

Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command



Until They Are Home



JPAC Mission

The mission of the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command (JPAC) is to achieve the fullest possible accounting of all Americans missing as a result of the nation's past conflicts.

JPAC is located on Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Oahu, Hawaii. The command was activated on Oct. 1, 2003, created from the merger of the 30-year-old U.S. Army Central Identification Laboratory, Hawaii, and the 11-year-old Joint Task Force - Full Accounting. Commanded by a flag officer, JPAC is manned by approximately 400 handpicked Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines, Department of the Navy civilians, and contracted civilians. The laboratory portion of JPAC, referred to as the Central Identification Laboratory (CIL), is one of the largest and most scientifically diverse laboratories in the world. In addition, the CIL is the only accredited skeletal identification laboratory in the U.S.

JPAC deploys about 75 teams on 33 missions each year to more than 16 countries worldwide.



Welcome to JPAC!

The Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command (JPAC) would like to welcome you to beautiful Hawaii. We hope that you and your family are excited about your new assignment. The excitement and anticipation that comes with moving to a new place often produces many questions about life in Hawaii. This guide is designed to assist you in locating information regarding programs and other vital information that is important to your well-being while stationed here at Joint Base Pearl-Hickam.



Sponsorship

Your gaining supervisor will assign you a sponsor. Sponsors ensure a smooth transition by helping you find temporary lodging accommodations, by arranging transportation from the airport, and by guiding you through in-processing upon your arrival (as well as giving tips about how to acclimate to Hawaii, etc.).

Download the Sponsorship Program Counseling and Information Sheet prior to your move and submit it to your gaining supervisor or the JPAC J1 representative.

If you have not been contacted by your sponsor within 30 days prior to your departure, please contact us at (808) 448-1934



Moving Entitlements

If moving expenses are included in your job offer (i.e. shipping a privately-owned vehicle, household goods, etc.), you will be contacted by a representative from the Human Resources Office (HRO) to explain your entitlements.

Visit the following website to find out services the HRO offers to civilian employees:

<http://www.cnmc.navy.mil/HAWAII/AboutUs/RegionalDepartments/TotalForceManpower/HumanResources/NewEmployeeInformation/index.htm>



Moving With Your Pets

Hawaii is a rabies-free state and has a strict quarantine law. Chapter 4-29, Hawaii Administrative Rules, governs the importation of dogs, cats and other carnivores into Hawaii. This law states that dogs and cats meeting specific pre- and post-arrival requirements may qualify for 5-day–or-less quarantine program, which has a provision for direct release at Honolulu International Airport after inspection. Otherwise, pets not meeting certain requirement will be subject to a 120-day confinement at the owners expense.

Check with your local veterinarian or call Hawaii's Animal Quarantine Station at (808) 483-7151 for a copy of the animal quarantine packet or visit the following website:

<http://hawaii.gov/hdoa/ai/aqs/info>



Hotel Reservations

If staying in a hotel upon your arrival, it is recommended that you make your reservations well in advance, especially if you are going to arrive during the peak months (Dec.-March/May-Aug.) The Hawaii Visitors and Convention Bureau (HVCB) is available to provide additional information and can be reached at (808) 923-1811. For more information, visit the following website:

<http://www.gohawaii.com/>

Civilians may stay at the hotel of their choice. The link below is provided as a reference and lists hotels approved for military members.

<http://www.cnic.navy.mil/HAWAII/AboutUs/VisitingHawaii/CNI>

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Housing

The Honolulu Board of Realtors is a great starting point to find out information on purchasing real estate in Hawaii.

Visit the following website for additional information:

<http://www.hicentral.com/>

For rental options, the Automated Housing Referral Network <http://www.ahrn.com> is sponsored by the Department of Defense and is designed to improve the process of securing available housing for relocating military members, DoD Civilians and their families. Another online resource, PCSAmerica, offers a comprehensive moving guide as well. Visit <http://www.pcsamerica.net/>



Motor Vehicles

All automobiles used on the highway must be registered with the State of Hawaii within 10 days of arrival. To complete vehicle registration, you are required to have proof of ownership or a certificate of registration, shipping documents, Hawaii no-fault insurance coverage, an annual safety inspection, and a valid identification card.

Visit the following website for additional information:

<http://www1.honolulu.gov/csd/vehicle/dlinformation.htm>



Drivers License Requirements

Persons 18 years of age or older who possess a valid driver's license from any other state of the United States, Puerto Rico, American Samoa, U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, Northern Marianas and all provinces of Canada, are exempt from acquiring a Hawaii State driver's license for Passenger vehicles and motorcycles. Forms of identification, such as birth certificate or passport, and a Social Security card are required when applying for a Hawaii State driver's license.

Under Hawaii Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) guidelines, motorcycle operators must have a Class 2 motorcycle license or motorcycle instruction permit. Applicants must be at least 15 and a half years of age, pass the motorcycle test, a sign test and a vision screening. The final step is to pass the motorcycle skills test where you will demonstrate your competency in motorcycle operation.

Visit <http://www1.honolulu.gov/csd/vehicle/dlinformation.htm> or <http://www.hawaii.gov/dot/highways/hwy-v/mom-1.pdf> for additional information.



Additional Transportation

For those who do not own a vehicle, Oahu's bus system offers more than 70 routes and 4,000 bus stops. The current fees are \$2.50 (regular) and \$1.25 (students). Taxi services are also available island-wide.

For inquiries:

Bus Schedules & Information: (808) 848-5555

Bus Passes: (808) 848-4444

Website: www.thebus.org

Taxi services:

Charlie's Taxi: <http://charleystaxi.com/>

The CAB: <http://www.thecabhawaii.com/>



Child Care Options

There are several child care services available for military and civilian families. Visit the following websites for additional information:

Child Care at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam:

http://usmilitary.about.com/od/navybasesunits/ss/pearlharbor_8.htm

Family Programs Hawaii:

http://www.familyprogramshawaii.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=89&Itemid=1

Kama'aina Kids:

<http://www.kamaainakids.com/>

Patch Hawaii (People Attentive to Children):

<http://www.patchhawaii.org/>



Education

The State Department of Education operates public schools from kindergarten through 12th grade, and technical and specialty training facilities. A number of community schools for adults and schools designed for mentally and physically challenged children are also available.

The following documents are required to register your child for public and private school:

- Birth certificate
- A certificate of release and proficiency from the last school attended
- Proof of medical examination within 12 months prior to school enrollment
- Proof of immunization against diphtheria, tetanus, poliomyelitis, measles, mumps and rubella, a negative tuberculin test or x-ray.



Public and Private Education

Inquiries about Hawaii public schools (K-12) should be directed to:

Department of Education, State of Hawaii

P.O. Box 2360

Honolulu, HI 96804

Phone: (808) 586-3232

Website: www.hawaii.gov/portal/education/index.html

Inquiries about private schools should be directed to:

Hawaii Association of Independent Schools

1585 Kapiolani Blvd., Suite 1212

Honolulu, HI 96814

Phone: (808) 973-1540

Website: www.hais.org



Higher Education

Higher education opportunities are abundant both on and off-base. Visit the following websites for more information:

Hawaii Colleges & Universities: <http://u101.com/colleges/Hawaii/>

Heald College: <http://www.heald.edu/locations/honolulu>

Central Michigan University: <http://www.cel.cmich.edu/hawaii/>

Central Texas College: <http://www.ctcd.edu>

Chaminade University of Honolulu: <http://www.chaminade.edu/>

Hawaii Pacific University: <http://www.hpu.edu>

University of Hawaii System: <http://www.hawaii.edu>

University of Maryland University College:

<http://www.umuc.edu/locate/hawaii.shtml>

University of Phoenix:

<http://www.phoenix.edu/campus-locations/hi/hawaii-campus/hawaii-campus.html>

Wayland Baptist University: <http://www.wbu.edu/hawaii/map/>



Federal and State Employment

For a listing of vacant federal civilian jobs, consult USAJOBS, the official job site of the U.S. Federal Government. For more information, visit their website: <http://www.usajobs.opm.gov>

For employment opportunities in the State of Hawaii, visit the Department of Human Resources Development website at: <http://hawaii.gov/hrd/main/esd/>

State licenses are required for certain professional and vocational occupations. Licensing is administered by the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (DCCA). For more information, visit their website: <http://www.hawaii.gov/dcca/areas/pvl>



Additional Job Resources

For resources on employment, visit the following websites:

Hawaii Department of Labor and Industrial Relations
(DLNR): <http://www.hirenethawaii.com>

Tech Jobs Hawaii: <http://www.techjobshawaii.org>

Jobs Hawaii: <http://www.jobshawaii.com>

Hawaii Jobs on Demand:

<http://www.hawaiijobsondemand.com>



Contact Information

If you have any further questions or comments to provide, please contact or e-mail a J-1 Representative at:

JPAC Website: www.jpac.pacom.mil

PAO e-mail address: PAO_mail@jpac.pacom.mil

Phone Number: (808) 448-1934

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