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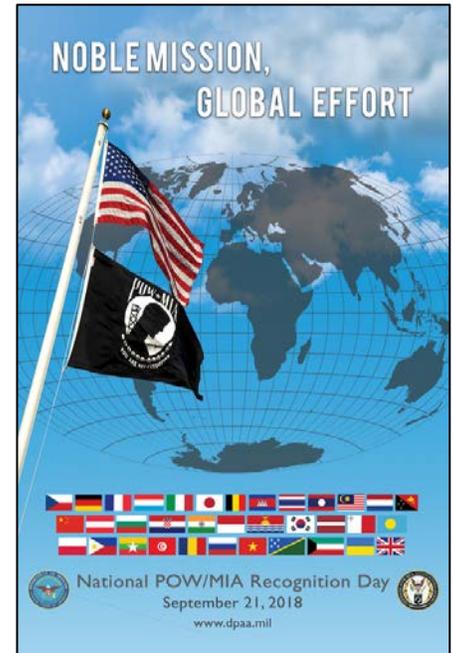


"Join the nation ... thank a Vietnam veteran!"

Monday, September 17

Dear Commemorative Partners,

National POW/MIA Recognition Day will be observed this year on **September 21st**. As the third Friday each year in September, this day is set aside to bring awareness to the **more than 82,000** Americans unaccounted for from past conflicts. There are still **1,594** Americans unaccounted for from the Vietnam War as of August 24, 2018.



The [National League of POW/MIA Families](#), a proud Commemorative Partner, has dedicated the last four decades to this remarkable mission. The League's sole mission is "to obtain the release of all prisoners, the fullest possible accounting for the missing and repatriation of all recoverable remains of those who died serving our nation during the Vietnam War."

Major General (Ret.) James T. Jackson, Director of the Vietnam War Commemoration, presents remarks at the 49th Annual meeting of the National League of POW/MIA Families (VWC Staff Photo)

According to the League, several of the 50 states have proclaimed POW/MIA Recognition Day in conjunction with the national effort. Each state has also been asked to issue a proclamation, so please contact your Governor and ask for his/her support and a copy of your state's proclamation. Click [here](#) to view a list of the states that have already issued proclamations.

As most of you already know, the Commemoration has developed the [Certificate of Honor](#) Program, which is designed to honor and give special recognition to four categories of Vietnam veterans and their families:

Upcoming Event

Sept. 28-30

Gold Star Mother's Day Weekend Events and National Executive Board Meeting, Washington, DC

- 1 Former, living American military Prisoners of War
- 2 Immediate family members of American military personnel still missing and unaccounted for from the Vietnam War by the Department of Defense
- 3 Immediate family members of veterans listed on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, DC whose remains were recovered
- 4 Surviving spouses (at the time of death) of veterans who served on active duty between November 1, 1955 – May 15, 1975, regardless of location of service

The certificates along with the associated lapel pins are requested through Commemorative Partners on the [Commemorative Partner Portal](#) of our website. Thank you again for being a ... **Proud Partner with The U.S.A. Vietnam War Commemoration!**