

Vietnam War Commemoration "SITREP" – 2016, Issue 9



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

Dear Commemorative Partners,

Monday, September 12

This year, National POW/MIA Recognition Day is observed on **September 16th**. Traditionally the third Friday each September, this day honors the sacrifice and dedication of our nation's missing in action and prisoners of war, and also gives the opportunity to renew our commitment to the fullest possible accounting of our unreturned service members.

At the right is the official poster for the 2016 POW/MIA Recognition Day, and it is available for **download** and printing! The POW/MIA Flag will be flown this day at the White House and other major national sites including the U.S. Capitol, federal cemeteries, major military installations, U.S. Postal Service offices, Selective Service System headquarters, and the Departments of State, Defense and Veterans Affairs.



At U.S. embassies and military bases around the world, governments, schools, and communities across the nation will gather to hold ceremonies and honor prisoners of war from all conflicts and the unreturned veterans listed as missing and unaccounted for and their families. Today, there are 1,618 personnel listed as unaccounted for from the Vietnam War.

One way you can participate in honoring this group of veterans and their families is to include a **Missing Man Table** in your event. The table represents all those still missing and unaccounted for. For a list of these veterans in each state, see the **Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency's website**.

Above & Beyond

The National League of POW/MIA Families



The POW/MIA Flag was adopted as the League symbol in 1970. By act of Congress in 1990, the flag became a national symbol of America's commitment to the fullest possible accounting for all wars. For further information visit www.pow-miafamilies.org or www.dpaa.mil.

A Certificate of Honor Program is being launched this fall, and through it, we are honoring these groups:

- 1) Former, living American military Prisoners of War,
- 2) Immediate family members of American military still unaccounted for from the Vietnam War,
- 3) Immediate family members of a veteran listed on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C., and
- 4) Surviving spouses at the time of death, of veterans who served between November 1, 1955 – May 15, 1975. **Email us** or visit our website for more information.

Thank you for being a ***"Proud Partner with The U.S.A. Vietnam War Commemoration!"***

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