

## 2023-2024 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 Auxiliary 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. (9-15-2023)
- Kansas POW//MIA Recognition Week is September 10-17, 2023.
- National Former POW Recognition Day is April 9<sup>th</sup>.

The best source for information about our Government's activities and results can be found at the website of the Defense Prisoner of War/Missing Personnel Accounting Agency (DPAA) <https://www.dpaa.mil>. The website for the National Alliance of POW/MIA Families at [www.nationalalliance.org](http://www.nationalalliance.org) may also be useful.

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## 2023-2024 POW/MIA REPORT

Date/dates of program/event: \_\_\_\_\_

Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Description of program/event: \_\_\_\_\_

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Number of people in attendance: \_\_\_\_\_

Description of supporting attachment A: \_\_\_\_\_

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Description of supporting attachment B: \_\_\_\_\_

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Description of supporting attachment C: \_\_\_\_\_

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Description of supporting attachment D: \_\_\_\_\_

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Chair or Commander: \_\_\_\_\_

Post # \_\_\_\_\_ District# \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of District Chair/Commander: \_\_\_\_\_

Reporting cut-off date to the District,  
April 17<sup>th</sup>, to the Department April 24<sup>th</sup>.

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