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POW/MIA TEAMS SEARCH FOR UNACCOUNTED-FOR AMERICANS IN LAOS, EUROPE*Specialized JPAC investigation, recovery teams search for unaccounted-for Americans*

JOINT BASE PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM, Hawaii (June 27, 2012) – Specialized investigative and archaeological recovery teams from the [U.S. Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command \(JPAC\)](#) are deployed to Laos and Europe searching for Americans who remain unaccounted-for from the Vietnam War and World War II.

Laos (12-5LA). A JPAC recovery team is excavating a burial site in the Saravan province searching for evidence of one American. Additionally, a Phase Two Testing team will survey a site to narrow down a sound location for an aircraft crash site that has one individual unaccounted-for. The approximately 35-day deployment marks the 125th joint field activity in Laos.

Europe (12-2EU). Two JPAC recovery teams are excavating two separate aircraft crash sites in the vicinity of Liege, Belgium and Bavaria, Germany; the teams are searching for evidence of eight Americans lost during World War II. Additionally, a JPAC investigation team is searching for clues in nine cases by interviewing potential witnesses and researching archives.

Recovery teams search for human remains, life support items and other material evidence (personal and military issued items) that may lead to identification. Investigation teams authenticate leads from eyewitnesses, conduct field research and gather information throughout various locations to determine whether or not there will be a return visit for excavation at a later date.

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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