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**POW/MIA TEAM SEARCHES FOR UNACCOUNTED-FOR AMERICANS IN GUAM**

*Specialized research team searches for World War II service members*

**JOINT BASE PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM, Hawaii** (May 9, 2012) – A specialized investigation team from the [U.S. Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command \(JPAC\)](http://www.jpac.pacom.mil) arrived in Guam this week to search for information pertaining to American heroes who remain unaccounted-for from World War II.

“A research and investigative team will be on Guam for about two weeks searching for evidence of approximately 70 U.S. service members who remain unaccounted-for from the Second World War,” said Dr. Rob Thompson, recovery leader for the Hawaii-based team.

Additionally, the seven-person team will develop and authenticate leads from eyewitnesses and conduct field research; JPAC personnel will attempt to locate wreckage, equipment or personal effects to specifically correlate sites to unaccounted-for Americans. This investigation will help set the groundwork for any future recovery teams by clearly defining the work that will be required to properly recover the site.

Individuals with information concerning U.S. losses may contact JPAC directly at <http://www.jpac.pacom.mil/index.php?page=jpac&size=100&ind=5>

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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