

2025-2026 POW/MIA PROGRAM

PURPOSE: To set in programs at the Post, District and Department 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. To bring closure to families of those missing.

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 your 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.
- **REPORTING**—
- Forward the digital email you received from reporting your community service project on the Department Web site to the Department POW/MIA Chair, kschaplain@att.net Attach any photos and supporting documents. **This is the only accepted form for reporting your event and required for determining Awards.**

AWARDS:

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

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>

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- National POW/MIA Recognition Day is the third Friday in September (9/19/2025).
- Kansas POW/MIA Recognition Week is the third week in September 14 – 20, 2025.
- National Former POW Recognition Day is on April 9th each year.
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