



# Vietnam War Commemoration “SITREP”

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*“Join the nation ... thank a Vietnam veteran!”*

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*Dear Commemorative Partners,*



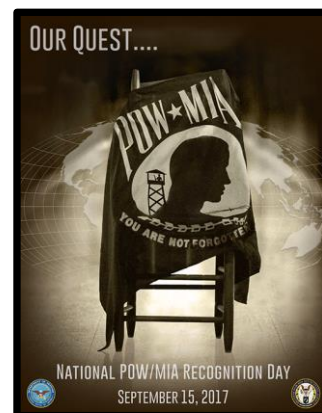
**58,318 names** are etched in the black granite of the [Vietnam Veterans Memorial](#) in Washington, DC. Of those, **1,571** are still considered **unaccounted for** and their families await word of their fate.



It is heartening that since the [inaugural event](#) of the Vietnam War Commemoration on Memorial Day 2012, the remains of 53 service members, previously unaccounted for during the Vietnam War, have been returned to their families. This is due to

the diligence of experts assigned to the [Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency](#), whose mission is to “provide the fullest possible accounting for our missing personnel to their families and the nation.” **Thank you, DPAA!**

**Thanks also** goes to one of our partners, the [National League of POW/MIA Families](#). Originating in the late 1960s, the League’s sole mission is “to obtain the release of all prisoners, the fullest possible accounting for the missing and repatriation of all recoverable remains of those who died serving our nation during the Vietnam War.” The League’s unwavering dedication to this mission, as well as their continuous support of and loyalty to the **1,602 families** (1,571 military, 31 civilian), **who earnestly desire and deserve closure**, is remarkable.



With our [National POW/MIA Recognition Day](#) falling on **September 15<sup>th</sup>** this year, we encourage all who are able to join two of our prominent CPs for a candlelight remembrance from 7:00-8:00 p.m. on the East Knoll of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. You will find specific details for this event at <http://www.vvmf.org/powmia>.

## **Above & Beyond**



**National League of POW/MIA Families  
Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund**

Candlelight Remembrance  
Friday, September 15, 2017  
East Knoll of The Vietnam Veterans Memorial  
Washington, D.C.  
7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

For those unable to attend any local event, please pause to remember the sacrifices of those who were prisoners of war, as well as those who remain unaccounted for and their families.

Thank you for serving as a ... **“Proud Partner with The U.S.A. Vietnam War Commemoration!”**