

2024-2025 POW/MIA PROGRAM

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

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

PRACTICES: The Veterans of Foreign Wars, including the Auxiliary **should** display our commitment to the phrase: “YOU ARE NOT FORGOTTEN” by:

- Fly or display the POW/MIA flag / It is subordinate only to the U.S. Flag.
- Include the POW/MIA flag in you color guard
- Districts and Post Commanders should appoint a POW/MIA Chairman
- Keep our membership informed on POW/MIA issues.
- Support the observance of National POW/MIA Recognition Day and our POW/MIA week
- Support observance of National Former POW Recognition Day.

PROGRAMS/EVENTS

- Host a community Event. Obtain a Proclamation from the local community.
- Educate your community to be aware of our POW/MIA’s (especially any from your community) and the importance of accounting. Therefore, bringing closure to families and friends.

AWARDS:

A plaque will be presented for the most outstanding program/event at the Department Convention.

REPORTING—

Forward the digital email you received from reporting your community service project to the Department Chair. Attach any photos and supporting documents. **This is required for determining Awards.**

POW/MIA DATA SOURCES:

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> Two websites you may find useful: <https://www.nationalallioance.org> and <https://www.honorstates.org>

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- National POW/MIA Recognition Day is the third Friday in September (9/20/2024).
- Kansas POW/MIA Recognition Week is the third week in September 15 – 21, 2024.
- National Former POW Recognition Day is on April 9th each year.
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