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### **POW/MIA RECOVERY, INVESTIGATION TEAMS RETURN**

*JPAC teams return from search for missing Americans from Vietnam War, Korean War, WWII*

**JOINT BASE PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM**, Hawaii (Jan 19, 2011) – Archeological teams and investigation teams from the [U.S. Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command \(JPAC\)](http://www.jpac.pacom.mil) returned after searching for fallen Americans in the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, the Republic of Korea, and Europe.

Investigation and recovery team's searched for evidence and information associated with Americans missing from the [Vietnam War](#), the [Korean War](#), and [World War II](#).

Recovery teams searched for human remains, life support items, and other material evidence (personal and military issued items). Investigation team's gathered information to determine whether or not there will be a return visit for excavation at a later date.

**Socialist Republic of Vietnam:** Sixty-five JPAC team members investigated and excavated several sites associated with Vietnam War losses. Three recovery teams searched the Yen Bai, Dien Bien, and Kon Tum provinces at sites where six Americans may have perished.

Two investigation teams authenticated eyewitness leads and conduct field research throughout 12 provinces, searching for information for 21 unsolved cases. The approximately 40-day long undertaking marked the 101st Joint Field Activity in Vietnam.

**Lao People's Democratic Republic:** More than 45 JPAC recovery team members excavated three aircraft crash sites and one ground site in search of 12 missing Americans at sites in the Khammouan, Savannakhet and Xekong provinces. The approximately 35-day deployment was the 116th Joint Field Activity in Laos.

**Republic of Korea:** A JPAC investigation team consisting of 11 personnel spent about 30 days gathering information to further qualify eight cases for future excavations throughout the Kangwon and Kyonggi provinces.

**Europe:** Investigation teams investigated sites located throughout the French Republic, the Republic of Germany, and the Republic of Poland. The teams spent approximately 20 days gathering information to further qualify eight cases for future excavation.

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

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 1,700 Americans are still listed as Missing in Action from the Vietnam War, 8,100 from the Korean War, approximately 125 from the Cold War, and 74,190 are missing from 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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