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AIR FORCE MAJ. GEN. KELLY MCKEAGUE NAMED NEXT JPAC COMMANDER

Incoming commander grew up on Oahu, attended Damien High School

JOINT BASE PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM, Hawaii (Aug. 13, 2012) – The U.S. Department of Defense announced today the selection of Air Force Maj. Gen. Kelly McKeague as the next commander for the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command.

Maj. Gen. McKeague will be the first-ever Air Force general officer to assume command of the joint unit, which falls directly under the U.S. Pacific Command and has more than 450 joint military and civilian personnel.

After more than 40 years of service in the Army, Maj. Gen. Stephen Tom will relinquish command of JPAC in late October and will retire following the change of command. Maj. Gen. Tom, who also grew up in Honolulu, took command of JPAC in January 2010.

Maj. Gen. McKeague is currently the Assistant to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff for National Guard Matters, the Pentagon, Washington, D.C. According to his military biography, he received his commission in 1981 through the Georgia Institute of Technology Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps program. Maj. Gen. McKeague began his military career as a civil engineering officer, serving in a variety of assignments at base, major command and Headquarters U.S. Air Force levels. In 1995, he entered the Maryland Air National Guard and served on active duty as a civil engineer. His assignments include the Air National Guard Readiness Center followed by legislative liaison tours at the Office of the Secretary of the Air Force and the National Guard Bureau. Prior to his current assignment, Maj. Gen. McKeague served as the Chief of Staff, National Guard Bureau.

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.

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