

Proclamation



POW/MIA REGOGNITION DAY

SEPTEMBER 18, 2015

WHEREAS, across the nation on the third Friday of each September we remember those who were prisoners of war (POW) and those who are missing in action (MIA), as well as their families; and

WHEREAS, there are 1,741 American personnel listed by the Defense Department's POW/MIA Office as missing and unaccounted for as of April 2009; and

WHEREAS, the number of United States personnel accounted for since the end of the Vietnam War in 1975 is 841. About 90 percent of the 1,741 people still missing were lost in Vietnam, or areas of Laos and Cambodia under Vietnam's wartime control; and

WHEREAS, on September 18, 2015, the black and white flag symbolizing America's Missing in Action and Prisoners of War will be flown over the White House, the United States Capitol, the Department of State, Department of Defense, Department of Veterans Affairs, the World War II Memorial, the Korean War Veterans Memorial, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, and other locations across our country; and

WHEREAS, we raise the POW/MIA flag as a solemn reminder of our obligation to always remember the sacrifices made to defend our Nation:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, THE MAYOR OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, do hereby proclaim September 18, 2015, in Washington, DC as "DC POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY."

