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National POW/MIA Recognition Day
September 21, 2018



INDIANA WAR MEMORIAL
55 E. MICHIGAN 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	PFC Robert Pugh, US Army <i>Former Prisoner of War</i>
National Anthem	Ms Anita Hall <i>DAR, Caroline Scott Harrison Chapter</i>
Invocation	Chaplain COL Mike Hoyt <i>US Army (Ret.), Roudebush VA Medical Center</i>
Seating of Honored Guest	Rolling Thunder, Inc. Indiana Chapter One
Amazing Grace	Indianapolis 500 Gordon Pipers
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 Personal Story of Cpl. Stanley O. Nelson, US Army, POW, Korea <i>Shared by Brig Gen Goodwin</i>
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 American War Orphans Network
Korean War	Korean War Veterans Association #259 and US Marine Corps
Vietnam War	Marine Corps League and Vietnam Veterans of America
Global War on Terror	Rolling Thunder and Gold Star Families
Taps	38th Infantry Division Band
Benediction	Chaplain COL Mike Hoyt
Retirement of Colors	Joint Services Color Guard
God Bless America	Ms Anita Hall
Closing	Brig Gen Goodwin

PERSONAL STORY OF CPL. STANLEY O. NELSON

A Glimmer of Hope - From an Enemy Soldier

Shared by Brig Gen Goodwin

Dear POW-MIA Council
I AM SORRY I CANNOT ATTEND
THE POW-MIA RECOGNITION DAY



Thanking You
Stanley Nelson



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



POW/MIA TIMELINE

Highlights of 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

HISTORY

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

POW-MIA HISTORY AND TIMELINE - CONTINUED

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 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).



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.