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JPAC TO HOST ARRIVAL CEREMONY FOR AMERICA'S HEROES JUNE 17 *JPAC to honor Missing in Action (MIA) Americans from Vietnam War, World War II*

JOINT BASE PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM, Hawaii (June 8, 2011) – The [U.S. Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command](http://www.jpac.pacom.mil) will host an Arrival Ceremony Friday, June 17 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 three flag-draped transfer cases from a C-17 to a bus that will transport the cases 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 last transfer case was recovered from the Independent State of Papua New Guinea and represents World War II losses.

Once the transfer cases arrive at JPAC's Central Identification Laboratory (CIL), the forensic identification 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, JPAC is a jointly-manned organization of more than 400 military and civilian specialists that has investigated and recovered missing Americans since the 1970's. More than 83,000 individuals are missing dating back to World War II.

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.

"Until They Are Home"

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