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### **JPAC BREAKS GROUND ON NEW MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR FACILITY**

*Groundbreaking and Blessing Ceremony commemorates future home of the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command's multi-million dollar, state-of-the-art facility*

JOINT BASE PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM, Hawaii (August 31, 2011) – The [Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command](http://www.jpac.pacom.mil) celebrated the groundbreaking and blessing ceremony for the command's new multi-million dollar facility Tuesday at 10 a.m., Aug. 30, near the Kuntz Gate on Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

Senator Daniel Inouye, the key-note speaker, offered remarks on the importance of bringing home those who fought for America's freedom and paid the ultimate sacrifice.

"We must always keep our promise to these individuals and stay true to this code of honor," said the Honorable Senator Inouye.

The new 136,497 sq. ft. state-of-the-art facility will further enhance the Department of Defense's mission to account for its missing U.S. personnel.

Falling directly under the U.S. Pacific Command, JPAC is a jointly-manned organization of more than 400 military and civilian specialists that has, with its predecessor organizations, investigated and recovered missing Americans since the 1970's.

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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