

POW/MIA PROGRAM

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LEST WE FORGET OUR POW/ MIA's **100% ACCOUNTABILITY**

We request VFW members send their Senators and Representatives a letter urging their continued support of this issue; this includes asking members of the public to also write on behalf of our missing veterans. To ensure they are never forgotten, all VFW Posts should:

- Urge support from local news media and club newsletters.
- Notify all news Media well in advance of all POW/MIA Programs to ensure their participation.
- Comply with VFW National mandates, and our state resolution that requires having an empty chair at all official functions properly personalized with a MIA chair cover.
- Meet the POW/MIA families from your area and see if Post, Men's or Ladies Auxiliary can be of assistance to them.
- Urge all Posts and Districts to appoint POW/MIA Chairperson and send their name to the State Chairperson.
- Urge all Posts and District Commanders with the help of the Men's and Ladies Auxiliary to conduct a ceremony.
- Urge Posts and Districts to have a POW/MIA Flag on location for meetings and special events.
- Educate and inform communities, schools, youth groups and local government that the Prisoner of War/Missing in Action Flag is only subordinate to the US Flag and should be displayed or presented accordingly.
- Follow updates on "The Torch" a POW/MIA personnel recovery newsletter at <http://www.dtic.mil/dpmo/news/newsletters.htm>.

HOW TO REPORT

All activities should be reported on-line via the Department website under **Citizenship Education** at <http://www.vfwca.org/membertools/programform12rpt.html> **and** by submitting a report (Form-12) to the Department POW/MIA Chairman.

Important! – To qualify for awards a Post must send a copy of the Program Reporting (Form 12) to the Department Chairman with all applicable attachments.

AWARDS

A plaque will be awarded at the State Convention for the most outstanding Post and District POW/MIA Program as determined by the Chairman.