



## **News Release**

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### **DOD OFFICIAL RINGS NYSE CLOSING BELL, HONORED BY YANKEES**

Ms. Alisa Stack, Principal Director of the Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office (DPMO) and native of Seattle, rang the New York Stock Exchange's (NYSE) Closing Bell to commemorate National POW/MIA Recognition Day on Sept. 21.

Following the Closing Bell ceremony, Ms. Stack led a delegation of six military members to Yankee Stadium where the New York Yankees acknowledged the day with a home plate tribute to service members, past and present, and a National Anthem salute prior to Friday's game.

POW/MIA Recognition Day serves as a reminder to acknowledge the nation's service members who were held as prisoners of war or are still missing, and their families. Annual state and local ceremonies throughout the country remember missing service members, culminating with a proclamation from the President on Capitol Hill.

Ms. Stack was recently assigned to DPMO to assist the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for POW/Missing Personnel Affairs in leading the national effort for the fullest possible accounting for American personnel missing as a result of hostile action. This mission includes the rescue of those who become isolated during operations. She is one of more than 600 Department of Defense (DoD) people dedicated to the worldwide mission of accounting for the more than 83,000 missing service members from conflicts as far back as World War II.

Ms. Stack is the daughter of Joe and Catharine Stack, of Cottonwood, Ariz., and a 1990 graduate of Cleveland High School. She started her career with DoD in 1997 after earning a Masters of International Affairs from Columbia University and a Bachelor of Arts in International Relations from the University of Washington.

For additional information on the DoD mission to account for missing Americans, visit the Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office (DPMO) website at <http://www.dtic.mil/dpmo> or call (703) 699-1169.



Principal Director of the Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office Ms. Alisa Stack, (center) rings the Closing Bell at the New York Stock Exchange, with (from left to right) Army Staff Sgt. Joseph A. Green, III, Army Sgt. 1<sup>st</sup> Class Alethea R. Gardner, Air Force Maj. Carie A. Parker, Marine Gunnery Sgt Harlan R. Calilao, Air Force Staff Sgt. Danielle L. Harris, and Navy CDR David J. Mendez, to commemorate National POW/MIA Recognition Day on Sept. 21 with NYSE CEO Duncan Niederauer (back).