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RECOVERY TEAMS SEARCH FOR MISSING AMERICANS, PROVIDE MEDICAL AID

JPAC teams search for MIA Americans and participate in U.S./Cambodian health event

JOINT BASE PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM, Hawaii (Feb. 3, 2011) – Two archeological teams from the [U.S. Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command \(JPAC\)](http://www.jpac.pacom.mil) are scheduled to arrive in the Kingdom of Cambodia in early February to search for Americans unaccounted-for from the Vietnam War. Additionally, physicians and nurses from across military commands in Hawaii will accompany the Joint Field Activity on a Humanitarian Civic Assistance visit to participate in a joint U.S./Cambodian health engagement mission.

As part of the recovery portion of this dual-purpose deployment, more than 40 JPAC recovery team members will excavate one burial site and one underwater aircraft crash site in search of four missing Americans at sites in the Kampong Cham and Kracheh provinces. The approximately 40-day deployment marks the 44th Joint Field Activity in Cambodia.

Recovery teams will search for human remains, life support items, and other material evidence (personal and military issued items) that may further the identification of Americans missing from past U.S. conflicts.

In addition to recovery efforts, the U.S. and Cambodia will participate in a medical engagement outreach event, treating between 4,000 to 8,000 people in rural and highly underserved communities. The specialized 12-person team of experts in varying specialties from [Tripler Army Medical Center \(TAMC\)](#), the [18th Medical Command](#), and the [Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command](#) will provide basic health, laboratory, and optometry examinations.

During the humanitarian civic assistance mission, two medical outreach events will provide healthcare to underserved areas. Furthermore, U.S. and Cambodian physicians will reinforce medical capabilities by participating in an information exchange, benefitting both countries educationally and socio-culturally.

“TAMC is sending physician residents from OB/GYN and family medicine to conduct expert exchanges with local physicians, and will be invited to work alongside the Khmer physicians and treat their patients,” said U.S. Army Capt. Drew Webb, an Army Physician Assistant assigned to JPAC.

According to Webb, this will be the first time a TAMC resident program has deployed to a foreign country on a humanitarian outreach mission.

“The big take away for all of this is that the TAMC residents will get training and experience in such a unique environment,” added Webb.

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. To date, 1,702 Americans are still listed as Missing in Action from the Vietnam 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.

"Until They Are Home"

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