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The Honorable Deval Patrick
Massachusetts State House, Rm. 280
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Governor Patrick:

I am writing to ask you to issue a ~~proclamation~~ designating September 19, 2014, as POW/MIA Recognition Day in the State of Massachusetts. That action will reinforce National POW/MIA Recognition Day, to be proclaimed by the President. A draft resolution that includes all of America's unreturned POW/MIAs and other unaccounted-for veterans is attached for your consideration. Your support could not come at a more important time.

Last December 4th, I met with Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel to discuss the way ahead for the entire accounting community. The Secretary pledged to carefully review the detailed memo and proposed reorganization that I provided, and he promised to respond. The discussion was direct and intense, based on shared history of the issue and the Secretary's awareness of the many challenges we face. Secretary Hagel followed through and announced on February 20th that he was directing a complete reorganization of the Defense Department's efforts to account as fully as possible for our POW/MIAs. We eagerly await results from the transition now beginning, and interest conveyed by each state's governor will signal very helpful, widespread citizen support.

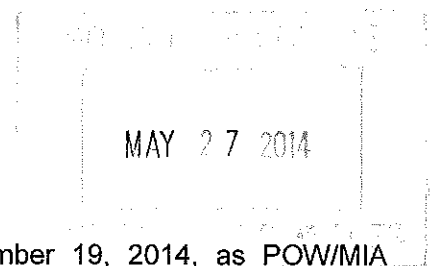
From an operational Vietnam War perspective, the League is optimistic about improvements in the quality of joint field operations with Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia, including use of US Navy assets for underwater surveys along the coastlines of Vietnam and Cambodia. We are also pleased with initiatives being taken by the respective governments to facilitate accounting results. Unilateral steps by Vietnam to provide long-sought archival records that help provide answers were especially welcome, as was approval by the Lao Government of longstanding appeals to allow the Defense Intelligence Agency's in-country specialist to conduct relevant investigations throughout the year, though some logistics challenges remain to be solved.

Enclosed is current information, including a list of America's unreturned Vietnam War Veterans from your state. Thank you for your consideration. Should you have any questions, please feel free to call or email League Office Administrator Leslie Swindells, leslie.swindells@pow-miafamilies.org. A copy of this letter is being sent to a League member or official in your State, as noted, and we look forward to your reply.

Sincerely and best wishes,

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POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY PROCLAMATION

September 19, 2014

WHEREAS, nearly 1,650 Americans are still missing from the Vietnam War, and approximately 7,800 are unaccounted for from the Korean War, 120 from the Cold War and over 75,000 from WWII, plus one POW still held from the war in Afghanistan; and

WHEREAS, their families, friends, and other countless Americans still must deal with uncertainty concerning their fates; and

WHEREAS, the Obama Administration has recently reinforced its commitment to maintaining POW/MIA accounting as a priority of the United States, though concerns remain about adequate funding and personnel; and

WHEREAS, U.S. Government intelligence and other evidence indicate that Vietnam, Laos, and Cambodia are cooperating well, increased efforts would bring more rapid answers; and

WHEREAS, no cooperation is provided by North Korea, and countries such as Russia and China could provide much greater assistance to provide documents and answer questions about unaccounted-for Americans; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the State of _____ commends and endorses our Nation's commitment to account as fully as possible for Americans still missing from our nation's wars; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the State of _____ calls on the President, Secretary of State and Secretary of Defense to consistently raise with foreign counterparts the need for increased actions to help account for our missing and return them to the United States; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the State of _____ calls on Congress to ensure that POW/MIA-related executive branch offices and organizations receive the funding and personnel necessary to accomplish the principled mission of accounting for our missing veterans, thus signaling nations around the world that America stands behind those who serve; and be it finally

RESOLVED, that I, as Governor, do hereby proclaim September 19, 2014, as POW/MIA Recognition Day in the State of _____ in honor of the one U.S. Army soldier captured in Afghanistan, returned U.S. POWs, and all Americans still missing and unaccounted-for from the Vietnam War, Korean War, Cold War and WWII, and ask all citizens to observe this day with appropriate ceremonies.



Defense Prisoner of War/Missing Personnel Office
U.S. Unaccounted-For from the Vietnam War
Prisoners of War, Missing in Action and Killed in Action/Body not Recovered
Report for: Massachusetts

Military Service	Country of Casualty	Name	Loss Rank	Status	Date of Incident	Home of Record
USA	Laos	BAXTER, BRUCE RAYMOND	E8	BB	1967/11/09	LOWELL, MA
USAF	N. Vietnam	BERESIK, EUGENE PAUL	O4	BB	1968/05/31	WEBSTER, MA
USMC	S. Vietnam	BERUBE, KENNETH ALLEN	O2	BB	1967/08/11	MONSON, MA
USN	N. Vietnam	BOLES, WARREN WILLIAM	O2	BB	1968/01/18	MARBLEHEAD NECK, MA
USA	Laos	BOTT, RUSSELL PETER	E6	XX	1966/12/02	WORCHESTER, MA
USA		COCHRANE, DEVERTON C	E6	XX	1970/06/17	BROOKLINE, MA
USN	China	DUNN, JOSEPH PATRICK	O2	XX	1968/02/14	HULL, MA
USN	S. Vietnam	EARLE, JOHN STILES	O3	BB	1970/06/22	WESTFIELD, MA
USN	N. Vietnam	FRAWLEY, WILLIAM D	O3	XX	1966/03/01	BROCKTON, MA
USMC	S. Vietnam	GAUGHAN, ROGER CONRAD	E4	BB	1967/05/01	BELCHERTOWN, MA
USN	N. Vietnam	GRAVES, RICHARD CAMPBELL	O1	BB	1967/05/25	SUNDERLAND, MA
USN	S. Vietnam	GREENLEAF, JOSEPH G	O3	BB	1972/04/14	WEST NEWTON, MA
CIVILIAN		GRZYB, ROBERT H		KK	1967/12/10	MA
USA	S. Vietnam	HARPER, RICHARD K	W3	BB	1965/05/19	BURLINGTON, MA
USAF	S. Vietnam	HAUER, ROBERT D	O2	XX	1970/09/05	BROOKLINE, MA
USA	S. Vietnam	HENN, JOHN ROBERT JR	W2	XX	1972/05/24	SUTTON, MA
USN	N. Vietnam	HERRIN, HENRY HOWARD JR	E6	XX	1968/01/01	WEST SPRINGFIELD, MA
USAF	Laos	HOLMES, DAVID HUGH	O3	XX	1966/03/15	BELMONT, MA
USA	S. Vietnam	KELLEY, DANIEL MARTIN	E4	BB	1968/04/25	DORCHESTER, MA
USAF	Laos	KERR, EVERETT O	O3	XX	1966/06/13	BELMONT, MA
USA	Laos	KING, PAUL CHESTER JR	E3	BB	1968/05/04	WALTHAM, MA
USA	S. Vietnam	KINSMAN, GERALD FRANCIS	O2	BB	1971/01/15	FOXBORO, MA
USN	S. Vietnam	KUSTIGIAN, MICHAEL J	E2	XX	1968/05/05	WORCHESTER, MA
USN	N. Vietnam	LEAVER, JOHN MURRAY JR	O5	BB	1972/05/08	ARLINGTON, MA
USAF	N. Vietnam	MACCANN, HENRY ELMER	O4	XX	1968/03/28	MARBLEHEAD, MA
USAF	N. Vietnam	MAGNUSSON, JAMES A JR	O3	XX	1965/04/04	NAHANT, MA
USAF	N. Vietnam	MCLAUGHLIN, ARTHUR V JR	E7	XX	1972/12/20	ROXBURY, MA
USN	N. Vietnam	MILLER, CARLETON PIERCE JR	O2	BB	1971/01/06	MELROSE, MA
USMC	Laos	MORIN, RICHARD G	O2	XX	1968/12/20	TWEKSBUURY, MA
USMC	Laos	MULLEN, WILLIAM FRANCIS	O3	XX	1966/04/29	BROCKTON, MA
USAF	N. Vietnam	OVERLOCK, JOHN F	O4	XX	1968/08/16	SPRINGFIELD, MA
USN	N. Vietnam	PAINTER, JOHN ROBERT JR	O3	BB	1971/06/18	VINEYARD HAVEN, MA
USMC	S. Vietnam	ROGERS, EDWARD FRANCIS	E2	BB	1968/03/12	ROSLINDALE, MA
USN	N. Vietnam	SANSONE, JAMES J	E3	BB	1972/08/10	NORWOOD, MA
USA	S. Vietnam	SMITH, WILLIAM M	E3	KK	1969/03/03	MIDDLEBORO, MA
USN	N. Vietnam	SULLIVAN, MARTIN JOSEPH	O4	BB	1967/02/12	LAWRENCE, MA
USMC	S. Vietnam	TODD, ROBERT JACY	E1	BB	1967/05/09	NORTH EASTON, MA
USA	S. Vietnam	WALKER, ORIENT J	O3	KK	1965/05/23	BOSTON, MA
USMC	S. Vietnam	WEITZ, MONEK	E1	BB	1969/05/25	ROXBURY, MA

Report Totals:

Total BB - Killed in Action, Body Not Recovered:	20
Total KK - Died in Captivity, Remains Not Returned:	3
Total MM - Missing (Civilians Only):	0
Total PP - Prisoner (Civilians Only):	0
Total XX - Presumptive Finding of Death:	16
Total:	39

End of Report

Status Codes: AR - AWOL/Deserter/Collaborator Returnee KK - Died in Captivity, Remains Not Returned PP - Prisoner (Civilians Only)
BB - Killed in Action, Body Not Recovered KR - Died in Captivity, Remains Returned RR - POW Returnee
BR - Body Recovered MM - Missing (Civilians Only) XX - Presumptive Finding of Death
EE - Escapee NR - Remains Returned/Remains Recovered

This Vietnam War missing personnel report was prepared by the Defense Prisoner of War/Missing Personnel Office (DPMO).
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