

2016-2017 POW/MIA PROGRAM

PURPOSE: To implement programs at the Post, District and Department levels that will promote awareness of the POW/MIA issues with our membership and community.

GOALS: To achieve the fullest possible accounting of American Service Personnel who are Missing In Action, and return of those held as Prisoner of War.

METHODS: The Veterans of Foreign Wars, including the Ladies' and Men's Auxiliaries should display our commitment to the phrase: ***"YOU ARE NOT FORGOTTEN"***.

- Fly or display the POW/MIA flag.
- Include the POW/MIA flag in your color guard.
- Districts and Post Commanders should appoint a POW/MIA Chairman.
- Keep our membership informed on POW/MIA issues.
- Include the community in all events.
- Support observance of National POW/MIA Recognition Day and our POW/MIA week.
- Support observance of National Former POW Recognition Day
- Educate the communities, schools, youth groups and municipalities that the POW/MIA Flag is only subordinate to the US Flag.

REPORTS and AWARDS: Posts shall forward the POW/MIA Program Report through your District Chairman after each Program/Event, with supporting news reports, photos, etc. If the report is submitted electronically, (preferred) copy the Department Chair. There will be a plaque presented for the most outstanding program/event at the Department Convention.

- National POW/MIA Recognition Day is the third Friday in September. (9-16-2016)
- Kansas POW//MIA Recognition Week is September 11-17, 2016.
- National Former POW Recognition Day is April 9th.

The best source for information about our Government's activities and results can be found at the web sight of, Defense Prisoner of War/Missing Personnel Accounting Agency. (DPAA) The web sight for the National Alliance of POW/MIA Families at www.nationalalliance.org may also be useful.

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