



THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA VIETNAM WAR COMMEMORATION

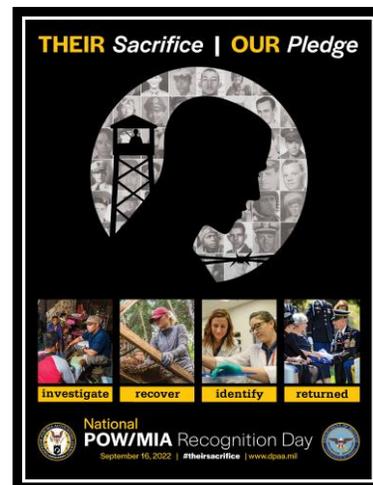


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Dear Commemorative Partners,

Their Sacrifice, Our Pledge is the theme for this year’s ***National POW/MIA Recognition Day***. Established in 1979 by 39th U.S. President James “Jimmy” Carter via presidential proclamation, this observance has been commemorated by each president in the same manner on the third Friday every September. ***On September 16***, we pause to remember the grief and hardships borne by all the families still awaiting news, and especially those of the 1,556 Vietnam War service members still missing in action. Each year, a national ceremony is held in recognition—along with other observances across the country—for those who were held captive and returned, as well as those who remain missing.



National POW/MIA Recognition Day
2022 Poster

The **Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA)** is the agency that seeks “to provide the fullest possible accounting for our missing personnel to their families and the Nation.” As you mark this ***national day of observance***, consider incorporating DPAA’s poster in your events. The words *investigate*, *recover*, *identify*, and *returned* represent the agency’s persistent, rigorous search and recovery process for America’s unaccounted for. This year’s poster (reflected above right), includes these relevant words, befitting theme, and is set against the backdrop of the POW/MIA flag. To learn more about national efforts and the symbolism of this flag, visit **POW/MIA Recognition**.

DPAA’s successful efforts over the years have resulted in the identification and repatriation of **1,061** Americans lost during the Vietnam War period, including two United States Army Vietnam War veterans just this year: **Staff Sergeant Sanford I. Finger** and **Private First Class Thomas F. Green**. You can read more of the history during this period for those missing in action as well as the experience of prisoners of war in both of our 3-part poster series “**Reclaiming What Was Lost in the Vietnam War**” and “**The POW Experience in the Vietnam War**.”



We also pay special tribute each September to ***Gold Star Mother’s and Family’s Day***. In 1936, Congress set aside the last Sunday in the month to honor *Gold Star Mothers*, and it has been observed annually ever since. It was expanded ten years ago to include and embody the loss experienced by the whole family. This year, it is commemorated September 25. As you gather during these national observances, ***remember, respect and honor*** the ultimate sacrifices that all of our Nation’s Gold Star families have endured.

Finally, we encourage you to view and share freely these video tributes in honor of **National POW/MIA Recognition Day** and **Gold Star Mother’s and Family’s Day**.

~ *The United States of America Vietnam War Commemoration Staff* ~

Join the Nation ... thank a Vietnam veteran!