



DPAA YEAR IN REVIEW

OCTOBER 2017- SEPTEMBER 2018

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Vietnam War
Col. Edgar F. Davis, USAF
Col. Richard A. Kibbey, USAF
Lt. Cmdr. Larry R. Kilpatrick, USN
Staff Sgt. Marshall F. Kipina, USA
Lt. Richard C. Lannom, USN
Col. Fredric M. Mellor, USAF
Cmdr. James B. Mills, USN
Lt. Col. Robert G. Nopp, USA
Mr. George L. Ritter, Civ
Col. Peter J. Stewart, USAF

Korean War
Pfc. David Baker, USA
Cgt. Donald L. Baker, USA
Pfc. Mathis O. Ball, Jr., USA
Sgt. 1st Class Milton M. Beed, USA
Sgt. 1st Class James L. Boyce, USA
Master Sgt. Leonard K. Chinn, USA
Pfc. Leo J. Duquette, USA
Pfc. Joe S. Elmore, USA
1st Lt. Herman L. Falk, USA
Cpl. Terrell J. Fuller, USA
Pfc. Roger Gonzales, USMC
Pvt. Delbert J. Holliday, USA
Cpl. Edward M. Jones, USAR
Pfc. William H. Jones, USA
Pfc. James I. Jubb, USA
Pvt. Charles G. Kaniatobe, USA
Sgt. Meredith F. Keirn, USMC
Sgt. Rufus L. Ketchum, USA
Pfc. Demaret M. Kirtley, USA
Master Sgt. Carl H. Lindquist, USA
Pfc. John W. Martin, USA
Master Sgt. Charles H. McDaniel, USA
Cpl. William C. McDowell, USA
Sgt. Julius E. McKinney, USA
Cpl. Morris Meshulam, USA
Cpl. Albert E. Mills, USA
Pfc. Lamar E. Newman, USA
Cpl. Leonard V. Purkapile, USA
Cpl. Francisco Ramos-Rivera, USA
Pfc. Thomas W. Reagan, USA
Sgt. 1st Class Pete W. Simon, USA
Pfc. George L. Spangenberg, USA
Sgt. 1st Class James S. Streetman, USA
Pfc. John A. Taylor, USA
Pfc. Kenneth B. Williams, USA
Sgt. Eugene W. Yost, USA

World War II
Gunner's Mate 3rd Class Marvin B. Adkins, USN
Cpl. Joseph Akers, USA
Seaman 1st Class Willard H. Aldridge, USN
Sgt. Melvin C. Anderson, USA
Seaman 1st Class Leon Arickx, USN
Pfc. Fred W. Ashley, USA
Chief Warrant Officer John A. Austin, USN
Seaman 2nd Class Wilbur C. Barrett, USN
Seaman 1st Class Earl P. Baum, USN
Fireman 3rd Class Robert J. Bennett, USN
Pharmacist's Mate 2nd Class William H. Blancheri, USN
Pvt. William A. Boegli, USA
Pfc. William E. Brandenburg, USMC
Pvt. Donald E. Brown, USA
Seaman 1st Class William G. Bruesewitz, USN
Seaman 1st Class Millard Burk, USN
Mess Attendant 2nd Class Archie Callahan, USN
Fireman 1st Class Raymond R. Camery, USN
Seaman 2nd Class William V. Campbell, USN
Staff Sgt. John H. Canty, USAAF
Tech. Sgt. Harry A. Carlsen, USMC
Pfc. William F. Cavin, USMC
Chief Pharmacist's Mate James T. Cheshire, USN
Storekeeper 2nd Class Gerald L. Clayton, USA
Fireman 1st Class Grant C. Cook, Jr., USN
1st Lt. Ottaway B. Cornwell, USAAF
Storekeeper 1st Class John W. Craig, USN
Pfc. Alva J. Cremean, USMC
Fireman 3rd Class Warren H. Crim, USN

203 ACCOUNTED FOR



October 1, 2017
through
September 30, 2018

1st Lt. John D. Crouchley, Jr., USAAF
Pvt. John B. Cummings, USA
Ensign Harold P. DeMoss, USN
Musician 2nd Class Francis E. Dick, USN
Capt. Lawrence E. Dickson, USAAF
Pfc. Marvin E. Dickson, USA
Shopfitter 3rd Class John M. Donald, USN
Fireman 2nd Class Carl D. Dorr, USN
Seaman 2nd Class Bernard V. Doyle, USN
1st. Lt. Seymour P. Drovis, USA
Pfc. Clarence E. Drumheiser, USMC
Seaman 2nd Class Deward W. Duncan, Jr., USNR
Sgt. Alfonso O. Duran, USAAF
Machinist's Mate 1st Class Eugene K. Eberhardt, USN
Seaman 2nd Class David B. Edmonston, USN
Radioman 3rd Class Bruce H. Ellison, USN
Steward Mate 1st Class Ignaciao C. Farfan, USN
Pvt. Kenneth D. Farris, USA
Tech Sgt. Robert J. Fitzgerald, USA
Seaman 1st Class Walter C. Foley, USN
1st Lt. Eugene P. Ford, USAAF
Fireman 2nd Class George C. Ford, USN
Pvt. Fred E. Freet, USMC
Fireman 1st Class Angel M. Gabriele, USN
Fireman 2nd Class Martin A. Gara, USN
Fireman 1st Class Leonard R. Geller, USN
Electrician's Mate 3rd Class George H. Gibson, USN
Pfc. Paul D. Gilman, USMC
Machinist's Mate 1st Class Arthur Glenn, USN
Pfc. Nicholas J. Gojmerac, USMCR
Cpl. Claire E. Goldtrap, USMC
Radioman 3rd Class Jack R. Goldwater, USN
Seaman 2nd Class Charles C. Gomez, Jr., USN
Fireman 1st Class Claude O. Gowey, USN
Water Tender 2nd Class Edgar D. Gross, USN
Seaman 1st Class Daniel L. Guisinger, USN
Staff Sgt. Herbert W. Harms, USAAF
Electrician's Mate 3rd Class Charles H. Harris, USN
2nd Lt. William H. Harth, USAAF
Seaman 1st Class Robert W. Headington, USN
Gunner's Mate 2nd Class William F. Hellstern, USN
Pfc. Robert Kimball Holmes, USMC
Seaman 1st Class James W. Holzhauer, USN
Machinist's Mate 2nd Class Lorentz E. Hultgren, USN
Staff Sgt. Leo J. Husak, USA
Aviation Chief Ordnanceman Otis E. Ingram, USN
Pfc. Willard Jenkins, USA
Seaman 1st Class Wesley V. Jordan, USN
Fireman 1st Class Albert U. Kane, USA
Seaman 1st Class John A. Karli, USN
Radioman 3rd Class Howard V. Keffer, USN
Seaman 1st Class Donald G. Keller, USN
Seaman 2nd Class Joe M. Kelley, USN
2nd Lt. Robert R. Keown, USAAF
Pfc. Jack H. Krieger, USMC
Carpenter's Mate 3rd Class William L. Kvidera, USN
Flight Officer Richard W. Lane, USAAF
Fireman 3rd Class Willard I. Lawson, USN

Seaman 2nd Class Myron K. Lehman, USN
2nd Lt. Hulen A. Leinweber, USAAF
Buglemaster 2nd Class Lionel W. Lescault, USN
Water Tender 3rd Class Clarence M. Lockwood, USN
Staff Sgt. Karl R. Loesche, USA
2nd Lt. James R. Lord, USAAF
Musician's Mate 1st Class Henri C. Mason, USN
Staff Sgt. Percy C. Mathews, USAAF
Seaman 1st Class Joseph K. Maule, USN
Sgt. Eygene G. McBride, USA
Fireman 1st Class Bert E. McKeeman, USN
Seaman 1st Class Hale McKissack, USN
Machinist's Mate 2nd Class Archie T. Miles, USN
Aviation Radioman 3rd Class Walter E. Mintus, USN
2nd Lt. Harvel L. Moore, USMC
Aviation Machinist's Mate 1st Class John O. Morris, USNR
Pfc. Herman W. Mulligan, USMC
Staff Sgt. Richard J. Murphy, USMC
Seaman 1st Class George E. Naegle, USN
Pfc. Joseph I. Natvick, USAAF
Seaman 2nd Class Carl Nichols, USN
2nd Lt. Martin F. O'Callaghan, USAAF
Sgt. Millard Odom, USMC
Fireman 1st Class Jarvis G. Outland, USN
Fireman 1st Class Millard C. Pace, USN
Sgt. James K. Park, USA
Water Tender 1st Class Stephen Pepe, USN
Radioman 2nd Class Julius O. Pieper, USN
Seaman 1st Class Herbert J. Poindexter, Jr., USN
Staff Sgt. Vincent L. Politte, USAAF
Pfc. Lewis E. Price, USA
1st Sgt. David H. Quinn, USMC
Pvt. Emil F. Ragucci, USMC
Sgt. Dwight W. Randall, USMC
Pfc. Merton R. Riser, USMC
Staff Sgt. David Rosenkrantz, USA
Pfc. Michael L. Salerno, USMC
Chief Machinist's Mate Dean S. Sanders, USN
Pfc. Oscar E. Sappington, USA
Capt. Lester A. Schade, USMC
Fireman 1st Class Walter F. Schleiter, USN
Fireman 1st Class Chester E. Seaton, USN
1st Lt. William W. Shank, USAAF
Pfc. Leslie Shankles, USA
Fire Controlman 1st Class Edward J. Shelden, USN
Seaman 2nd Class Ira N. Slaton, USN
Electrician's Mate 3rd Class Merle A. Smith, USN
Wiper Elvis N. Spotts, USMM
Seaman 1st Class Kirby R. Stapleton, USN
Ensign Charles M. Stern, Jr., USN
Fireman 1st Class Lewis F. Tindall, USN
Radioman 3rd Class Dante S. Tini, USN
Seaman 1st Class Henry G. Tipton, USN
Seaman 1st Class Natale I. Torti, USN
1st Lt. Allen R. Turner, USAAF
Pfc. Leonard A. Tyma, USMCR
Fireman 2nd Class Lowell E. Valley, USN
Capt. George Van Vleet, USAAF
Aviation Machinist's Mate 2nd Class Durrel Wade, USN
Pfc. John H. Walker, USA
Seaman 1st Class Richard L. Watson, USN
Seaman 1st Class Eugene W. Wicker, USN
Fireman 1st Class Creighton H. Workman, USN
Pfc. Morris R. Worrell, USA
Seaman 1st Class Robert V. Young, USN
Pfc. Robert L. Zehetner, USMC

Note: This page contains the names of 199 of the 203 Americans DPAA accounted for in FY18. The names of the remaining four are not included as their families are pending notification.

DPAA ACCOUNTS FOR 203 MISSING PERSONNEL IN FISCAL YEAR 2018

In Fiscal Year 2018, the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency accounted for 203 formerly missing persons from past conflicts, the highest yearly total reached by the agency or its predecessor organizations. Also, the agency individually identified the remains of three additional personnel, who were previously accounted for as part of group burials.

“Providing the families of the missing those long-sought answers with which they can at least achieve some solace is a profound manifestation of our nation’s steadfast commitment to them and their loved ones,” said DPAA Director Kelly McKeague. “Because it’s a sacred obligation, if not moral imperative, our over 600 military and civilian professionals earnestly contribute their talents, dedication, and passion to the noble mission with which we are entrusted.”

Broken down by conflict, 10 were accounted for from the Vietnam War, 37 from the Korean War, and 156 from World War II.

“Science and technology have expanded exponentially in recent years, enabling identifications that even five years ago seemed impossible,” said Rear Admiral Jon Kreitz, DPAA’s Deputy Director for Operations. “We also attribute the increasing yearly trend to DPAA’s expanded use of partnerships, a more precise management of disinterments, and improvements in our robust field operations.”



DPAA Lab, U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Leah Ferrante



Philippines, photo courtesy of University of Illinois - Chicago

DPAA’s partnerships are strong and extensive. First, the government officials and people in each of the countries the agency operates in provide invaluable assistance and respect to the mission. Collaborative support from the four Service Casualty Offices; the Armed Forces Medical Examiner System and the Armed Forces DNA Identification Laboratory; U.S. Indo-Pacific Command, the U.S. European Command and the Defense Intelligence Agency – Stony Beach; the Department of Veterans Affairs and the American Battle Monuments Commission cemeteries are also vital. DPAA’s partnering with non-Federal entities continues to expand agency capacity and capabilities. Additionally, agency efforts benefit from partnerships with family groups and veterans service organizations.

Today, DPAA is focused on the research, investigation, recovery, and identification of the approximately 34,000 (out of approximately 83,000 missing DoD personnel) believed to be recoverable, who were lost in conflicts from World War II to Operation Iraqi Freedom.



U.S. military personnel from DPAA and augmentee units attach pipes and fittings for a wet-screening station during a recovery mission in Xiang Khouang province, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Oct. 29, 2017. Recovery team members deployed to the area to search for fallen U.S. service members missing from the Vietnam War. DPAA is grateful to the Lao government for their cooperation with this mission. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Claire Farin)



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DPAA personnel unfold the American flag during a disinterment ceremony at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, Honolulu, Hawaii, Oct. 16, 2017. The disinterment was part of DPAA's effort to provide the fullest possible accounting of our missing personnel to their families and the nation. DPAA is grateful to the Department of Veterans Affairs for their partnership in this mission. (U.S. Marine Corps photo by Sgt. Lauren Falk)



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DPAA staff members interview veterans at the annual Special Operations Association Reunion, Oct 20, 2017 in Las Vegas, Nevada. Information from the interviews is used along with available research to potentially lead to a successful recovery and identification. (Photo courtesy of Mr. Mike Taylor, Special Operations Association)

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U.S. Army Lt. Col. David Greenburg, takes the blood pressure of a local worker during a recovery mission in Xiangkouang Province, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Nov. 8, 2017. DPAA personnel deployed to the area to locate missing U.S. personnel lost during the Vietnam War and the assigned medical personnel provided basic medical services to Lao workers and villagers. DPAA is grateful to the Lao government for their cooperation with this mission. *(U.S. Marine Corps photo by Sgt. Kelly L. Street)*



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Mr. Kelly McKeague, DPAA Director, speaks with George Underwood, the brother of Army Air Forces 2nd Lt. Donald E. Underwood, of River Rouge, Michigan, during Donald's funeral at Arlington National Cemetery, Virginia, Nov. 28, 2017. 2nd Lt. Underwood was a member of the 30th Bombardment Group, stationed at Hawkins Field, Helen Island, Tarawa Atoll, Gilbert Islands (present-day Republic of Kiribati), when his B-24J bomber crashed shortly after take-off. Underwood was identified by DPAA through dental and anthropological analysis, as well as circumstantial evidence. DPAA is grateful to the Republic of Kiribati and History Flight Inc., for their partnerships in this recovery. *(U.S. Army photo by Sgt. 1st Class Kristen Duus)*

The iconic POW/MIA Flag is displayed during a recovery mission conducted by DPAA in Socialist Republic of Vietnam, Nov. 18, 2017. *(U.S. Marine Corps photo by Sgt. Lauren Falk)*



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Dr. Kyle McCormick, DPAA senior recovery expert, reviews his notes during recovery operations in Ha Tinh province, Socialist Republic of Vietnam, Nov. 29, 2017. DPAA team members deployed to the area in search of U.S. service members who went missing from the Vietnam War. DPAA is grateful to the government of Vietnam for their cooperation with this mission. *(U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Seth Coulter)*



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429 white marble pillars stand at the USS *Oklahoma* Memorial near Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. Each represents a crew member lost during the attack of Dec. 7, 1941. For decades, nearly 400 of them were buried as "Unknowns" in the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific in Honolulu. In December, 2017, DPAA reached a milestone by marking the 100th identification from these disinterred USS *Oklahoma* remains. At the end of FY18, DPAA had identified 181 individuals from the ship's crew. (U.S. Navy photo by Petty Officer 2nd Class Jeffrey Hanshaw)



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U.S. Air Force Senior Airman Eric Posey and Staff Sgt. Chase McFeron, Explosive Ordnance Technicians assigned to DPAA, search a rice paddy for possible aircraft wreckage while on a mission in search of the remains of a U.S. Navy pilot in Nghe An province, Socialist Republic of Vietnam, Dec. 4, 2017. DPAA is grateful to the government of Vietnam for their cooperation with this mission. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Matthew J. Bruch)

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U.S. Air Force C-17 crew and DPAA personnel render honors to possible remains of recovered Department of Defense personnel, at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii, Dec. 13, 2017. The remains, repatriated from Socialist Republic of Vietnam, will be examined at DPAA's identification lab. DPAA is grateful to the government of Vietnam for their cooperation with this mission. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Mikaley Kline)



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DPAA military and civilian members gather for a ceremony at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii, Dec. 12, 2017. The ceremony took place to reveal the new organizational badge (for military personnel) and lapel pin (for civilians) that each will wear as a member of the agency. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Leah Ferrante)



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DPAA military members conduct a disinterment ceremony at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, Honolulu, Hawaii, Jan. 8, 2018. The ceremony honored unknown service members from the Korean War as well as the first unknown service members from the USS *California* to be disinterred. DPAA is grateful to the Department of Veterans Affairs for their partnership in this mission. *(U.S. Marine Corps photo by Sgt. Lauren Gramley)*



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Dr. Owen O'Leary, DPAA scientific recovery expert, shows a piece of material evidence to Cindy Stonebreaker, daughter of a pilot who went missing during the Vietnam War, during a National League of POW/MIA Families delegation site visit in Khammouan province, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Jan. 20, 2018. DPAA is grateful to the government of Laos for their partnership in this mission. *(U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Amara R. Timberlake)*



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U.S. Navy Diver 2nd Class Jordan McElyea, left, and Navy Diver 1st Class Scott Johnson, assigned to Mobile Diving and Salvage Unit One, operating off USNS *Salvor* (T-ARS 52), descend on a diving stage during a DPAA-led underwater recovery operation as they search for personnel who went missing during WWII off the coast of Koror, Republic of Palau, Jan. 24, 2018. DPAA is grateful to the government of Palau for their cooperation with this mission. *(U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Tyler Thompson)*



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U.S. Navy Seaman 1st Class John Savidge is laid to rest at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, Honolulu, Hawaii, Jan. 26, 2018. On Dec. 7, 1941, Savidge was aboard the USS *Oklahoma* as it was docked at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. A surprise Japanese attack caused the ship to capsize and resulted in the deaths of 429 crewmen, 388 of whom were buried as unknowns. DPAA identified Savidge as part of an on-going project to account for the ship's missing crew. *(U.S. Army photo Staff Sgt. Jose Rodriguez Guzman)*

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Senior Chief Hospital Corpsman Michael Monroe, assigned to Mobile Diving and Salvage Unit One, Company 1-6, conducts a repatriation ceremony in Koror, Palau, Feb. 23, 2018. The repatriation ceremony was conducted to return the remains of U.S. military members who perished during WWII. DPAA is grateful to the government of Palau and Project Recover for their partnership in this mission. (U.S. Navy Photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Tyler Thompson)



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Warren B. Lessing, a family member of an unaccounted-for American service member, provides a DNA sample during a Family Member Update in Jacksonville, Florida, Feb. 24, 2018. The DNA sample will be tested by the Armed Forces Medical Examiner System - DNA Identification Lab to aid in the identification of U.S. Department of Defense personnel missing from past conflicts. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Claire Farin)



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U.S. service members participate in a soccer game with local villagers assisting DPAA at the end of a day's work during a recovery mission in Khammouan province, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Feb. 1, 2018. DPAA team members deployed to the area to locate the remains of U.S. Department of Defense personnel who went missing from the Vietnam War. DPAA is grateful to the people and government of Laos for their cooperation with this mission. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Mikaley Kline)

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Dr. Mike Kenyhercz, a forensic anthropologist with DPAA, prepares graves for disinterment at the Manila American Cemetery and Memorial in Manila, Philippines, March 5, 2018. A team of eight DPAA personnel spent 13 days disinterring the graves of 20 Unknowns who died in the Cabanatuan POW Camp. DPAA is grateful to the Philippine government and American Battle Monuments Commission for their partnerships in this mission. *(U.S. Air Force Photo by Staff Sgt. Leah Ferrante)*

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DPAA personnel render honors during a chain of custody event for the remains of U.S. Army Sgt. 1st Class Harry E. Harkness who was identified by the DPAA Laboratory on Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii, March 9, 2018. Harkness was a member of Company L, 3rd Battalion, 8th Calvary Regiment when he was killed in the winter of 1950 during combat near Unsan, North Korea. Harkness' remains were escorted by his grandson, U.S. Army 1st Lt. Bradley Patterson. *(U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Kathrine Dodd)*



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DPAA researchers, Polish officials, and third party researcher Mr. Szymon Serwatka conduct an investigation at the possible site of a B-24 crash in the Republic of Poland, March 22, 2018. DPAA is grateful to the Polish Government and Mr. Serwatka for their collaboration with this mission. *(DoD Photo by Ms. Kristen Baker)*



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Local workers assisting a DPAA recovery team pass buckets of excavated soil during operations in the Quang Nam province, Socialist Republic of Vietnam, March 31, 2018. The team deployed to search for remains of service members lost during the Vietnam War. DPAA is grateful to the government of Vietnam for their cooperation with this mission *(U.S. Army photo by Sgt. 1st Class David J. Marshall)*

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Agency Updates

INDO-PACIFIC DIRECTORATE

DPAA's Asia-Pacific Directorate was renamed the Indo-Pacific (IP) Directorate to better represent the region where it is charged with conducting the agency's mission efforts. Although the designation changed, the mission and related work remained the same.

Throughout the fiscal year, IP conducted a total of 19 investigation missions and 34 recovery missions. These efforts spanned the expansive region, sending DPAA military and civilian personnel and DPAA partner organizations to these countries: Vietnam, Laos, South Korea, Kiribati, Philippines, Palau, Papua New Guinea, India, Myanmar, Indonesia, Solomon Islands, Malaysia, and China. IP also conducted a mission in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The directorate's work during FY18 also led to the disinterment of 177 caskets of Unknowns from Manila American Cemetery and Honolulu's National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific.



Socialist Republic of Vietnam, U.S. Marine Corps photo by Sgt. Julian Temblador

PARTNERSHIP & INNOVATION DIRECTORATE

Renamed from Strategic Partnerships to better reflect its purpose and scope, DPAA's Partnerships and Innovations (PI) Directorate experienced robust change and growth in FY18. PI has greatly expanded DPAA's external partners, entering into discussions with more than 140 potential partner institutions, leading to the signing of 28 formal Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) agreements with external organizations.

DPAA conducted more than 30 field missions involving partners in FY18, marking a ten-fold increase over FY17. Here is a list of the partners who were involved or are currently involved in these efforts:



Sicily, Italy, U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Seth Coulter

- Terrestrial Investigation and Recovery: U. of Wisconsin, Archaeological and Historical Conservancy, U. of Maryland, Shoulder to Shoulder, U. of Queensland, St Mary's U., Cranfield U., U. of Illinois - Chicago, SEARCH, and History Flight.
- Underwater Investigation and Recovery: East Carolina U., U. of Malta, U. of Delaware, Flanders Marine Institute, Institute of Maritime Heritage, Deep Sea Productions, SCRIPPS, Project Recover, and U.S. Navy SPAWAR.
- Surveys and Mission Support: Army Geospatial Command, U. of Warsaw Institute of Archaeology, and U. of New Orleans.

PI also implemented cooperative agreements and grants; expanded the agency's volunteer program; and increased the "hub and spokes" program for historical research, with nine participating institutions: The Ohio State U., Temple U., Texas A&M, U. of Wisconsin, East Carolina U., U. of Southern Mississippi, Brigham Young U., and Tuskegee U. as well as the World War II Museum in New Orleans.



EUROPEAN-MEDITERRANEAN DIRECTORATE

During FY18, DPAA's European-Mediterranean (EM) Directorate conducted 14 investigations (10 organic missions and 4 with partners) and 12 recoveries (7 organic and 5 partnered). These terrestrial and underwater missions were in: Austria, Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, Malta, Poland, Romania, Russia, and the United Kingdom, as well as Alaska.



Republic of Malta, photo courtesy of University of Malta

Disinterments from the European-Mediterranean region also added to the bottom line of the overall DPAA mission, with the lab accessioning 61 remains of Unknowns from disinterments conducted in American Battle Monuments Commission cemeteries throughout Europe.

The European-Mediterranean Joint Commission Support Division (JCSD) planned and participated in a U.S.-Russia Joint Commission on POW/MIAs Plenary Session in Moscow in November 2017; as well as planned, executed, and participated in four Technical Talks: World War II (Moscow, February 2018), Vietnam War (Honolulu, Hawaii, April 2018), Cold War (Vladivostok, Russia, May 2018), and Korean War (Arlington, Virginia, August 2018).

DPAA LABORATORY

DPAA's Laboratory conducted significant work at all three of its locations in FY18. Accessions into the lab totaled 459, which included 239 from disinterments, 126 from unilateral turnovers and 89 from field operations.

The DPAA Lab continued to innovate new methods of data analysis to contribute to expansive projects undergoing analysis. The staff also ramped up stable isotope testing as a new test modality.

During FY18, the lab's international forensic accreditation was renewed by the ANSI-ASQ National Accreditation Board (ANAB). The board's extremely rigorous examination looked at the lab's processes involving anthropology, biology, odontology, trace materials, and scene recovery.

Results from the lab hit a high-water mark in FY18, with a total of 203 previously missing individuals being accounted for. The resolved losses included 10 from the Vietnam War, 156 from World War II, and 37 from the Korean War.



DPAA Offutt Lab, U.S. Air Force photo by Josh Plueger



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Family members of U.S. Department of Defense personnel still unaccounted-for attend a Family Member Update hosted by DPAA in Rapid City, South Dakota, April 21, 2018. These updates are designed to keep family members informed of the U.S. Government's efforts to account for those still missing, and to discuss in detail the latest information available for their loved ones case. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Mikaley Kline)



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DPAA augmentees U.S. Army Spc. Yury Bondarev and Staff Sgt. James Bedillion collect soil to be screened for possible remains during a recovery mission in Boussicourt, France, April 26, 2018. Both members were part of a team from DPAA sent to excavate a bomber crash site. DPAA is grateful to the French government for their cooperation with this mission. (U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt. Richard DeWitt)



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U.S. Army Spc. Zachary Boney (left) receives a tour from DPAA forensic anthropologist, Dr. Jennie Jin, on Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii, April 16, 2018. Boney traveled to the DPAA Laboratory to receive the remains of his great-grandfather, U.S. Army Master Sgt. Finley J. Davis. Davis, of Pittsburgh, killed during the Korean War, was accounted for on Aug. 8, 2017, and subsequently buried April 19, in North Charleston, South Carolina. (U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt. Jamarius Fortson)



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U.S. Air Force Senior Airman Tycoria Johnson, DPAA augmentee, lays roses at the memorial in Quang Binh Province, Socialist Republic of Vietnam, April 7, 2018. Johnson, along with the DPAA detachment team and representatives from the Vietnamese Office for Seeking Missing Persons (VNOSMP), visited the monument to pay respect during the 17th anniversary of the Mi-17 crash that took the lives of nine Vietnamese partners and seven U.S. service members to include her father, U.S. Army Sgt. 1st Class Tommy Murphy, former DPAA recovery team leader. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Claire Farin)





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U.S. Air Force Master Sgt. Thomas Ricketson, a medic with DPAA, examines a piece of aircraft wreckage during an investigation in the Primorsky Krai region of the Russian Federation, May 20, 2018. The investigation team conducted interviews with witnesses and researchers and located three possible crash sites. DPAA is grateful to the Russian government for their cooperation with this mission. *(U.S. Marine Corps photo by Sgt. Lauren Gramley)*



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Maddeline Voss, History Flight, Inc. scientific recovery expert, and Kaubati Namoto, Kiribati resident archaeological crewmember, excavate a possible burial site on Betio Island, Tarawa Atoll, Republic of Kiribati, May 12, 2018. DPAA is grateful to the Republic of Kiribati and History Flight, Inc., for their partnerships in this mission. *(Photo courtesy of History Flight)*



RIGHT
Buckets of hardened clay soak in water for easier screening during DPAA recovery operations in Sicily, Italy, May 1, 2018. DPAA team members deployed to the area to locate U.S. service members missing from World War II. DPAA is grateful to the Italian government for their cooperation with this mission. *(U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Seth Coulter)*



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U.S. Army Sgt. 1st Class Eric Feltz, DPAA recovery team sergeant, shares information about the organization's mission with visitors during Armed Forces Weekend at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, Indianapolis, Indiana, May 19, 2018. *(U.S. Army photo by Sgt. 1st Class David J. Marshall)*



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Divers from East Carolina University's summer field school, in partnership with DPAA, explore a U.S. Navy TBM Avenger crash site off Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, June 4, 2018. Information from the investigation will be used to correlate the Avenger site to a known loss from World War II. DPAA is grateful to the University as well as the Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command for their partnership in this mission. *(Photo courtesy of East Carolina University)*



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Gregory Stratton, center, inspects material dredged from the sea floor during the search for the remains of a pilot who went missing from World War II near the French island of Corsica, June 30, 2018. Stratton is a scientific recovery expert leading a joint U.S. and French recovery team. DPAA is grateful to the French government for their cooperation with this mission. *(DoD photo by Bill Dasher)*



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Dr. Mindy Simonson, DPAA scientific recovery expert, plots an excavation test pit during a recovery mission on Guadalcanal Island, Solomon Islands, June 28, 2018. DPAA personnel deployed to the area in search of missing U.S. Marines lost during the first Allied offensive in the Pacific Theater of World War II. DPAA is grateful to the Solomon Islands government for their cooperation with this mission. *(U.S. Marine Corps photo by Sgt. Kelly L. Street)*



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The 2018 National POW/MIA Recognition Day poster is revealed during the annual Vietnam War government briefings, in conjunction with the Annual National League of POW/MIA Families meeting in Arlington, Virginia, June 21, 2018. The poster was unveiled by Ann Mills Griffiths, Chairman of the Board and CEO of the "League," left, and Randall Schriver, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Asian and Pacific Security Affairs. *(U.S. Marine Corps photo by Sgt. Lauren Gramley)*

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U.S. Navy Chief Petty Officer Christopher Pinar, carries the American flag during a repatriation ceremony, Da Nang, Socialist Republic of Vietnam, July 8, 2018. The ceremony culminated successful joint field activities during which possible human remains were recovered. DPAA is grateful to the government of Vietnam for their cooperation with this mission. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Claire Farin)

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U.S. Army 1st Lt. Jason Myers, Special U.S. Army Escort, left, and Benjamin Soria, DPAA lead evidence coordinator, secure the remains of U.S. Army Pfc. Walter W. Green during a chain of custody event held on Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii, July 17, 2018. Meyers, the husband of Green's grandniece, traveled to the DPAA laboratory to collect the remains and escort them to his final resting place at Arlington National Cemetery, Virginia. Green was taken prisoner of war Nov. 2, 1950, while fighting near Unsan, North Korea, then perished in captivity June 30, 1951. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Mikaley Kline)



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Drs. John Byrd, Jennie Jin, and Veronica Keyes, forensic anthropologists with DPAA, review the contents of boxes containing the possible remains of service members lost in the Korean War during a unilateral turnover in Wonsan, Democratic People's Republic of Korea (North Korea), July 27, 2018. The boxes were transported via U.S. Air Force C-17 aircraft to Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, for initial analysis before being transferred to DPAA's forensic laboratory at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. 1st Class David J. Marshall)

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Members of DPAA dig a four-by-four-meter unit during an excavation mission in Lao People's Democratic Republic, July 27, 2018. This recovery mission required team members to send all excavated soil to the wet screen station in search of possible osseous material, personal effects, and material evidence. DPAA is grateful to the Lao government for their partnership in this mission. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Clayton Wear)



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Vice President Mike Pence; Indo-Pacific Commander, U.S. Navy Adm. Phil Davidson; and DPAA Deputy Director for Operations, Rear Adm. Jon Kreitz render honors during a ceremony at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii, Aug. 1, 2018. The United Nations Command repatriated 55 transfer cases from the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (North Korea) that contain what are believed to be the remains of American service members lost in the Korean War. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Apryl Hall)



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DPAA recovery NCO, U.S. Army Staff Sgt. Paul Joseph, and scientific recovery expert, Ms. Kristen Baker, clean soil off an M2 machine gun excavated in Reken, Germany, Aug. 16, 2018. DPAA personnel conducted recovery operations in search of a fallen U.S. Army Air Forces service member who went missing during World War II. DPAA is grateful to the German government for their cooperation with this mission. (U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt. Jamarius Fortson)



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Family members of U.S. personnel lost during the Korean and Cold Wars participate in a wreath-laying ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery, Virginia, Aug. 8, 2018. The event was held in conjunction with DPAA's Korean and Cold War Annual Government Briefings where 720 family members attended. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. 1st Class David Marshall)



LEFT

Marla Andrews, daughter of Capt. Lawrence Dickson, a Tuskegee Airman lost during World War II, speaks to DPAA staff during an Agency All-Hands meeting, Aug. 30, 2018. Andrews reflected on the loss of her father as well as her gratitude for the DPAA mission following the identification and return of her father. Dickson is the first Tuskegee Airman accounted for out of 27 reported missing during World War II. (DoD photo by Lee O. Tucker)

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U.S. Army Col. (Ret.) Charles H. McDaniel, Jr., watches his brother, Larry, place a rosette next to their father's name, U.S. Army Master Sgt. Charles H. McDaniel, Sr., at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, Honolulu, Hawaii, Sept. 21, 2018. McDaniel, Sr., was identified by DPAA after his remains were returned during a unilateral turnover from the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (North Korea) on July 27, 2018. (U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt. Michael O'Neal)



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Kelly McKeague, DPAA Director, speaks with Navy JROTC cadets attending a reception prior to the National POW/MIA Recognition Day ceremony at the Pentagon, Sept. 21, 2018. The reception, held in the POW/MIA corridor, gave guests an opportunity to view the displays, speak with DPAA staff, and learn more about the agency mission to provide the fullest possible accounting for U.S. Department of Defense missing personnel to their families and the nation. (DoD photo by Mr. Lee O. Tucker)



RIGHT
Members from a local Military Order of the Purple Heart chapter render salutes during a ceremony for National POW/MIA Recognition Day at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, Honolulu, Hawaii, Sept. 21, 2018. National POW/MIA Recognition Day, first established in 1979 through a proclamation from President Jimmy Carter, is an observance to honor and recognize the sacrifices of those Americans who have been prisoners of war and to remind the Nation of those who are still missing in action. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Leah Ferrante)



LEFT
Department of Defense Secretary James Mattis speaks during a National POW/MIA Recognition Day ceremony at the Pentagon, Sept. 21, 2018. Mattis expressed gratitude to DPAA, veterans service organizations, and family advocates for their "fierce resolve and tireless commitment" to the mission of accounting for those still missing. He said, "Their work gives today's warriors great confidence that their nation will go to the ends of the Earth to bring them home." (DoD photo by Mr. Lee O. Tucker)



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A member of the Boy Scouts of America salutes after laying a wreath during the National POW/MIA Recognition Day ceremony hosted by DPAA at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, Honolulu, Hawaii, Sept. 16, 2018. The event is held every year on the third Friday of September in honor of those who were prisoners of war and those who are still missing in action. (U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt. Michael O'Neal)

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Republic of Korea (ROK) Vice Minister of Defense Suh Choo Suk, left, and Col. Lee Hak-ki, commander, Ministry of National Defense Agency for Killed-in-Action Recovery and Identification, place a ROK flag on a case containing the remains of a South Korean service member during a repatriation ceremony hosted by the DPAA on Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Sept. 27, 2018. The ceremony was held to repatriate 64 remains who were recovered during prior years' recovery operations in North Korea but later analysis determined them to be South Korean service members. (U.S. Marine Corps photo by Sgt. Jacqueline A. Clifford)



