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### JPAC TEAMS RETURN FROM SOUTH KOREA

JOINT BASE PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM, Hawaii (July 7, 2010) – Multiple teams from the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command returned to Hawaii June 21 after spending more than 100 days in the Republic of Korea on two Joint Field Activities. The teams successfully conducted recovery and investigative operations searching for evidence and information associated with Americans missing from the Korean War. This was the third and fourth Joint Field Activity in South Korea scheduled for 2010.

Two recovery teams searched in the Kangwon and Kyongsang provinces for multiple missing individuals associated with ground and aircraft losses. The teams searched for human remains, life support, and material evidence used in the identification of unaccounted-for personnel. Possible human remains and material evidence were recovered and were transferred to the U.S. Forces Korea Mortuary Affairs in preparation for a Joint Forensics Review and future repatriation.

Investigation teams developed information to support the recommendation to excavate selected recovery sites. Two investigation teams conducted interviews, research and fieldwork in the Kyonggi and Kangwon provinces for information associated with 53 missing individuals. Fourteen primary leads resulted in two site closures, one site suspension, and one site nomination for future recovery mission.

The mission of JPAC is to achieve the fullest possible accounting of all Americans missing as a result of the nation's past conflicts. In Fiscal Year 2009, recovery and investigation teams deployed to 16 countries on 69 missions searching for those heroes that remain unaccounted-for.

"Until They Are Home"

To view photos of this mission, visit the JPAC photo gallery at [www.jpac.pacom.mil](http://www.jpac.pacom.mil)

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