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UNDERWATER RECOVERY TEAM SEARCHES FOR WORLD WAR II SERVICE MEMBER

Specialized recovery team searches for unaccounted-for Service Member off Corsica, France

JOINT BASE PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM, Hawaii (Oct. 2, 2012) – A specially trained underwater recovery team from the [U.S. Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command \(JPAC\)](#) arrived off the coast of Calvi, Corsica, France this week to search for an American that remains unaccounted-for from World War II.

A 25-person recovery team comprised of specialists from JPAC, civilian mariners from the USNS Grapple, and divers from Mobile Diving and Salvage Unit Two, will conduct underwater excavations searching for an American who was lost when the B-17 aircraft he was aboard crashed in February 1944.

The team will conduct the excavation as quickly and thoroughly as possible to minimize the impact on the local community. However, during the approximately five-week recovery operation JPAC requests the assistance of the community to limit traffic in the vicinity of the ship. Buoys will be used to mark the area, ideally a 500-meter distance from the ship. Our concerns are first and foremost for the safety of the divers and also to maintain the integrity of the site.

Falling directly under the [U.S. Pacific Command](#) and employing more than 400 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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