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### U.S. RECOVERY TEAM SEARCHES FOR MISSING AMERICANS Specialized teams search for MIA Americans in Guangdong Province

**JOINT BASE PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM**, Hawaii (March 7, 2011) – The longstanding cooperative efforts between the United States and the People's Republic of China (PRC) for accounting of Americans missing from the Korean War broadened last month with the arrival of a specially trained archeological team in Guangdong province.

The specially-trained group from the U.S. Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command (JPAC) arrived in the People's Republic of China in mid February to search for Americans unaccounted-for from the Korean War. Approximately 19 JPAC recovery team members will search for 12 missing Americans lost as the result of an alleged U.S. aircraft crash, circa November 1950.

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.

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.

The U.S. and the PRC have cooperated during POW/MIA accounting missions in the past, with both countries recognizing the significance of these humanitarian operations. Humanitarian missions receive strong support from both governments; these missions solidify the bilateral relationship that has proven to be instrumental to JPAC's ability to accomplish its mission: to achieve the fullest possible accounting of missing Americans who were lost during past conflicts.

*"Until They Are Home"*

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