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JPAC TO HOST ARRIVAL CEREMONY FOR AMERICA'S HEROES DEC. 3

JPAC to honor Missing in Action (MIA) Americans from Vietnam War, World War II

JOINT BASE PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM, Hawaii (Nov. 19, 2010) – The [U.S. Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command](http://www.jpac.pacom.mil) will host an Arrival Ceremony Friday, Dec. 3 at 9 a.m. in Hangar 35, to honor fallen U.S. personnel whose identities remain unknown.

The remains receiving full military honors represent losses associated with the [Vietnam War and World War II](#). An honor detail made up of joint military members will carry five flag-draped transfer cases containing possible human remains from a C-17 to a bus that will transport them to JPAC's laboratory for analyses. The first two transfer cases represent the Vietnam War and were recovered from the Socialist Republic of Vietnam and the Lao People's Democratic Republic. The remaining transfer cases were recovered from the Republic of Vanuatu, Germany, and France, and represent World War II losses.

Once the transfer cases arrive at JPAC's Central Identification Laboratory (CIL), the forensic identification process will begin. If and when identifications are established, the names will be announced following next-of-kin notification.

Falling directly under the U.S. Pacific Command, the jointly-manned organization of more than 400 military and civilian specialists investigates, recovers and identifies missing Americans from past U.S. military conflicts.

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.

"Until They Are Home"

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