



Defense Prisoner of War / Missing Personnel Office



Accounting Policy Overview

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The Personnel Accounting Community



Service and
Dept of State
Casualty
Offices
(SCOs)

OSD/Defense
POW/Missing
Personnel
Office
(DPMO)

Joint
POW/MIA
Accounting
Command
(JPAC)

U.S. Air Force
Life Sciences
Equipment
Laboratory
(LSEL)

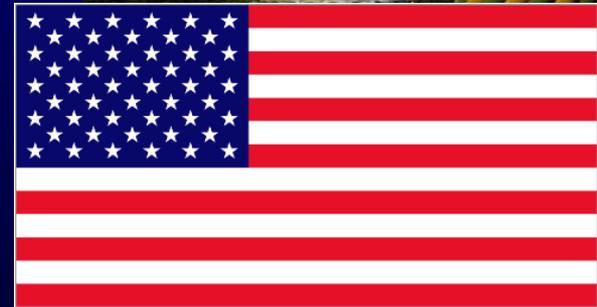
Armed Forces
DNA
Identification
Laboratory
(AFDIL)



The U.S.-Russia Joint Commission (USRJC)



- U.S. and Russian co-chairs, 8 U.S. commissioners
- DPMO staff conducts research in Russian archives for personnel accounting
 - Russian linguists/analysts
 - Moscow office
- Russian side reinvigorated





Missing from WWII Forward



More than 83,000 missing from WWII forward; <55,000 estimated on land
Experience suggests <50% on land may actually be recoverable
Estimated recoverable from all wars: ~27,000 total



2010 Legislation

Public Law 111-84



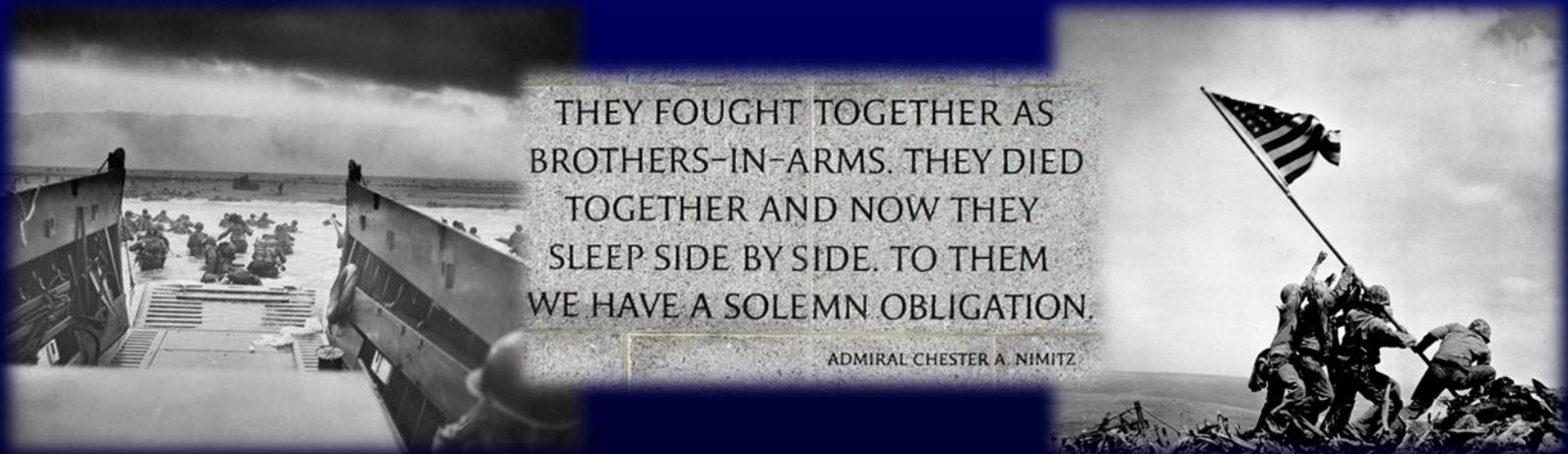
- Increase capacity of the *accounting community* by 2015 to identify 200 missing/year (JPAC funded for growth)
- WWII, Korean War, Cold War, Vietnam War, Persian Gulf War or others designated by SecDef (Iraqi Theater of Operations December 2011)





World War II

- Over 73,000 missing personnel worldwide
 - Largest conflict with greatest number of losses
 - Oldest conflict means biggest challenge for research, analysis, and witnesses
- Shift from reactive to proactive effort
 - Expand field operations





Vietnam War



- 1,672 unaccounted-for Americans
- Last Known Alive reports and Live Sighting cases
- Weather, soil
- Site backlog
- Remote locations
- Laos Operations





Iraqi Theater of Operations



- Two aviators over water Operation Desert Storm (1991)
- Three contractors Operation Iraqi Freedom (2003-2011)
- Collect and review records for leads, pursue new information



“We will never give up the search for those who are held as prisoners of war or have gone missing under our country's flag. We honor their sacrifice, and we must care for their families and pursue the fullest possible accounting for all missing members of our Armed Forces. Together, we must serve our Nation's patriots as well as they have served us...by carrying on the legacy of those who do not [come home]. This is a promise we keep for our fallen, for our veterans past and present, and for all those whose loved ones have not returned from the battlefield.

President Barack Obama, September 16, 2011
Presidential Proclamation,
National POW/MIA Recognition Day





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“Keeping the Promise”