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6 killed in Vietnam War identified

Remains to be returned

Associated Press
 WASHINGTON — An Army laboratory has identified the remains of six American servicemen killed during the Vietnam War, the Pentagon announced Tuesday.
 The identifications were made over the past month at the Army's Central Identification Laboratory in Honolulu, Hawaii, following the return of the remains to U.S. officials in Hanoi, said spokesman Michael I. Burch.
 The Vietnamese had said they were returning the remains of five individuals thought to be American servicemen, but extensive tests at the lab produced six positive identifications, Burch said.
 Four of the six men identified were Air Force officers who were shot down in their aircraft over North Vietnam and subsequently

listed as missing in action. The others — an Army officer and a Marine Corps officer — were listed as prisoners of war who were known to have died after being captured, the Pentagon said.
 The Pentagon identified the men as:
 • Air Force Col. Melvin J. Killian, of Council Bluffs, Iowa, reported lost over North Vietnam on Sept. 30, 1965.
 • Air Force Maj. Cleveland S. Harris, of Birmingham, Ala., reported lost over North Vietnam on Feb. 29, 1968.
 • Air Force Maj. Chambliss M. Chesnut, of Little Rock, Ark., reported lost over North Vietnam on Sept. 30, 1965.
 • Air Force Capt. Michael D. Chwan, of Bayonne, N.J., reported lost over North Vietnam Sept. 30, 1965.

• Army Sgt. Gerasimo Arroyo-Baez, of Maunabo, Puerto Rico, reported as having been captured in South Vietnam on March 24, 1969, and subsequently dying in captivity.
 • Marine Sgt. Robert C. Sherman, of Danville, Ill., reported as having been captured in South Vietnam on June 24, 1967, and subsequently dying in captivity.
 Burch said Arroyo-Baez and Sherman were the first American servicemen whose remains had been recovered after being captured and held in POW camps in South Vietnam.
 Since 1974, not counting the six newly identified servicemen, Hanoi has returned the remains of 93 Americans lost in Vietnam and one lost in Laos, including 23 who died in captivity in North Vietnam.

Former secretary of interior dealing with Indian tribes

Associated Press
 WASHINGTON — Two years after declaring that Indian reservations demonstrated "the failures of socialism," former Interior Secretary James G. Watt is peddling business deals among tribal leaders in the name of old-fashioned American capitalism.
 Watt also is traveling the lecture circuit, heaping praise on the "Reagan revolution" and rebuking the press and Eastern liberals. He averages three or four speeches a week, and is especially popular on college campuses, according to his agent, Harry Walker Inc. of New York.
 Watt charges \$10,000 these days for speaking his mind, something that cost him his Cabinet post in October 1983.
 He is writing a book entitled "The Courage of a Conservative." He insists that "I don't have any political ambitions," and dismisses rumors that he might run for governor of his native Wyoming next year.
 A remark about appointing a black, a woman, "two Jews and a cripple" to a federal commission ended Watt's political career. After he resigned on Oct. 9, 1983, Watt declared that he would "continue our crusade ... to establish spiritual freedom and political liberty in this country, for that is the real battleground."
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Today, Watt remains a staunch conservative, Reagan loyalist, scourge of environmentalists, non-fan of the Beach Boys and tart-tongued champion of private enterprise and a strong military.

Okl., in exchange for majority interest in the property.
 Watt and Sampsel also are negotiating with Arapahoe and Shoshone Indians for an oil and natural gas project on the Wind River Reservation in central Wyoming. If the deal goes through, Watt says, tribal income would increase \$100 million in one year.
 According to local press reports, Watt and his associates would receive a 14 percent consulting royalty for production on existing oil and gas fields jointly owned by the two tribes. In addition, the Indians would be paid production royalties escalating to 50 percent after 25 years on 800,000 acres of undeveloped tracts.
 Some Indian leaders are wary of doing business with Watt, whom they remember not only for his "failures of socialism" remark but the Reagan administration's cuts in federal aid to tribal governments.
 "It kind of concerns me," said Burnett Whiteplume, a member of the Arapahoe Business Council. "He had the chance to help us out as secretary of the interior, and he did not."
 Said Alfred Ward, co-chairman of the Shoshone tribal council in Wyoming: "I'm thinking of a cartoon with Mr. Watt next to an oil well saying, 'The only good Indian is one with oil.'"

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