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~ MEDIA ADVISORY ~

JPAC to host Arrival Ceremony Jan. 22

HICKAM AIR FORCE BASE, Hawaii -- The Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command will conduct an Arrival Ceremony at 9 a.m., Friday, Jan. 22, in Hangar 35, to honor fallen U.S. personnel whose identities remain unknown.

There will be three flag-draped transfer cases. One case from the Independent State of Papua New Guinea is associated with losses from World War II. Two cases are associated with the Vietnam War: one from the Socialist Republic of Vietnam and one from the Lao People's Democratic Republic.

Following the ceremony, the remains of these fallen Americans will be transported to the JPAC Central Identification Laboratory, where the forensic identification process begins. Once identifications are established, the names will be announced following the notification of next-of-kin.

Media who would like to attend the ceremony must contact JPAC Public Affairs before noon on Jan. 13 to receive instructions for base access. All media will be escorted.

A public tour of JPAC will be offered from 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. for the first 25 requests received. Contact Petty Officer 1st Class Taylor at (808) 448-1940 no later than 12:00 p.m. on Jan. 13 to reserve a spot for the public tour. Walk-up requests the day of the ceremony will not be accepted.

"Until They Are Home"

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