



American Legion Auxiliary
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District 28
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Madame President LePore, Officers, and Ladies of the Auxiliary,

The main goal this year is to ensure the service members are the focus group. This month we support the American Legion in recognizing Prisoners of War and the Missing in Action Program.

Plan now for POW/MIA Recognition Day

- The American Legion Auxiliary national website, www.ALAforVeterans.org, has a “letter to the editor” template in the public relations toolbox. It is easy to download, print, and sign. Then, please send it to your local newspaper.
- You can also ask your Mayor to Proclaim POW/MIA Day.
- Hold a ceremony at a memorial or cemetery. Invite any POWs to dinner and invite them to share their experiences. Please give them a signed certificate of appreciation for their service and sacrifice.
- Consider making them a quilt if you know the branch of service or a patriotic one if you do not know that information.
- If you have Junior members, they may want to interview the individual and post it on YouTube or help them participate in the Veterans History Project through the Library of Congress.
- The most important thing you can do is validate their experience and make them feel special

Although POW/MIA Recognition was on September 16th, these are things I hope our Units were involved with or plan to do something for next year. If your Unit participated in a POW/MIA event this year, please share your experience so I can report on this subject next meeting.

On Fridays wear RED to support the Military. For deployed Military men and women, it symbolizes the blood spilled by those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice. At my place of

employment every Friday is wear Red to workday. It is a beautiful sight to see every other person wearing some form of red.

I look forward to collaborating with each Unit Chairperson this year.

Respectfully submitted

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