



## **USS MIDWAY MUSEUM TO HOST POW/MIA COMMEMORATION CEREMONY**

Recognition event to be held on museum's flight deck

**WHAT:** The California Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), along with the USS Midway Museum, will honor the fallen heroes who died in service to our nation but whose remains have not been located on the fields of battle. The commemoration ceremony will take place on the Midway's flight deck.

**WHERE:** USS Midway Museum (910 N. Harbor Dr., San Diego, CA)

**WHEN:** Saturday, Sept. 26, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

**Media are invited to attend. Request media arrive at USS Midway Museum by 8:45 a.m.**

**DETAILS:** POW/MIA recognition is commemorated every September following a resolution passed by Congress in 1979. This recognition is intended to ensure that the United States continues to honor those patriots who have served and were lost, and that the country continues to make every effort to account for those service members who have never returned.

According to the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA), the remains of nearly 82,000 Americans are still missing from World War II, Korean War, Vietnam War and the Cold War.

The guest speaker for the ceremony will be Ann Mills-Griffiths. Ms. Mills-Griffiths is the chairman of the board and CEO of the National League of POW/MIA Families.

The League was incorporated in 1970 and was formed to obtain the release of all prisoners, the fullest possible accounting for the missing and repatriation of all recoverable remains of those who died serving our nation during the Vietnam War.

Ms. Mills-Griffiths, who has led the League since 1978, lost her brother during the Vietnam War. Cmdr. James Mills was listed as MIA in 1966 when his Navy F-4 Phantom fighter aircraft disappear while on a night mission over North Vietnam. Miraculously, Cmdr. Mills' remain were recovered and identified in 2018, 54 years after being reported missing in action.

***The ceremony will not be open to spectators and conducted with all public health and safety protocols in place to mitigate the spread of COVID-19.***

**VISUALS:** Commemoration ceremony activities.

**INTERVIEWS:** Interviews available with Ann Mills-Griffiths and various event coordinators.

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