



Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office Operations Directorate — Fact Sheet

ISSUE: Personnel Recovery Technology Working Group

BACKGROUND: During the second annual Department of Defense Personnel Recovery Conference held October 6-8, 1998, the Acquisition & Technology workshop identified several issues. Admiral Blair, Director, Joint Staff, and senior executives from the combatant commands and other DoD agencies supported a recommendation to establish a DoD Personnel Recovery Technology Working Group (PRTWG). The Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition & Technology) fully supported this recommendation and assigned the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Advanced Systems & Concepts (DUSD(AS&C)) as the DoD lead.

DISCUSSION: Many agencies throughout the Government, including within the Department of Defense, are undertaking significant initiatives to improve the U.S. Government personnel recovery capabilities, but not everyone is aware of various projects underway. The PRTWG, chaired by the DUSD (Advanced Systems and Concepts), is an acquisition policy oversight body whose role is to facilitate and coordinate government-wide technological approaches to improving personnel recovery capabilities.

The PRTWG will operate under the supervision of the Personnel Recovery Advisory Group (PRAG). The PRAG will provide oversight to the PRTWG and prioritize issues for PRTWG consideration. The PRTWG will coordinate technological approaches to personnel recovery. It will provide the PRAG and other DoD officials with balanced insights into the most appropriate technological approaches to the personnel recovery mission. Its primary focus will be technological aspects of personnel recovery.

REPRESENTATION:

DUSD for Science and Technology
DUSD for Strategic and Tactical Systems
Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency
ASD(C³I)
Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office
Joint Services SERE Agency

Joint Combat Rescue Agency
Science and Technology Advisors of the
Unified Commands
Research and Technology Director of the
National Security Agency
Science and Technology Director of the
National Reconnaissance Office