

THE GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN IS SEARCHING the remains of the WW II Japanese Servicemen



Today, the surviving families and relatives of the Japanese who died overseas in the war are as hopeful as ever that the remains of their loved ones will one day be returned to their homeland.

During World War II, Japanese soldiers defending Pohnpei suffered from repeated air-raids and severe malnutrition, losing approximately 460 lives. On this regard, we would like to ask the residents of Pohnpei and other islands of FSM for information of the remains of these fallen soldiers that are still awaiting their repatriation to Japan.

If you have any information listed above or any other information concerning the fate of the Japanese military personnel, please kindly let us know by contacting JARRWC at the following e-mail address/ fax / telephone number.



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We appreciate your kind cooperation!

On Activities for Collecting Information on the Remains of the War Casualties
in the Federated States of Micronesia (Pohnpei State)
(Request from the Japanese Government and the Japan Association for
Recovery and Repatriation of War Casualties)

Japan Association for Recovery and Repatriation of War Casualties (hereinafter referred to as JARRWC) was established on July 1, 2016 for the purpose of facilitating the repatriation of the remains of Japanese servicemen and civilians by dispatching survey and recovery missions, searching and analyzing information from former servicemen and their families, survivors and other informants and also by promoting mutual understandings and friendship with foreign countries.

JARRWC was designated by the Japanese Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare on August 19, 2016, as the only public institution to implement the recovery and repatriation of remains under the guidance and supervision of the Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare.

The Japanese Government has long been collecting remains of the military personnel and civilians who died in the Second World War since 1952, based on the information contributed by the war veterans and local government agencies where the war was fought, and holding memorial services in those places. However, after passing more than 70 years since the end of the War, it is more and more difficult to find the remains for the decreasing amount of information on the remains.

Under such circumstances, JARRWC is taking necessary measures for actively gathering information of the remains in order to confirm their whereabouts.

According to the records that we possess, there have been remains found in the site of a Wartime Japanese Stronghold on the Island of shipwrecks of the Japanese fleet sunken during the war, and also of soldiers died of air-raids and malnutrition on land and buried on islands of Chuuk. We are looking for the possibility of other Japanese remains still rest in the soils and waters of Chuuk.

We don't aim at anything else but collection of the remains, which the Japanese Government and JARRWC continuously receive the strong request from the bereaved families to recover and repatriate them, based on Japanese peculiar customs that "We should hold a memorial service for the dead's soul by returning remains of the person who has died to his family". We therefore would like to request your understanding and cooperation to these humane social works of Japanese Government and JARRWC.

Specifically, if you have heard of any information related to the remains of the Japanese war dead, please contact us. Further, in case of finding remains which seem to be Japanese, we would like to ask you to simply inform their status without touching the remains, since the remains need to go through anthropological and/or archaeological studies.

We appreciate your kind cooperation and welcome your contribution of any information that would lead to the locations of the remains of war casualties.