

POW/MIA Poster En Route to Troops Worldwide

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WASHINGTON, July 18, 2000 -- Military units and ships at seas around the world are receiving copies of the POW/MIA Recognition Day 2000 poster, according to Larry Greer of DoD's POW-Missing Personnel Office.

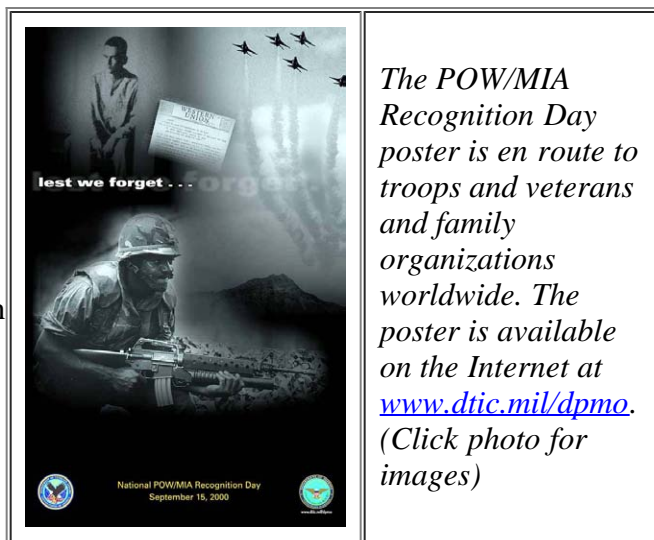
Greer said the poster's somber black tones symbolize the darkness in the lives of those who suffer through the agony of having a loved one missing in action. Family members of missing personnel and veterans served as a "focus group" that helped decide design ideas appropriate for all conflicts and all the services, he said. This is the POW-Missing Personnel Office's second annual poster.

The office polled the services and veterans and family organizations and printed 116,000 copies of the poster for their use, Greer said. Family members of missing personnel who would like to have a poster may contact their respective family organizations, or Greer's office at (703) 602-2102 or download it from his office's Internet Web site at www.dtic.mil/dpmo.

He said his office will periodically post information on the Web site about POW/MIA Recognition Day -- the third Friday of September -- to help installations plan local observances," Greer noted. The day falls on Sept. 15 this year.

People visiting the Web site also will find a lot of information about what the government is doing concerning servicemen missing in action, Greer said.

"Two years ago, we were only getting about 2,000 weekly requests for information on our Internet Web site. Now we're getting as many as 62,000 weekly requests for files of different documents -- posters, newsletters and other information."



The POW/MIA Recognition Day poster is en route to troops and veterans and family organizations worldwide. The poster is available on the Internet at www.dtic.mil/dpmo. (Click photo for images)