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**JPAC TO DISINTER UNKNOWN REMAINS FROM PUNCHBOWL APRIL 20**

*Full military honors for unidentified Americans from Korean War*

**HONOLULU, Hawaii** – The U.S. Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command will disinter remains from the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific Friday, April 20 at 10 a.m. to support JPAC's continuous efforts to identify fallen U.S. personnel whose identities remain unknown from the Korean War.

The remains receiving full military honors represent losses associated with the Korean War. An honor detail made up of joint military members will escort two flag-draped transfer cases from the NMCP to JPAC's Central Identification Laboratory for analysis.

There are more than 2,900 Unknown burials at the NMCP from the Korean War and World War II; some caskets may contain commingled remains. Since 1984, 39 caskets have been exhumed and 39 individuals have been identified.

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 18 to receive instructions for 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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