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WATCHFIRE

Friday, Sep. 17, 2021 | 7:30pm

POW/MIA CEREMONY

Saturday, Sep. 18, 2021 | 11:30am

INDIANA WAR MEMORIAL

POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY CEREMONY

Musical Prelude	38th Infantry Division Band
Flag Line	Army JROTC, Indianapolis Public School System
Greetings	J. Stewart Goodwin, <i>Brig Gen, USAF (Ret)</i>
Presentation of Colors	Joint Services Color Guard
Pledge of Allegiance	SSG Robert E. Pedigo, <i>US Army Air Corps</i>
National Anthem	Indiana National Guard Vocalist
Invocation	Chaplain Col. Jim Staggers <i>Indiana National Guard</i>
Seating of Honored Guest	Rolling Thunder®, Inc. Indiana Chapter One
Amazing Grace	Indianapolis 500 Gordon Pipers
Introductions, opening remarks	J. Stewart Goodwin, <i>Brig Gen, USAF (Ret)</i>
Greetings from the Governor's Office	Joe DeVito <i>Outreach Director, Indiana Department of Veterans Affairs</i>
Greetings from the Mayor's Office	Mayor Joe Hogsett
Keynote Speaker:	Michael William Emery <i>Nephew and Namesake of William Friend Emery Seaman First Class USS Indianapolis CA-35 Lost at Sea</i>
Service Medley	38th Infantry Division Band

Rain location inside Indiana War Memorial

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Wreath Placement, and Bell Ringers:

WWI Daughters of the American Revolution and Salvation Army

WWII USS Indianapolis CA-35 Legacy Honorary Survivors
and Tuskegee Airmen Survivors

Korean War Gold Star Mothers and Korean War Veterans Association

Vietnam War Marine Corps League and Nat'l League
of POW/MIA Families

Global War on Terror American Legion and DAV

12:51 Taps 38th Infantry Division Band

Benediction Chaplain Col. Jim Staggers
Indiana National Guard

Retirement of Colors Joint Services Color Guard

God Bless America Indiana National Guard Vocalist

Closing J. Stewart Goodwin,
Brig Gen, USAF (Ret)



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.

MICHAEL WILLIAM EMERY

*nephew & namesake of William Friend Emery,
Seaman First Class, USS Indianapolis CA 35, Lost at Sea/MIA*



Michael William Emery was raised in Darien, Connecticut, and currently lives in Concord, Mass. Indianapolis has become Michael's second home. His biggest passion in life is the story and legacy of the USS Indianapolis CA-35. His first reunion with the Indy survivors was in 2005, where he was interviewed for Sara Vladic's documentary: *USS Indianapolis: The Legacy*.

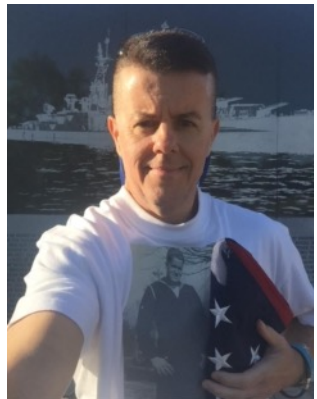
Around the country, Michael speaks to schools, civic and fraternal organizations, military bases, local and national media, and has consulted on a feature film about the USS Indianapolis CA-35.

In 2015, Michael was inspired to introduce an annual Honor Watch commemorating the day the USS Indianapolis CA-35 was sunk. Consulting with Brigadier General J. Stewart Goodwin, USAF (Ret), Executive Director of the Indiana War Memorials Commission, the First Annual Honor Watch was launched on July 30, 2015, and this year the Sixth Annual Honor Watch was held July 30, 2021. The watch calls attention to the 879 boys from the "Indy" who did not come home and honors the brave and courageous 316 "Indy" Survivors. There are presently five Indy Survivors still with us. Michael became a USS Indianapolis Honorary Survivor in 2017 and is the co-author of "Lost At Sea But Not Forgotten."

In 2019, Michael and Matthew Hallisey wrote a Senate Bill to make July 30th USS Indianapolis Day in the state of Connecticut. Written testimony was given, and verbal testimony was provided to the Connecticut legislature on March 25, 2019. SP 1091 was eventually signed into law by Connecticut Governor Ned Lamont on July 9, 2019.

Michael is grateful and honored to be invited to be the keynote speaker to commemorate POW/MIA Day on Saturday, September 18, 2021, at the Indiana War Memorial. Michael will discuss what it is like being a USS Indianapolis CA-35 lost at sea family, and how the tragedy affected his grandparents, father, and him.

Michael's passion is to share an important chapter in American and military history, that is not in any school history books. As a Gold Star family member, Michael's message reminds us that freedom is not free. Michael made a pledge to his Uncle Bill that he will do everything in his power to remember him and the 879 Indy final sailing crew lost at sea. William Friend Emery and his lost at sea shipmates paid the ultimate sacrifice for the freedoms we have today. To never be forgotten, is to live forever.



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.



NATIONAL POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY



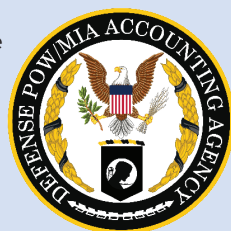
Until July 18, 1979, no commemoration was held to honor America's POW/MIAs, those returned and those still missing and unaccounted for from our nation's wars. That first year, resolutions were passed in the Congress and the national ceremony was held at the National Cathedral, Washington, D.C.

National POW/MIA Recognition Day legislation was introduced yearly, until 1996 when it was deemed by Congress that legislation designating special commemorative days would no longer be considered by Congress.

In an effort to accommodate all returned POWs and all Americans still missing and unaccounted for from all wars, the National League of Families proposed the third Friday in September, a date not associated with any particular war and not in conjunction with any organization's national convention.

National POW/MIA Recognition Day ceremonies are now held throughout the nation and around the world on military installations, ships at sea, state capitols, at schools, churches, national Veteran and civic organizations, police and fire departments, fire stations, etc.

At present, more than 82,000 Americans remain missing from WWII, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, the Cold War, and the Gulf Wars/other conflicts. Out of the 82,000 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).



POW/MIA TIMELINE

Highlights of our Nation's attempts to recover our POW/MIAs during the past several decades:

- 1953** During Operation Big Switch, 3,597 American Prisoners of War are returned after the Korean War.
 - 1954** The remains of 1,868 American service members of the Korean War are returned home during Operation Glory.
 - 1967** Several women form the National League of Families of American Prisoners and Missing in Southeast Asia to raise awareness about POWs during the Vietnam War. It is incorporated in 1970.
 - 1971** Grahme Wilkin proposes a flag as a symbol of U.S. POW/MIAs.
 - 1973** The Paris Peace Accords of 1973 lead to the release of 591 American POWs from the Vietnam War during Operation Homecoming.
 - 1973** The Department of Defense establishes the Central Identification Laboratory-Thailand to coordinate POW/MIA recovery efforts.
 - 1982** For the first time, the POW/MIA flag, originally designed by Newt Heisley, is flown over the White House.
 - 1985** During the 67th American Legion National Convention, attendees designate a resolution for the POW/MIA Empty Chair setting at all official meetings of The American Legion.
 - 1990** The 101st Congress passes a law recognizing the POW/MIA flag as a symbol of the nation's commitment to POW/MIAs.
 - 2013** President Barack Obama issues a proclamation declaring the third Friday of September as National POW/MIA Recognition Day.
 - 2015** The U.S. Department of Defense creates the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency to recover and account for missing service members from past conflicts. It replaces the Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office and the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command.
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The Indianapolis POW/MIA Council's mission is to respectfully honor all POW/MIAs, both alive and deceased, along with their families on a day designated on their behalf.