



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

### A PROCLAMATION

### POW/MIA RECOGNITION WEEK

WHEREAS: Over 1,600 American military personnel are still missing from the Vietnam War, nearly 8,000 are unaccounted for from the Korean War, 120 from the Cold War, and approximately 73,000 from World War II. Georgia's men and women have long served with honor and distinction in our nation's Armed Forces. Preserving America's freedom and ideals, they often risk — and many have given — their lives on the battlefield; and

WHEREAS: According to records from the National Archives and Records Administration, the Department of Defense, and Georgia Historical Data from the Revolutionary War to present day, over 18,800 Georgians have been held as prisoners of war at some point in time, with more than 2,630 having died in captivity and over 1,400 still unaccounted for; and

WHEREAS: During National POW/MIA Recognition Week, we acknowledge with deep respect the brave Americans who were held in captivity and those whose fates have never been resolved, remembering that their families continue to suffer; and

WHEREAS: While serving their nation, American prisoners of war suffered the indignities and brutality of captivity, and many remain unaccounted for and are considered missing in action. Georgia fully commends and endorses the national commitment to account for those still missing from our nation's wars; and

WHEREAS: During the week of September 13-19, 2015, we pause to remember former American prisoners of war who suffered the hardships of enemy captivity and those missing in action whose fate is still undetermined; now

THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim September 13-19, 2015, as POW/MIA RECOGNITION WEEK in Georgia in honor of those Georgians who became prisoners of war and those who remain missing in action, encouraging our citizens to fly the POW/MIA Flag as a tribute.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 14<sup>th</sup> day of September in the year of our Lord two thousand fifteen.

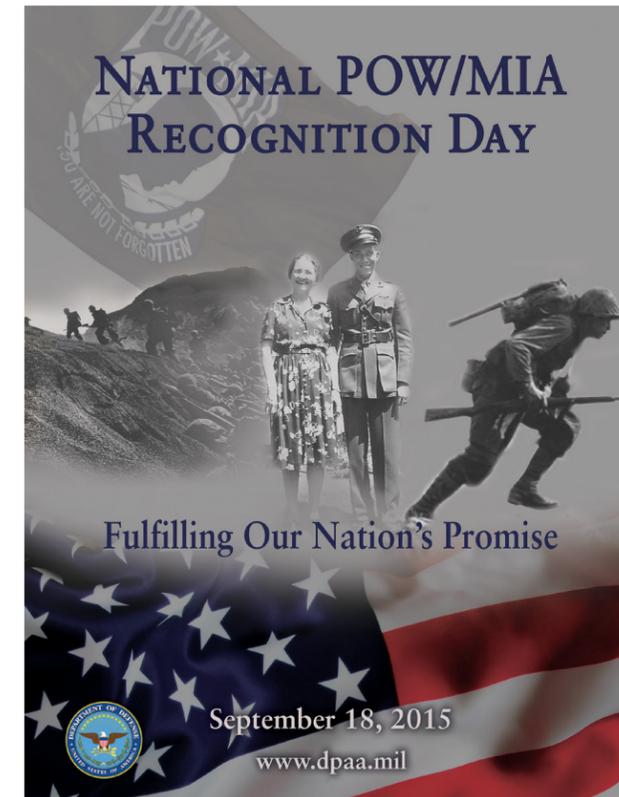


*Nathan Deal*  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST  
*Chris W. Riley*  
CHIEF OF STAFF

## A Tribute to Georgia's Former Prisoners of the Vietnam War

North Wing, State Capitol  
11 a.m., September 22, 2015



***Georgia's Former Prisoners of the Vietnam War***

***Surviving***

***John Cerak of Peachtree City  
Robert Glen Certain of Savannah  
Kevin Cheney of Peachtree City  
James Quincey Collins of Atlanta  
Render Crayton of LaGrange  
Winfred Douglas Crowe of Buford  
Lenard Edward Daugherty of Zebulon  
Thomas Davis of McDonough  
Leon Francis Ellis of Commerce  
David Anderson Everett of St. Simons  
Elijah Fobbs of Montezuma  
Jerome Heeren of Lawrenceville  
Querin Herlik of Martinez  
James Martin Hickerson of Atlanta  
Ronald Mastin of Woodstock  
Isiah McMillian of Hephzibah  
James Sehorn of Kathleen  
Orson George Swindle, III of Atlanta  
Robert Tabb of Hephzibah  
Dewey Wayne Waddell of Bremen  
Jim Williams of Norcross***

***Resting in Peace***

***Bobby Ray Bagley of Cumming  
Ralph William McCullough of Columbus  
Thomas Vance Parrott of Dalton  
Benjamin Harrison Purcell of Clarkesville  
Kenneth Simonet of Marietta***

Musical Prelude	William Callaway, Piano West Atlanta / Douglas Choral Society
Call to Order	Master of Ceremonies Dan Holtz, Assistant Commissioner Georgia Department of Veterans Service
Presentation of Colors	Honor Guard Georgia Department of Defense
National Anthem	Carlos W. Morgan, Major (Ret.) United States Army Program Specialist, Atlanta VA Medical Center
Pledge of Allegiance	Dewey Wayne Waddell, Colonel (Ret.) United States Air Force Former Prisoner of the Vietnam War
Invocation	Rev. Dr. Robert Certain, Colonel (Ret.) United States Air Force Former Prisoner of the Vietnam War Military Officers Association of America Atlanta Vietnam Veterans Business Association
Welcome and Recognition of Distinguished Guests	Mike Roby, Commissioner Georgia Department of Veterans Service
Speakers	Anne Purcell and Joy Purcell, Widow and Daughter of the late Benjamin H. Purcell, Colonel (Ret.) United States Army Former Prisoner of the Vietnam War  James T. Jackson, Major General (Ret.) United States Army Director, Vietnam War Commemorations Office United States Department of Defense
Missing Man Table Honors	Danny Wilson, (Ret.) United States Air Force Ken Wills, (Ret.) United States Air Force Andrews Chapel (Jonesboro) Methodist Men's Ministry
Roll Call of Georgia's Former POWs Governor's POW/MIA Proclamation	Jo Anne Shirley Past Chairwoman of the Board National League of POW/MIA Families
"Amazing Grace"	Henry Frantz, Elite Piper Atlanta Pipe Band
Benediction	Rev. Dr. Robert Certain
"Taps"	Mr. Frantz
Group Photo	Vietnam Veterans in Attendance
Musical Postlude	Mr. Callaway