



## Joint Personnel Recovery Agency

The Joint Personnel Recovery Agency (JPRA), headquartered at Fort Belvoir, Va., is a subordinate activity of USJFCOM. JPRA was created in 1999, merging the Joint Services SERE Agency and the Joint Combat Search and Rescue Agency.

The commander, U.S. Joint Forces Command (USJFCOM) is the Department of Defense's (DoD) executive agent for personnel recovery and is responsible for coordinating and advancing joint personnel recovery capabilities. The Defense POW/MIA Office establishes and promulgates personnel recovery policy.

Personnel recovery is the term for military, civil, and diplomatic efforts to obtain the release or recovery of captured, missing, or isolated personnel from uncertain or hostile environments and denied areas.

The goals of DoD personnel recovery include:

- Returning isolated personnel to friendly control
- Denying enemies a potential source of intelligence
- Preventing the exploitation of captured personnel in propaganda programs
- Maintaining the morale of our fighting forces and the national will

The commander, USJFCOM, has designated JPRA as the office of primary responsibility for DoD-wide personnel recovery matters, executing the day to day responsibilities of the executive agent. In that role, the agency supports the military departments, combatant commands, the Joint Staff, the Office of the Secretary of Defense and defense agencies, DoD field activities, and other government agencies. Responsible for shaping and enabling the planning, preparation and coordination of personnel recovery for DoD, JPRA enables commanders, individuals, recovery forces, and supporting organizations to effectively execute their personnel recovery responsibilities and to accomplish the five PR tasks of report, locate, support, recover, and reintegrate. JPRA supports policy and doctrine development for the recovery process, and researches tactics, techniques and procedures (TTP) to assist the services in conducting joint recovery operations.

JPRA has four core capabilities:

- Provide PR guidance
- Develop, conduct, and support PR education and training
- Provide support to operations, exercises, and deploying forces
- Ensure PR remains viable through the adaptation of lessons learned, research and development, and other validated inputs

JPRA assists OSD and the Joint Staff to establish PR policy and doctrine. JPRA supports the services in the development of their policy and oversees their survival, evasion, resistance, and escape training.

JPRA assists combatant commands to develop and exercise PR architectures and operational procedures to plan and prepare for the successful recovery of isolated personnel.

JPRA has a responsibility to monitor and leverage research and development efforts to fill technology gaps in personnel recovery.

Finally, JPRA has the responsibility to coordinate, manage, and assist combatant commands and services in implementing reintegration guidance and procedures. It provides personnel recovery experts to assist combatant commands and the services in the reintegration handling and debriefing process.