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### **JPAC TO HOST REPATRIATION CEREMONY FOR KOREAN WAR UNKNOWN ON MAY 22**

**JOINT BASE PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM, Hawaii (May 12, 2012)** – The U.S. Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command will host a Repatriation Ceremony May 22 at 8 a.m. in Hangar 19, for remains of Korean War unknowns determined to not be U.S. service men by JPAC's Central Identification Laboratory.

A United Nations flag-draped casket will be transferred from JPAC custody to the Republic of Korea's Ministry of National Defense for Killed in Action Recovery and Identification's custody for further analysis. Once the coffins arrive to the MAKRI's laboratory in Seoul, the process of forensically identifying the individuals will continue under MAKRI's authority.

JPAC and MAKRI have a long-standing partnership and this is an example of the mutual benefit these parallel missions provide to each other.

Falling directly under the U.S. Pacific Command and employing more than 500 joint military and civilian personnel, JPAC continues its search for the more than 83,000 Americans still missing from past conflicts.

The ultimate goal of the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command, and of the agencies involved in returning America's heroes home, is to conduct global search, recovery and laboratory operations in order to support the Department of Defense's personnel accounting efforts.

Media interested in attending the ceremony must contact JPAC Public Affairs before noon Thursday, May 17 to receive instructions for base access. All media will be escorted.

**"Until They Are Home"**

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