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MIA War Hero Killed in Korean War will be Laid to Rest in Douglas After 76 Years

Douglas, Ariz. (November 4, 2021)- After 76 years, the community of Douglas is honored to welcome home the remains of Sergeant First Class Frank G. Vejar. Sergeant Vejar went missing in action during the Korean War in 1950. He was believed to be killed in action on November 30, 1950, in the Korean Peninsula near a place Americans called Chosin Reservoir when his unit was hit by multiple torpedoes and capsized their vessel. His remains were never recovered.

Sergeant Vejar was 19 years old at the time of his death and was a member of the Heavy Mortar Company, 31st Infantry Regiment, and 7th Infantry Division.

On Tuesday, August 24, 2021, the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency announced that Army Sergeant Vejar was accounted for on April 14, 2021. Efforts are underway to prepare for his return home to be laid to rest at Douglas Calvary Cemetery.

On Friday, November 5, 2021, the Douglas Police Department and Douglas Fire Department will escort Sergeant Vejar's transport, provided by Brown-Page Mortuary, beginning at the Tucson International Airport. The American Legion Post No.11 will join in the procession as the escort draws closer to Douglas and other Douglas groups plan to join as well. The escort is expected to leave Tucson at 12:00 p.m. and arrive in Douglas at or about 2:15 p.m.

To celebrate the life of Sergeant Vejar and honor his ultimate sacrifice to our country, a Mass will be held at St. Luke's Catholic Church at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, November 09, 2021, followed by burial services at Douglas Calvary Cemetery. A reception will follow at The American Legion, 1325 G Avenue, Douglas Az.

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