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<u>September 17th, 2023,</u> POW/MIA/KIA DAY

(MORE THAN LETTERS)

This is a great time to host a community event such as a BBQ, a meet and great with our veterans. Letting our community know exactly what these letters stand for and they are not just letters. Hold a POW ceremony! A small speech on why we have this presentation, then have the presentation of the POW/MIA ceremony.

Remember your Patriot Holidays

Patriot Day: September 11th, 2023 Constitutions Day: September 17, 2023 POW/MIA Recognition Day: September 15th, 2023 Gold Star Family's Day: September 24th, 2023 Veterans Day: November 11th, 2023 Pearl Harbor Day: December 7th, 2023 Presidents Day: February 19th, 2024 Loyalty Day: May 1st, 2024 V-E Day: May 8th, 2024 Arm Forces Day: May 18th, 2024 Memorial Day: May 30th, 2024 Flag Day: June 14th, 2024 Independence Day: July 4th, 2024



The Gold Star symbol began during World War I. At the start of the American involvement in 1917, families hung banners with blue stars representing family members in the services. If the service member died in combat, the family changed the blue star to gold.

September 24th, 2023, are your invitations sent out to the families to welcome to the VFW to have luncheon? Invite families of the area along with the gold, blue and silver star families, ask the families if they would like to speak at this

luncheon. Open the luncheon with the meaning of the stars for the guest. This is a great occasion to partner with the VFW and or the district.

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