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National POW/MIA Flag Act Signed into Law

It is now “official”...Section 902, of title 36, United States Code, has been amended ([S. 693](#)) to require that the POW/MIA flag be displayed on all days that the flag of the United States is displayed on certain Federal property. Known as the “National POW/MIA Flag Act,” the Act was signed into law by President Donald Trump November 7, 2019 just before Veterans Day.

United States Senators Tom Cotton (R-Arkansas), and Elizabeth Warren (D-Massachusetts), led the bipartisan effort alongside John Thune (R-South Dakota), Kyrsten Sinema (D-Arizona), Maggie Hassan (D-New Hampshire) Pat Toomey (R-Pennsylvania), Marco Rubio (R-Florida), and Jack Reed (D-Rhode Island) in the passage of this legislation.

“There's no better time than Veterans Day to honor those who left our shores only to be held captive, and those who have still not returned,” said Senator Cotton. *“Over 82,000 Americans remain missing from past wars and prominently displaying the POW/MIA flag will help remind all Americans of their service and sacrifice.”*

The National POW/MIA Flag Act now requires the POW/MIA flag be displayed whenever the American flag is displayed on prominent federal properties or locations already designated under existing law to honor the [more than 82,000](#) Americans who are listed as Prisoners of War (POW), Missing in Action (MIA), or otherwise unaccounted for from our nation's past wars and conflicts.

Those locations include: the U.S. Capitol, the White House, the World War II Memorial, the Korean War Veterans Memorial, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, ALL National Cemeteries, the buildings containing the official offices of the Secretaries of State, Defense, and Veterans Affairs, the office of the Director of the Selective Service System, each major military installation (as designated by the Secretary of Defense), each Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Centers, and each United States Postal Service Post Office.

For more detailed information on the “proper” use and display of the POW-MIA Flag and the U.S. Flag, please visit the American Legion Department of Arkansas Flag Education page <[here](#)> and if you have any questions, please contact Flag Alliance and POW-MIA Chairman Keith Dover at: majord91101@gmail.com.