



INSPECTOR GENERAL
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MEMORANDUM FOR DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Assessment of the Effectiveness of the Department of Defense Prisoner of War/Missing in Action Accounting Community
(Project No. D2014-D00SPO-0073)

The objective is to assess the Department's programs and practices concerning the identification and repatriation of the remains of the Nation's missing-in-action from past armed conflicts. This will include the overall accounting community organization and waste, abuse, mismanagement, travel issues, and other deficiencies related to the administration of programs carried out by the Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office (DPMO), Joint POW-MIA Accounting Command (JPAC), and other members of the accounting community.

This assessment is being conducted at the request of the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy, members of the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee, and the House Armed Services Committee. We plan to use all pertinent information collected as a result of our research conducted during project D2013-D000SPO-0219, "Research Assessment on the Department's Programs to Identify and Repatriate the Remains of the Nation's Missing Fallen from Past Armed Conflicts."

We plan to begin this assessment immediately.

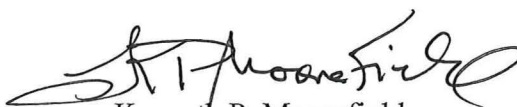
We intend to contact and visit DoD organizations associated with this mission, including, but not limited to, DPMO, JPAC, the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy, the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, the U.S. Pacific Command, the Armed Forces DNA Identification Laboratory, and the Service Casualty Assistance Offices. Others organizations or personnel may be identified during the assessment.

Please provide a point of contact for this research assessment. The point of contact must be at or above GS-15 civilian grade or O6 military grade. Please include the contact's name, title, grade/rank, phone number, and e-mail address. We request management send a point of contact in electronic format (Adobe Acrobat file only) to [REDACTED] and (spo@dodig.mil) within five days of the date of this announcement.

You may obtain information about the DoD Office of Inspector General, from DoD Directive 5106.01, "Inspector General of the Department of Defense," April 20, 2012; DoD Instruction 7600.02, "Audit Policies," April 27, 2007; and DoD Instruction 7050.03, "Office of the Inspector General of the Department of Defense Access to Records and Information," March 22, 2013. Our web site address is www.dodig.mil.

Please direct questions to [REDACTED]

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