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### **JPAC CHANGE OF COMMAND AND RETIREMENT CEREMONY OCT. 31**

JPAC Commander Maj. Gen. Stephen Tom will relinquish command, retire

HONOLULU, Hawaii (Oct. 25, 2012) – The [Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command](#) will host a change of command and retirement ceremony at 10 a.m., Oct. 31, on Heroes Green in front of the JPAC Headquarters building.

The ceremony will honor JPAC Commander Maj. Gen. Stephen Tom, who assumed command of JPAC in January 2010; he will retire with over 41 years of military service.

Maj. Gen. Kelly McKeague will be the first Air Force general officer to assume command of the joint unit.

Both general officers have Hawaiian links. Maj. Gen. Tom grew up in Honolulu and graduated from Punahou High School, and Maj. Gen. McKeague also grew up in Oahu and attended Damien High School.

The ceremony is free and open to the public. Media wishing to attend the ceremony must contact Capt. Jamie Dobson before noon, Oct. 30, to receive instructions. All media will be escorted.

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.

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