

## 2026-2027 POW/MIA PROGRAM

### Program Purpose:

The VFW POW/MIA program exists to ensure that the sacrifices of American service members who are captured, imprisoned, missing or who remain unaccounted for are never forgotten.

The program should do more than display a POW/MIA flag. It should create an ongoing commitment by the Posts, Districts and Auxiliaries to educate and host events to:

- \* Remember former POWs
- \* Honor those still missing and unaccounted for.
- \* Educate veterans and the community about POW/MIA history.
- \* Support families of missing service members.
- \* Preserve the stories of local veterans.
- \* Teach younger generations why "You are not forgotten" remains an important national commitment.
- \* Research local POW/MIAs
- \* Obtain a proclamation from your city.

POW/MIA updates from dpaa can be tracked for your post /district. For event guidance see the tool kit on the site, also you can order posters to spread awareness.

<https://www.dpaa.mil>

### Dates to observe:

National POW/MIA Day 3rd Friday in September 18th 2026

Kansas POW/MIA week 3rd week in September 13th-19th 2026

National Former POW recognition day is April 9th 2027

Award for the best event/program will be awarded at the Department Convention 2027, I need these submitted by the end of March 2027

Reporting: send me your digital email you received from submitting your Community Service on the Department dashboard along with any supporting documents or photos.

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