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### **POW/MIA INVESTIGATION TEAM RETURNS**

*JPAC teams return from search for missing Americans from the Korean War*

JOINT BASE PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM, Hawaii (Aug. 17, 2010) – An investigation team from the U.S. Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command (JPAC) returned to Hawaii recently after searching for fallen Americans in Guangdong Province, the People's Republic of China. This was the second of two visits to Guangdong Province this year, the first occurring in April.

The investigation team successfully uncovered evidence and information associated with Americans missing as a result of a suspected crash of a U.S. aircraft in November of 1950.

The team investigated the alleged crash site and burial which is near the last known vicinity of the aircraft in question, and searched for human remains, life support, and other material evidence (personal and military issued items). Material evidence and some personal effects were found and brought back to JPAC's Central Identification Laboratory in Hawaii for analysis. This material evidence is used to specifically correlate the site to the crash.

Investigation teams authenticated leads from eye witnesses, conducted field research, and gathered additional information. Their work will help set the groundwork for any future recovery teams by clearly defining the work that will be required to properly and efficiently recover the site at a later date.

The U.S. and People's Republic of China have cooperated during POW/MIA accounting missions in the past, resulting in the identification by JPAC of U.S. remains from World War II, the Korean War, the Cold War and the Vietnam War.

Falling directly under the U.S. Pacific Command, the jointly-manned organization of more than 400 military and civilian specialists has investigated and recovered missing Americans since the 1970's. To date, close to 8,000 Americans are still listed as Missing in Action from the Korean War.

The ultimate goal of the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command, and of the agencies involved in returning America's heroes home, is to achieve the fullest possible accounting of Americans lost during the nation's past conflicts. Visit JPAC on the web at [www.jpac.pacom.mil](http://www.jpac.pacom.mil)

"Until They Are Home"

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