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JPAC TO HOST BRONZE STAR CEREMONY FOR WORLD WAR II VETERAN

JOINT BASE PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM, Hawaii (Nov. 10, 2011) – The Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command will host a Bronze Star Presentation Ceremony commemorating the service and commitment of a World War II veteran Nov. 16., 9:30 a.m., at the JPAC parade field.

In a ceremony that comes 60 years after World War II's conclusion, Army Staff Sgt. Arthur E. Ross, who served as a Rifleman during several brutal campaigns, will be awarded the Bronze Star by Army Maj. Gen. Stephen Tom, JPAC commander.

The Bronze Star is an individual military decoration that may be awarded for bravery, acts of merit or meritorious service. During World War II, the 328th Infantry, whom Ross belonged to, suffered terrible losses; 553 Soldiers were killed in action, 2,473 wounded and 20 Missing in Action.

Media interested in attending the ceremony must contact Elizabeth Feeney before noon on Nov. 15 to receive instructions for base access. All media will be escorted.

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. Since 2003, JPAC has identified more than 750 Americans. Combined with the efforts of its predecessor units, close to 2,000 Americans have been identified since the accounting effort began in 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.

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