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AIR FORCE MAJ. TOM REITMANN

Mystery of Missing Pilot Solved 45 Years After Mission

Vietnamese farmer finds remains while working in a cornfield.

By **ANDREW MEACHAM**
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APOLLO BEACH | On Dec. 1, 1965, Capt. Thomas Reitmann climbed into a F-105D Thunderchief for a bombing raid over North Vietnam.

He never returned.

The Air Force notified Carol Reitmann that her husband had been shot down and was missing.

For 45 years, his family accepted his disappearance as a death, though they had none of the finality that brings comfort to the living — no body, no casket, no grave marker.

Kim Lorigan, who was 6 when her dad disappeared,



PROVIDED BY KIM LORIGAN

ON DEC. 1, 1965, Air Force Capt. Thomas Reitmann headed for an area north of Hanoi. His aircraft was shot and disappeared, as did all traces of Reitmann.

grew up and joined the Coast Guard. The military made her feel closer to the father she barely knew.

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