



EVERETT ALVAREZ

He came back this year

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Ex-POW

Alvarez to Wed Again

Lieutenant Commander Everett Alvarez Jr. of San Jose, whose first wife divorced him while he was in a North Vietnamese prison camp, will marry a Pennsylvania doctor's daughter, her family said yesterday.

Alvarez, who was held by the North Vietnamese for 8½ years —longer than any other American prisoner — is scheduled to marry Tammy Ilyas of the Pittsburgh suburb of Munhall on October 27, the bride's mother said.

His new bride is a passenger service representative for United Air Lines in Washington.

Mrs. T.S. Ilyas declined to elaborate on the couple's plans, but said Alvarez will release a statement to the press soon.

Her daughter and the former POW — now 35 — will be married at St. George Orthodox Church, she said, with a reception following at the Allegheny Club in Three Rivers Stadium.

Alvarez, a University of Santa Clara graduate, was 26 when his Navy Skyhawk jet was shot down in the Gulf of Tonkin on August 5, 1964 during the outset of the Vietnam war.

He had been married only two months to his wife, Tangee.

But during the long years he was a POW, she "just fell out of love with Evertt," she said.

So in June, 1970, she went to Tijuana to get a Mexican divorce from her POW-husband, and married her new husband, Andres (Andy) Gonzalez, an Oakland auto parts salesman. The couple have a two-year-old daughter.