

Educational Bulletin

HOW TO DISPLAY THE POW/MIA FLAG OF THE NATIONAL LEAGUE OF FAMILIES

The POW/MIA flag features a silhouette of a POW before a guard tower and barbed wire in white on a black field. "POW/MIA" appears above the silhouette and the words "You Are Not Forgotten" appear below in white on the black field. This black and white flag stands as a stark reminder of Americans still prisoner, missing or otherwise unaccounted for in Southeast Asia and is now accepted nationally and internationally as the symbol of vigilance and remembrance for all POW and MIA's

For some time, there had been debate over when the POW/MIA flag should be flown, whether daily or on the specific six days noted in federal law. While not addressing the question of posting the flag at the national/federal level, League members at the 32nd Annual Meeting in June 2001, voted overwhelmingly in favor of the following resolution: *"Be it RESOLVED that the National League of POW/MIA Families strongly recommends that state and municipal entities fly the POW/MIA flag daily to demonstrate continuing commitment to the goal of the fullest possible accounting of all personnel not yet returned to American soil. This is where the Auxiliary can help educate the community on the proper education of the POW/MIA Flag."*

DISPLAYING THE POW/MIA FLAG AND THE UNITED STATES FLAG WITH OTHER FLAGS ON THE SAME FLAGSTAFF

When flying the POW/MIA flag on the same flagstaff as the United States flag, the POW/MIA flag should fly immediately below the United States flag.

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American Former Prisoners of War

You are considered a Former Prisoners of War (FPOW) if during wartime active service, you were forcibly detained or interned (put in prison) in the line of duty by an enemy government, its agents, or a hostile force.

You are considered a FPOW if you were forcibly detained or interned by a foreign government or its agents or a hostile force during peacetime active service if the circumstances of the internment were comparable to wartime internment. For example: Iran, Somalia, or Kosovo.

<https://www.benefits.va.gov/persona/veteran-pow.asp>

Many Prisoners of war are unaware of the benefits available to them.

We as the Auxiliary can assist, talking with our Veterans and learning what they have been through, we can learn a lot and help.

The Website listed above has great resources for assistance.

Educate your Auxiliary and or Veterans, let them know there are resources!

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