



**VFW Auxiliary
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AMERICANISM
September/October**

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National POW/MIA Recognition Day is observed on the third Friday of September, and this year will fall on September 19, 2025. This day is set aside to honor those who were prisoners of war and those who are still missing in action.



This would be a great opportunity for you to partner with your post and hold a special ceremony including the Missing Man Table. Invite the community to attend and take part, and you can include youth by asking a Scout Troop or ROTC to post the colors. Refer to your Action Corp Weekly emails to obtain the names of service members that have been identified recently and include them in your program.

We want to always recognize the bravery of our Nation's service members who were taken as prisoners and those still missing and recommit to bringing them home. This is also a time to offer our gratitude and support to their families.

"A Patriotic Creed"
By Edgar Guest

To serve my country day by day
At any humble post I may;
To honor and respect her Flag,
To live the traits of which I brag;
To be American in deed
As well as in my printed creed.

To do my best and play my part,
American in mind and heart;
To serve the flag and bravely stand
To guard the glory of my land
To be American in deed,
God grant me strength to keep this creed.

To stand for truth and honest toil,
To till my little patch of soil
And keep in mind the debt I owe
To them who died that I might know
My country, prosperous and free,
And passed this heritage to me.

I must always in trouble's hour
Be guided by the men in power;
For God and country I must live,
My best for God and country give;
No act of mine that men may scan
Must shame the name American.

Patriotic Holidays



V-J Day - September 2
Patriot Day/National Day of Service - September 11
Uncle Sam Day - September 13
VFW Auxiliary Birthday - September 14
Constitution Day/Citizenship Day - September 17
POW/MIA Recognition Day - Third Friday in September
Gold Star Mother/Family Day - Last Sunday in Sept.
VFW Day – September 29
Global War on Terrorism & Desert Storm Veterans Day –
October 7
Day of the Deployed – October 26
Statue of Liberty's Birthday – October 28

Always ***"Be the Reason a Veteran Smiles Today"***, as we travel ***"From Sea to Shining Sea Honoring Our Veterans – Who Keep Us Free"***.