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U.S. ARMY MAJ. GEN. TO ASSUME JPAC COMMAND

HICKAM AFB, HAWAII – U.S. Navy Rear Adm. Donna L. Crisp will relinquish command of the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command on Friday, Jan. 29, 10:00 a.m., Bldg. 45, during a ceremony officiated by Adm. Robert F. Willard, commander of U.S. Pacific Command.

United States Army Maj. Gen. Stephen Tom, the former Chief of Staff for the U.S. Pacific Command, will assume command of JPAC. The ceremony will mark the end of a 35-year career for Crisp, who received her commission in 1974 after graduating from California State University in 1971. Crisp is the third commander in JPAC's history.

Under Crisp's leadership JPAC carried out more than 135 recovery and investigation missions, ultimately identifying approximately 170 missing Americans; an improvement by 35 percent over the previous 5-year averages. During her two-years as commander, the Central Identification Laboratory became the third Federal Laboratory to pass the International American Society of Crime Laboratory Assessment.

Tom, a graduate of the University of Michigan with a Bachelor of Arts degree, was commissioned through the Army Reserve Officer's Training Corps Program in 1971. He continued his civilian education by entering Boston University School of Law, and graduated with a Juris Doctor degree in 1974. In his civilian capacity, Maj. Gen. Tom was a private practice attorney and a partner in a law firm; he was recalled to active duty in January 2006.

"Until They Are Home"

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