

OUR QUEST....



NATIONAL POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY

SEPTEMBER 15, 2017



INDIANA WAR MEMORIAL

431 N. MERIDIAN ST, INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46204

POW-MIA RECOGNITION DAY CEREMONY

Musical Prelude	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, US Army <i>Former Prisoner of War</i>
National Anthem	SPC Arely Rosario
Invocation	Sherri L. Headen, M. Div., BCC <i>Veterans Affairs Chaplain Captain, USAF</i>
Seating of Honored Guest	Rolling Thunder, Inc. Indiana Chapter One
Amazing Grace	Doug Hardwick and Kent Evans <i>Indianapolis 500 Gordon Pipers</i>
Introductions & Opening Remarks	Brig Gen Goodwin
IN Department of Veterans Affairs	James M. Brown, Director <i>CSM, US Army (Ret.)</i>
Distinguished Speaker	Mayor Joe Hogsett
Keynote Speaker	John (Jack) Kull Jr. Regional Policy Chief/Southeast Asia, Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA)
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.

WWI	American War Mothers and Daughters of the American Revolution
WWII	WWII Roundtable and POW-MIA Families
Korean War	Korean War Veterans Association and AMVETS
Vietnam War	Marine Corps League and Vietnam Veterans of America
Global War on Terror	Rolling Thunder and Disabled American Veterans
God Bless America	SPC Arely Rosario
HUEY Fly-in and Presentation	American Huey 369
Battle Hymn of the Republic	38th Infantry Division Band
Taps	38th Infantry Division Band
Benediction	Chaplain Headen
Retirement of Colors	Joint Services Color Guard
Closing	Brig Gen Goodwin

ABOUT OUR KEYNOTE SPEAKER



John (Jack) Kull, Jr.
Regional Policy Chief/
Southeast Asia
Defense POW/MIA
Accounting
Agency (DPAA)

Jack Kull serves as the Regional Policy Chief/Southeast Asia at the Defense Prisoner of War/Missing in Action Accounting Agency (DPAA). Prior to the establishment of DPAA in January, 2015, he was the senior Vietnam War policy advisor at the Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office (DPMO). He joined DPMO in 2002 after 17 years on Capitol Hill, the last three as the Director of Government Affairs for Rep. John M. McHugh (R-NY). Among other duties, he advised Rep. McHugh on matters relating to the POW/MIA issue and supported the senior foreign policy and defense assistant in the fields of military affairs and POW/MIA matters. His involvement in the POW/MIA issue spans more than 35 years.

A 1979 graduate of the University at Albany, New York, Mr. Kull majored in History with a minor in Social Sciences. Following graduation from Albany, Mr. Kull attended The American University in Washington, D.C. where he received his Master's degree in International Affairs, concentrating in U.S. Foreign Policy and East/Southeast Asia International Relations. As part of his Master's program, Mr. Kull participated in internships at the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Intelligence and Research (East Asia and Pacific office) and the National League of Families of American Prisoners and Missing in Southeast Asia.

In addition to his Capitol Hill experience, Mr. Kull has served as the Assistant to the Executive Director of the National League of Families of American Prisoners and Missing in Southeast Asia and an intelligence analyst with the Defense Intelligence Agency.

He has also contributed to several books chronicling the exploits of America's special operations forces during the Vietnam War.

A native of northern New York State, Mr. Kull now resides in Fairfax, Virginia, with his wife, Bonnie, and daughter, Victoria.

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 third 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).

Source: www.dpaa.mil

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 worldwide 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 for public use for a nominal fee. Please contact Events@iwm.IN.gov to schedule your event.

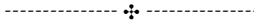
Listed on this level are the names of all Hoosiers who participated in WWI and all Hoosiers killed or missing in action from WWII, Korea, and Vietnam.

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 living 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.

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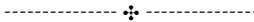
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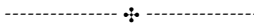
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