

POW/MIA PROGRAM -- 2010-2011



PURPOSE: To implement programs at Post, District, and Department levels that will raise and intensify awareness of the POW/MIA issue among our members and within our communities.

GOALS:

- 1) To achieve the fullest possible accounting of American service personnel who are Missing in Action, and the return of those held as Prisoners of War.
- 2) To assist the families of POW/MIA service personnel.

METHODS: Veterans of Foreign Wars, including the Ladies' and Men's Auxiliaries, should maintain high visibility of the POW/MIA issue.

- 1) Fly or display the POW/MIA Flag at your Post.
- 2) Include the POW/MIA Flag in your color guard.
- 3) Appoint a POW/MIA Chairman who will do the job, not just accept the position.
- 4) Disseminate reliable information to your membership, utilizing your bulletin board, newsletter, and reports at meetings.

- 5) Include your community leadership in your functions and events.

Examples: Arrange a City Proclamation for POW/MIA Recognition Day/Week.

Invite the Mayor or representative to attend your ceremonies.

Inform the local media about your activities.

Be prepared to answer questions about the POW/MIA issue.

REPORTS & AWARDS: No formal reports are required. However, I suggest that you send me information about your POW/MIA event, through your District POW/MIA Chairman, and I will use it as a basis for awards at the 2010 Department Convention. Please include news articles, photos, or other documentation if you can. (NOTE: This will be in addition to your regular Community Service Report.)

* National POW/MIA Recognition Day is the third Friday in September (Sept. 17, 2010).

* Kansas POW/MIA Recognition Week will be September 12-28, 2010.

Keep yourself and your membership informed. A very reliable source of information is the National Alliance of POW/MIA Families, online at www.nationalalliance.org. To receive their online newsletter "Bits 'N Pieces", e-mail lynn@nationalalliance.org.

For assistance with your program, feel free to contact me any time.

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