## POW-MIA Report for March 2025 – Chairman George Whitfield

National POW/MIA Recognition Day was established in 1979 through a proclamation signed by President Jimmy Carter, then each subsequent President has issued an annual proclamation commemorating the third Friday in September as National POW/MIA Day.

A National-level Ceremony is held every National POW/MIA Recognition Day, traditionally at the Pentagon, it features members from each branch of the Military Service and participation from High ranking Officials. In addition to the National-level Ceremony, observances of National POW/MIA Recognition Day are held across the Country on Military Installations, ships at sea, State Capitols, schools and Veteran's facilities.

No matter where they are held, these National POW/MIA Recognition Day Ceremonies shape the common purpose of honoring those who were held captive and returned as well as those who remain missing.

Since 1999, the POW/MIA Accounting Agency's community has been created a poster commemorating National POW/MIA Recognition Day. The annual edition of the poster continues to honor this tradition.