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## NATIONAL POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY

Friday, September 16, 2016

Indiana War Memorial

431 N. Meridian Street Indianapolis, IN

# POW-MIA RECOGNITION DAY CEREMONY

Musical Entertainment .....	38th Infantry Division Band
Greetings .....	J. Stewart Goodwin, <i>Brig Gen, USAF (Ret.)</i>
Presentation of Colors .....	Joint Services Color Guard
Pledge of Allegiance .....	SGT Charles E Layton, U.S. Army <i>Former Prisoner of War</i>
National Anthem .....	SPC Arely Rosario
Invocation .....	Channing Kearning, MDiv <i>CHC, LCDR, USN (Ret.)</i> <i>VA Chaplain</i>
Seating of Honored Guest .....	Rolling Thunder, Inc. Indiana Chapter One
Amazing Grace .....	Doug Hardwick and Robert Wood, <i>Indianapolis 500 Gordon Pipers</i>
Distinguished Speaker .....	Mayor Joe Hogsett
Keynote Speakers .....	CW5 Peter Lautzenheiser, U.S. Army (Ret) and Joy Brinduse, National League of POW/MIA Families Members, Siblings of Hoosier SP5 Michael Lautzenheiser, MIA
Service Medley .....	38th Infantry Division Band

**RAIN LOCATION INSIDE WAR MEMORIAL**

# WREATH PLACEMENT, AND BELL RINGERS

## WREATH LAYING

The laying of the wreaths commemorates those who gave their lives, prisoners of war, and/ or those still listed as missing in action.

## Bell Ringing

The bell from the USS Indianapolis CA35 is rung five times for the five branches of service after the wreaths are placed for WWI, WWII, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, and the Global War on Terror.

<b>WWI</b> .....	American War Mothers and Blue Star
<b>WWII</b> .....	WWII Roundtable and US Submarine Veterans, Inc.
<b>Korean War</b> .....	Korean War Veterans Association and AMVETS
<b>Vietnam War</b> .....	Marine Corps League and Vietnam Veterans of America
<b>Global War on Terror</b> .....	Rolling Thunder, MIA Families
<b>God Bless America</b> .....	SPC Arely Rosario
<b>Dove Release</b> .....	Gabriel Cochard, <i>Hoosier Heart Farms</i>
<b>HUEY Fly-in and Presentation</b> .....	American Huey 369
<b>Battle Hymn of the Republic</b> .....	38th Infantry Division Band
<b>Taps</b> .....	38th Infantry Division Band
<b>Benediction</b> .....	Chaplain Kearning
<b>Retirement of Colors</b> .....	Joint Services Color Guard
<b>Closing</b> .....	Brig Gen Goodwin

## **SP5 MICHAEL LAUTZENHEISER, HOOSIER KILLED IN ACTION/BODY NOT RECOVERED**

Michael was born 15 September 1951 in Hartford City, Indiana. He was the 4th child, and 2nd son of Earl and Su Lautzenheiser. The family lived in Montpelier, Indiana and after the birth of another son moved to Muncie in June of 1955 and added another child, a girl, in 1959. Mike and his close-knit brothers and sisters grew up in Muncie and went to Garfield Elementary, Wilson Junior High and Southside High Schools.

Shortly before his high school graduation he voluntarily joined the Army and reported for duty at Ft. Knox, Kentucky in June 1969. His older brother, Peter, was already serving in the Army, and his father was a WWII veteran and currently serving in the Air Force Reserves. Mike's plan was to serve his country and upon completion of his service, return to Muncie to pursue a college career at Ball State University. He was also very interested in pursuing his relationship with and someday marrying his fiancée, Teresa.



He received advance training at Ft. Eustis, Virginia and was assigned as a Flight Engineer on the CH47 (Chinook) Helicopter. He was assigned to Vietnam in January 1970 and was further assigned to the 147th Assault Helicopter Company stationed in Can Tho. He served in this unit until the later part of December 1970 and arrived home on leave on Christmas Eve of 1970.

After his leave he returned to Ft. Eustis, Virginia, and was assigned as an instructor in a CH 47 training unit from January through July 1971. He came home on a short leave and was to report back to Vietnam in an Assault Helicopter Unit - the 68th Aviation Company stationed at Pleiku. He served in this unit until October 26, 1971 when he was reported as Missing In Action (MIA).

Since that day, Joy and Peter, along with their parents and siblings, became family members of a soldier Missing In Action, missing in Southeast Asia. Their brother, SP5 Michael Lautzenheiser, was the flight engineer of a CH-47 helicopter that lost radio contact with its base, over the South China Sea near the coast of Vietnam. Search and rescue operations recovered the bodies of 4 of the 10 men on that aircraft, but nothing was discovered of the fate of the other 6 men. In the 1970's the family became members of the National League of Families of American Prisoners and Missing in Southeast Asia, commonly referred to as the League of POW/MIA Families. The League works closely with members of Congress, the military and the government Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) to continue its quest for the fullest possible accounting of those who served in Vietnam. Over the last 45 years the official status of Specialist Lautzenheiser has changed from MIA to KIA-BNR, back to MIA and then finally back to KIA-BNR. His remains have never been found.







## ABOUT OUR KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

*Telling the story of their lives since Michael's disappearance are his older siblings, brother Peter Lautzenheiser and sister, Joy Brinduse, our Keynote Speakers.*



### **Chief Warrant Officer Five (CW5) Peter Lautzenheiser, US Army Retired**

CW5 Lautzenheiser was born in Hartford City, Indiana in 1950. He was raised in Muncie, Indiana where he attended Southside High School. After high school in 1968 he remained in Muncie and worked for Westinghouse and Ball Brothers until he began an apprenticeship as a tool and die maker. In the second year of his apprenticeship he decided to begin a career as a pilot. He then began a journey that would last for the next 42 years serving in the active Army, the Army Reserve, and the Army National Guard and working in the Defense Aerospace Industry.

During his long service he received many awards for merit and heroism including the Legion of Merit, the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Bronze Star, and 38 awards of the Air Medal.



## **Joy Brinduse**

Joy was raised in Muncie, Indiana, where she graduated from Southside High School. She graduated from Ball State University in 1984 with a B.S. in Accounting. Mrs. Brinduse worked for 5 years in Public Accounting at Greene, Inc., a CPA firm, before beginning her career in private accounting. She began that career as a staff accountant for Communications Products, Inc. in Indianapolis. She left that company as Vice President of Accounting and started her work at Markey's Audio Visual, Inc., in Indianapolis, as Controller. She retired from Markey's in 2013 as Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer of the Board of Directors.

Mrs. Brinduse has also contributed her time and energy over the last 20 years to working with Zonta International, a non-profit organization committed to empowering women around the world through service and advocacy.





## NATIONAL POW-MIA RECOGNITION DAY



No commemoration was held prior to 1979 to honor returned POWs and all Americans still missing and unaccounted for from all wars. The National League of Families proposed the 3rd Friday in September, a date not associated with any particular war, be established as National POW- MIA Recognition Day.

At present, more than 83,000 Americans remain missing from WWII, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, the Cold War, and the Gulf Wars/ other conflicts. Out of the 83,000 missing, 75% of the losses are located in the Asia-Pacific, and over 41,000 of the missing are presumed lost at sea (i.e. ship losses, known aircraft water losses, etc).

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OVER 900 REMAINS HAVE RETURNED SINCE 1975

**The very least we can do is keep the souls of our service members and their families in prayer.**

## LITANY OF REMEMBRANCE



In the rising of the sun and its going down  
***we remember them.***

In the blowing of the wind and the chill of the winter  
***we remember them.***

In the opening of buds and the warmth of the summer  
***we remember them.***

In the rustling of the leaves and the beauty of autumn  
***we remember them.***

In the beginning of the year and when it ends  
***we remember them.***

When we are lost and sick at heart  
***we remember them.***

When we have joys we yearn to share  
***we remember them.***

For as long as we live, they too shall live,  
for they are now a part of us  
***we remember them.***

They shall live forever in the communion of the saints,  
in the arms of God  
***we remember them.***

## ABOUT THE INDIANA WAR MEMORIAL



This magnificent building has three main floors. On the upper level is the breathtaking Shrine Room. The Shrine Room, symbolizing peace and unity is made of materials from all over the world, symbolic of the world wide nature of the "Great War." The room is 110' tall and 60' square. The 24 blood red pillars made of Vermont marble support the vast ceiling. Hanging in the center of the room is the Star of Destiny made of Swedish crystal to guide the welfare of the nation. Below that is the flag of the United States. In the center of the room, below the flag, is the Altar of Consecration, the altar to the flag. The altar inspires good citizenship and is a place to remember fallen soldiers and comrades. Those who visit the Shrine Room leave with a renewed sense of patriotism and an appreciation for the sacrifices of those who fought in the "Great War."

The main floor houses exhibit space, the administrative offices, two meeting rooms, and the Pershing Auditorium. The meeting rooms and the auditorium are available to for public use for a nominal fee. Please contact Events @iwm.IN.gov to schedule your event.

Listed on this level are the names of all Hoosiers who participated in WW I and all Hoosiers killed or missing in action from WW II, Korea, and Vietnam.

The building also contains a free military museum that portrays the history of Indiana's gallant Veterans from the Battle of Tippecanoe, through the several wars in which we have been engaged, to the present.

Among the interesting items on display is the commission plate of the battleship USS Indiana and the USS Indianapolis Radio Room; new exhibits of Hoosier Patriots, featuring personal artifacts of SFC Sammy Lee Davis, Indiana's only Congressional Medal of Honor recipient, Governor Joe Kernan, Governor Whitcomb, and Col. James Kasler; numerous military firearms, a Vietnam War era helicopter, a Navy Terrier missile that can be armed with an atomic nuclear war head, and hundreds of other artifacts, photos and documents.

# THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS

The Indianapolis POW-MIA Council extends our gracious thanks to those who made significant contributions to make today's ceremony possible.



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Linda S. Jeffrey, President – Indianapolis POW-MIA Council, Inc.

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