Army Pfc. Joshua Stever, recovery member, completes digging operations as part of DPAA's mission to Rodopi, Bulgaria, July 24, 2017. The team conducted 69 days of excavation operations in search of WWII pilot 1st Lt. John D. Crouchley, who went down with his *B-24 Liberator*, the *Miss Yankee Rebel*, 73 years ago. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Leah Ferrante)



August
2017



TOP:

U.S. Army Sgt. Maria Lopez searches for evidence in the dry screen station as part of DPAA's mission to Rodopi, Bulgaria, Aug. 5, 2017. The team conducted 69 days of excavation operations in search of WWII pilot 1st Lt. John D. Crouchley, who went down with his *B-24 Liberator*, the *Miss Yankee Rebel*, 73 years ago. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Leah Ferrante)

RIGHT:

U.S. Army Capt. Patrick Wilson delivers remarks at a dinner hosted by the Republic of Korea Ministry of Patriots and Veterans Affairs, August 10, 2017, in Arlington, Virginia. Wilson gave his speech at the request of the Ministry, with whom he formed a special working relationship while serving as a plans officer and recovery team leader for DPAA's Asia-Pacific Directorate. Tragically, Wilson passed away in October 2017, while on a mission to South Korea. He will be buried with full military honors in Arlington National Cemetery, Feb. 5, 2018. (DPAA photo by Army Sgt. 1st Class Kristen Duus)





U.S. Army Capt. Tomika Robinson, DPAA team leader, gives buckets to local workers at the close of the mission prior to site tear down, Quang Binh Province, Vietnam, Aug. 24, 2017. DPAA team members deployed to the area to attempt to recover the remains of U.S. service members who went missing from the Vietnam War. (U.S. Marine Corps photo by Sgt. Kelly L. Street)

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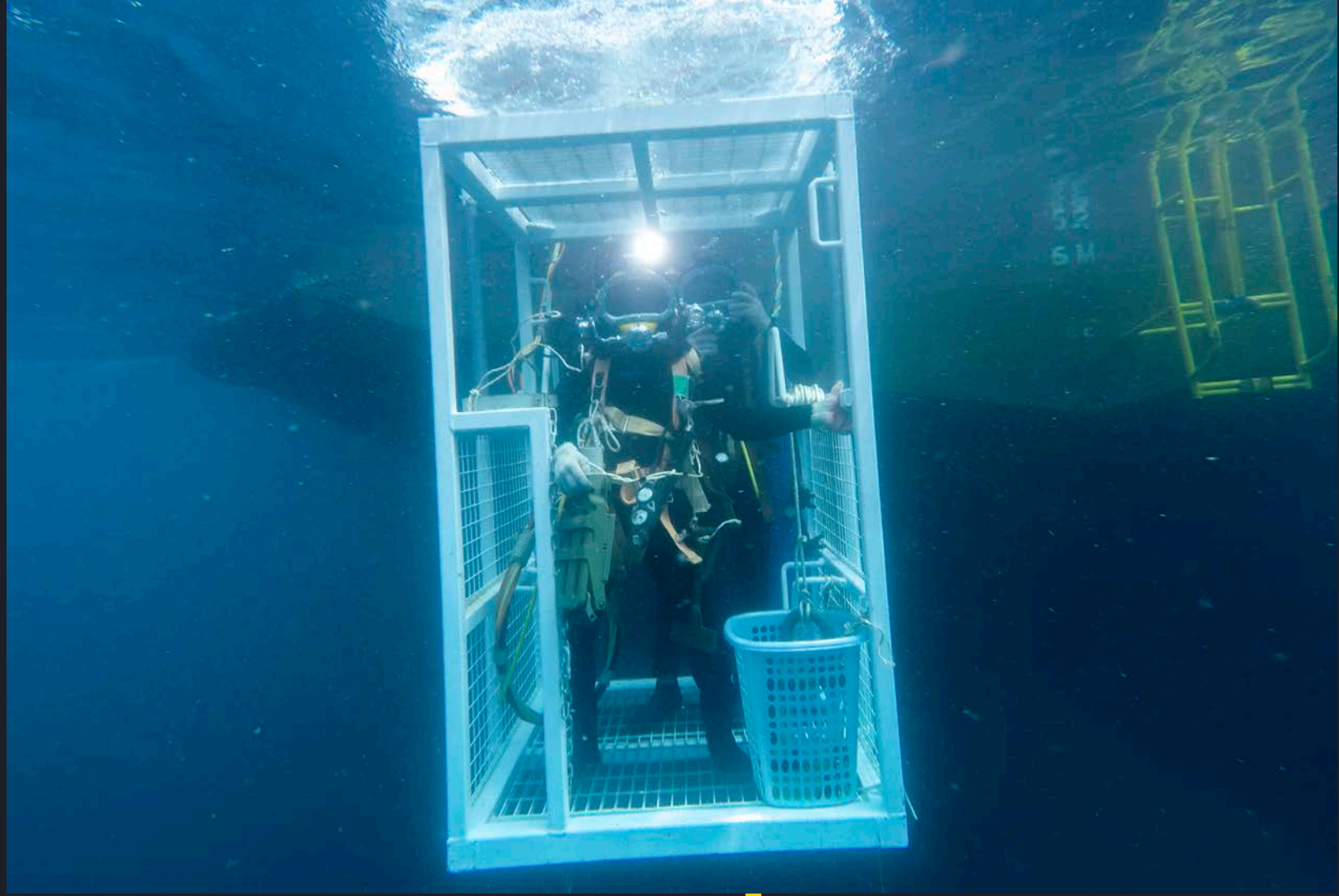
TOP:

A U.S. Soldier of 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 26th Infantry Division, presents the burial flag to the next of kin of U.S. Army Cpl. Glen Edward Kritzwiser, who was laid to rest Aug. 3, 2017, in the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, Honolulu, Hawaii. Kritzwiser was assigned to the 15th Field Artillery Battalion, 2nd Infantry Division. He was taken prisoner of war while fighting the enemy near Hoengsong, South Korea, Feb. 13, 1951, and died while a prisoner, July 2, 1951. Kritzwiser was identified through DNA analysis with the help of DPAA, and was returned to his family for burial with full military honors. (U.S. Army photo by Spc. Lloyd Villanueva)



BOTTOM:

U.S. Army Capt. Tomika Robinson, second from bottom left, DPAA team leader, swears in Sgt. Clayton Blackwell, recovery team noncommissioned officer, as he reenlists for another four years while standing in the middle of the jungle of Quang Binh Province, Vietnam, Aug. 24, 2017. DPAA team members deployed to the area in hopes of locating U.S. service members who are missing from the Vietnam War. (U.S. Marine Corps photo by Sgt. Kelly L. Street)



TOP:

Divers with Lam Hong Diving descends into the South China Sea near Da Nang, Vietnam, while conducting underwater investigations with DPAA, Aug. 22, 2017. For the first time ever, DPAA conducted investigations utilizing a local Vietnamese dive company. DPAA is partnering with Lam Hong Diving in order to expand capabilities on future underwater investigations and recoveries. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Matthew J. Bruch)

LEFT:

Marilyn H. Beecham Hood poses with Brig. Gen. Se-Woo Pho, of the Republic of Korea Defense Attaché to the United States, after she was presented with the Ambassador for Peace Medal during the Korean/Cold War Annual Meeting in Arlington, Virginia, Aug. 10, 2017. Hood is the daughter of U.S. Air Force 1st Lt. Newman C. Golden, who has been missing in action since the Korean War. (U.S. Army Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Kristen Duus)



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RIGHT:

Kelly McKeague signs the Certificate of Appointment after swearing in as the new Director of the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency in a ceremony at the Pentagon, Sept. 5, 2017.

McKeague, who retired from the U.S. Air Force in 2015 at the rank of major general, served as the DPAA Deputy Director and as the Commander of the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command, one of the entities merged in 2015 to form the Defense Department's newest defense agency. (DoD photo by Lee O. Tucker)



BOTTOM:

The Honorable Patrick M. Shanahan, Deputy Secretary of Defense, places his hand over his heart during the National POW/MIA Recognition Day ceremony at the Pentagon, Sept. 15, 2017. Shanahan hosted the annual event that highlights our nation's commitment to account for missing personnel and pay respect to families of the missing, as well as former prisoners of war. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. 1st Class Kristen Duus)





ABOVE:

Families of service members still missing from past wars are recognized at Nationals Park in Washington, D.C. prior to the Washington Nationals vs. Los Angeles Dodgers game, Sept. 15, 2017. The third Friday in September is National POW/MIA Recognition Day. (U.S. Army photos by Sgt. 1st Class Kristen Duus)

BOTTOM:

Personnel assigned to DPAA lift a casket during a disinterment ceremony at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, Honolulu, Hawaii, Sept. 11, 2017. The ceremony was part of DPAA's effort to exhume 35 caskets associated with unknowns from the *USS West Virginia*, a battleship that sank during the attack on Pearl Harbor, Dec. 7, 1941. (U.S. Marine Corps photo by Cpl. Julian Temblador)



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LEFT:
Mr. Ray Emory, a Pearl Harbor survivor who helped DPAA with research of the 388 unknowns from the *USS Oklahoma*, received the U.S. Flag during the repatriation ceremony for Fireman First Class Charles Casto at the National Memorial of the Pacific, Honolulu, Hawaii, Sept. 14, 2017. Casto, recently identified by DPAA, was buried with his brother, Richard Casto, who was also killed on the *USS Oklahoma* during the attack on Pearl Harbor, Dec. 7, 1941. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Matthew J. Bruch)

RIGHT:
The National League of Families POW/MIA Flag flies in the mid-western breeze below the American Flag outside the Double Tree by Hilton in Detroit-Dearborn, Michigan, Sept. 9, 2017. The nationally-recognized symbol of our missing service members was flown in front of the hotel while DPAA conducted government briefings and case updates with family members of service members who are still missing. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communications Specialist 2nd Class Claire Farin)



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TOP:

Members of various veterans service organizations prepare to present wreaths during the POW/MIA Recognition Day ceremony at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, Honolulu, Hawaii, Sept. 15, 2017. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Matthew J. Bruch, DPAA)

BOTTOM:

U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Stephen Donnelly, life support investigator for Recovery Team 1, shares photos of his family with local workers as thunderstorms moved into the area during DPAA's recovery operations in Ha Tinh Province, Vietnam, Sept. 4, 2017. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Seth Coulter)



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