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### **JPAC TO HOST ARRIVAL CEREMONY FOR AMERICA'S HEROES APRIL 27**

*Full military honors tribute unaccounted-for Americans from World War II, Vietnam War*

**JOINT BASE PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM, Hawaii** – The U.S. Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command will host an Arrival Ceremony Friday, April 27 at 9 a.m. in Hangar 35, to honor fallen U.S. personnel whose identities remain unknown.

An honor detail made up of joint military members will escort four flag-draped transfer cases from a U.S. military plane to JPAC's Central Identification Laboratory for analyses.

The remains receiving full military honors represent losses associated with World War II and the Vietnam War. The first transfer case represents individuals unaccounted-for from World War II and was recovered from Papua New Guinea. The final three transfer cases were recovered from Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia and represent Vietnam War losses.

Once the transfer cases arrive at JPAC's laboratory, the process of forensically identifying the individuals will begin. If and when identifications are established, the names will be announced following next-of-kin notification.

Media interested in attending the ceremony must contact JPAC Public Affairs before noon April 25 to receive instructions for base access. All media will be escorted.

Falling directly under the U.S. Pacific Command and employed by 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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