

Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency



Veterans of Foreign Wars

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JPAC



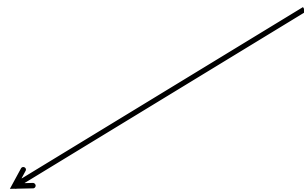
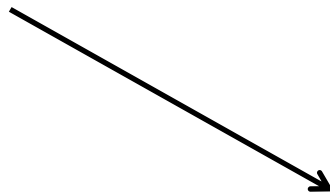
DPMO



LSEL



DPAA





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- **30 Jan 15, Secretary Hagel established new Defense Agency by consolidating DPMO, JPAC, and LSEL**
- **Agency's priorities:**
 - 1. Continue the mission and recover our fallen**
 - 2. Focus on completing reorganization and clearing sense of uncertainty created by transition**
 - 3. Explore use of technology to improve productivity**
 - 4. Foster environment of positive and constructive communications**



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Mission

Provide the fullest possible accounting for our missing personnel to their families and the nation

Vision

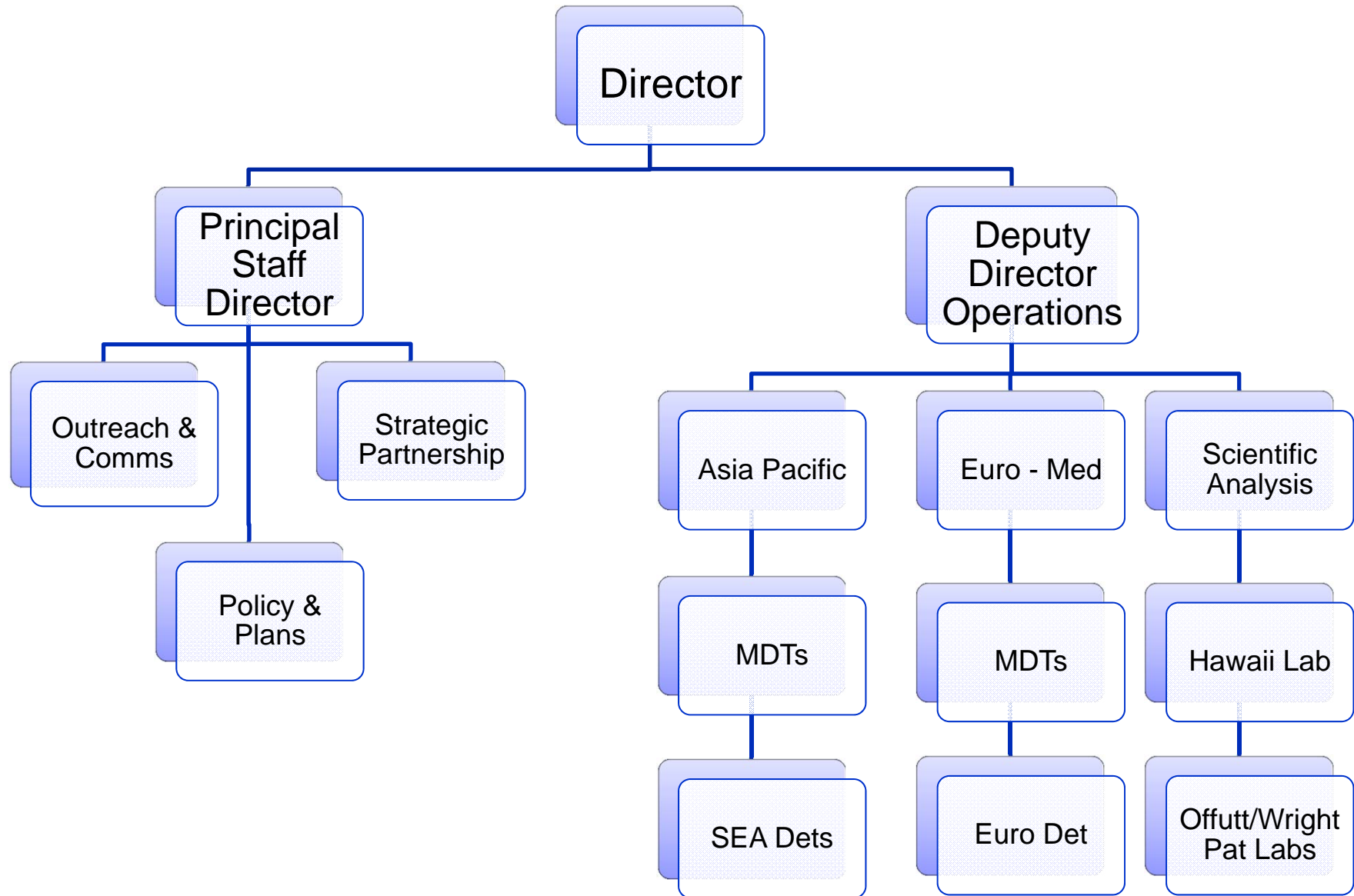
A world-class workforce fulfills our nation's obligation by maximizing the number of missing personnel accounted for while ensuring timely, accurate, information is provided to their families

Values

Compassion, Integrity, Teamwork, Respect, Innovation

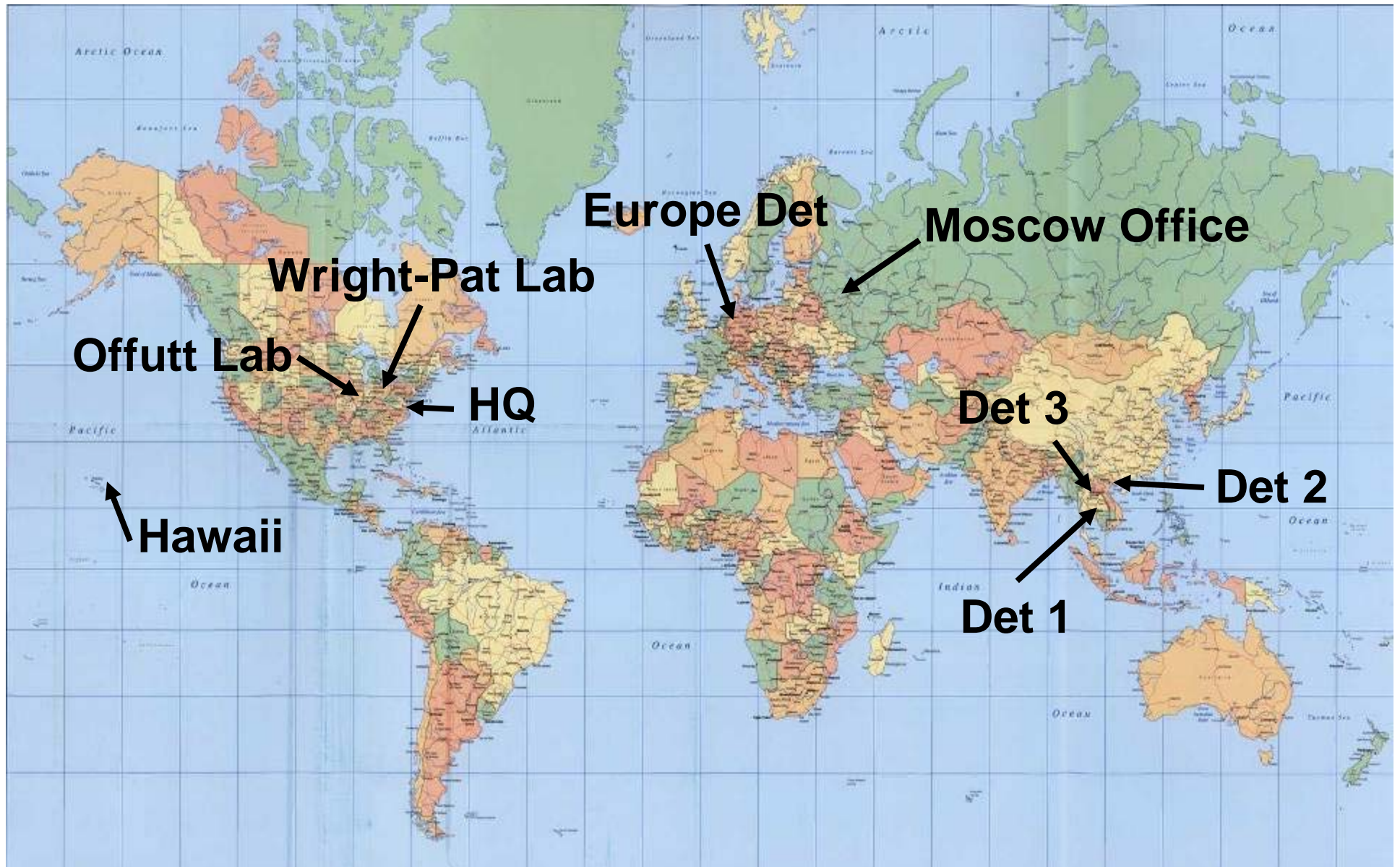


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DPAA's Worldwide Facilities

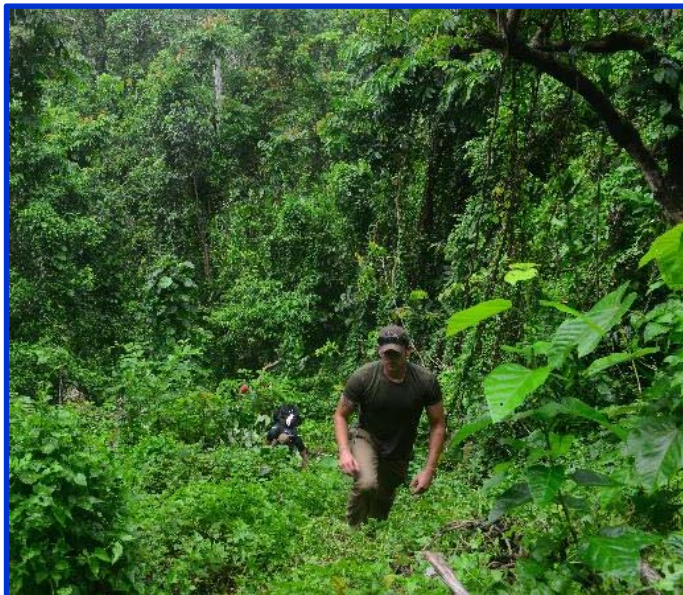




Investigations



- **Locate sites associated with unaccounted for servicemen**
- **Interviews of U.S. and foreign veterans often the key**





Investigations

- Teams get to sites anyway they can
- Evidence obtained during surveys may lead to recommendation to excavate





Recoveries



- Literally a global effort
- From frozen Alaskan glaciers to jungles of India to South Pacific underwater sites





Recoveries



- Time is not on our side





Returned to U.S. soil with honor





USS *Oklahoma*



- About 388 USS *Oklahoma* sailors and Marines buried as Unknowns at the Punchbowl Cemetery
- 62 caskets of commingled remains disinterred from 46 graves
- Believe most can be identified
- Navy resisted, but SECNAV eventually agreed
- 38 identifications to date (as of 20 July)





Marines Returned from Tarawa

- Remains of 36 Marines killed in Tarawa returned to DPAA for identification
- History Flight, a non-profit group, conducts research, investigations, and recoveries of missing U.S. servicemen
- History Flight did recovery, 3rd Marine Division repatriated remains, and DPAA is performing identifications
- Recovered 1stLt Bonnyman, 8th Marines, MOH recipient





DPAA's New Hawaii Facility



- New facility named after the late Senator Daniel K. Inouye
- Programmed cost \$95.6M, final cost was about \$85M
- Three-story facility with 136K sqft including 53K sqft of lab space
- Ribbon cutting and Hawaiian blessing ceremony held on 27 July, 2015





Strategic Partnerships



- We partner with family organizations, veterans, public and private entities, foreign governments, and academia to achieve our mission
- DPAA's Strategic Partnership office is developing standards, procedures, and mechanisms to work with non-governmental experts who desire to partner with DPAA in the areas of research, investigation, and recovery
- This initiative will move forward in a thoughtful, deliberate manner to avoid problems which may be encountered by moving too quickly



Communication with families/VSO's



- A guiding principal of DPAA is to improve how we communicate with families of our unaccounted for servicemen
- Creating a website to provide case background and status information which will only be available to the casualty's family
- DPAA Family Member Updates and Annual Government Briefings will continue
- DPAA leadership acknowledges important role of VSO's and is pledging to maintain, and where possible, improve working relationship



Mission Hasn't Changed



➤ Albania

➤ Australia

➤ Austria

➤ Belgium

➤ Brazil

➤ Bulgaria

➤ Burma

➤ Cambodia

➤ Canada

➤ China

➤ Columbia

➤ Croatia

➤ England

➤ Fiji

➤ France

➤ Germany

➤ Gilbert Islands

➤ Guam

➤ Hungary

➤ India

➤ Irian Jaya

➤ Italy

➤ Japan

➤ Laos

➤ Libya

➤ Lithuania

➤ Malaysia

➤ Marshall Islands

➤ Netherlands

➤ North Korea

➤ Pagan Island

➤ Palau

➤ Panama

➤ Papua New Guinea

➤ Philippines

➤ Poland

➤ Russia

➤ Solomon Islands

➤ South Korea

➤ Tarawa

➤ Thailand

➤ Tibet

➤ Tunisia

➤ United States

➤ Vanuatu

➤ Vietnam



2016 Mission Locations

19 Countries
27 Investigation Teams
57 Recovery Teams

➤ **Asia**

- **Burma**
- **Cambodia**
- **China**
- **India**
- **Indonesia**
- **Laos**
- **Philippines**
- **South Korea**
- **Vietnam**

➤ **Europe**

- **France**
- **Germany**
- **Italy**
- **Netherlands**
- **Ukraine**

➤ **South Pacific**

- **Palau**
- **Papua New Guinea**
- **Solomon Islands**
- **Tarawa (Kiribati)**

➤ **Hawaii**





2017 Mission Locations (Planned)



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- Philippines
- South Korea
- Vietnam

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- Austria
- Belgium
- Croatia
- France
- Germany
- Italy
- Netherlands

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- Guam
- Micronesia
- Palau
- Papua New Guinea
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- Tarawa (Kiribati)





Sacrifice



- **DPAA is dedicated to returning our unaccounted for servicemen to their families**
- **We understand sacrifice and remember our own comrades who were lost performing this mission**



