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### **JPAC TO HOST POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY CEREMONY SEPTEMBER 21**

Annual event honors sacrifice, commitment made by our Nation's heroes

HONOLULU, Hawaii (Sept. 10, 2012) – The [Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command](#) will honor our Nation's heroes and commemorate National POW/MIA Recognition Day Sept. 21, 10 a.m., at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific.

National POW/MIA Recognition Day is observed every year on the third Friday in September. It honors those who were prisoners of war and those who are still missing in action.

This year's program will be led by Mr. Johnie Webb, JPAC Deputy to the Commander for External Relations and Legislative Affairs.

The keynote speaker, retired Army Col. William S. Reeder, Jr., was a prisoner of war during the Vietnam War. During his second tour in Vietnam, Col. Reeder was shot down and captured on May 9, 1972 by the communist North Vietnamese while on a combat mission in South Vietnam. He was released on March 27, 1973 after being held captive for nearly a year.

The ceremony is free and open to the public. Media wishing to attend the ceremony must contact Elizabeth Feeney before noon, Sept. 20, to receive instructions; all media will be escorted.

Falling directly under the U.S. Pacific Command and employing more than 450 joint military and civilian personnel, JPAC continues its search for the more than 83,000 Americans still missing from past conflicts.

**"Until They Are Home"**

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