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POW/MIA TEAMS SEARCH FOR UNACCOUNTED-FOR AMERICANS IN VIETNAM

Specialized JPAC investigation, recovery teams search for unaccounted-for Americans

JOINT BASE PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM, Hawaii (May 30, 2012) – Eight specialized investigative and archaeological recovery teams from the [U.S. Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command \(JPAC\)](#) are deployed to Vietnam searching for Americans who remain unaccounted-for from the Vietnam War.

About 100 JPAC team members deployed from Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii, to investigate and excavate several ground and aircraft crash sites in search of more than 60 Americans. The approximately 30-day undertaking marks the 107th Joint Field Activity in Vietnam.

Six recovery teams are excavating five aircraft crash sites and one ground loss in the Thua Thien-Hue, Quang Binh, Quang Nam, and Nghe An provinces. The teams are searching for evidence of 12 Americans unaccounted-for from the Vietnam War at both underwater and on-land sites. Recovery teams search for human remains, life support items and other material evidence (personal and military issued items) that may lead to identification.

Additionally, two investigation teams are in the Thua Thien-Hue, Quang Tri, Ha Tinh, and Quang Nam provinces, as well as Hanoi, Ho Chi Minh City, Danang, searching for clues by canvassing local villages for information, researching archives and interviewing witnesses in order to investigate 25 cases involving 54 individuals.

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.

"Until They Are Home"

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