

# **The VFW Will Always Remember**

## **It is our duty to remember the men and women whose sacrifice helps pave the way to freedom**

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**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** – On National POW/MIA Recognition Day, the Veterans of Foreign Wars emphasizes the gravity of honoring and remembering the more than 140,000 former American prisoners of war and nearly 82,000 service members who remain missing and unaccounted-for.

It is the duty of every American to remember the men and women whose sacrifice helps pave the way to freedom and protection of the American way of life. Patriots who put others before self is the story of America ... an America that rose to greatness on the shoulders of ordinary citizens who refused to shirk the responsibility of citizenship ... who paid the highest price to preserve peace and freedom for others.

As our nation pauses to remember their service and sacrifices, we must also remember the families who continue to grieve.

The costs of war extend far beyond the last shots being fired, and for MIA families, the passage of time does not heal their wounds. For them, the days become weeks, the weeks become months, then years, and sadly, for many, decades.

Today, and every day, the VFW pledges to never forget the service and sacrifice of America's POWs and MIAs.

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