

## ***POW/MIA Flag Raising***

**We are here today to raise this POW/MIA Flag so that those who were taken prisoner or otherwise unaccounted for in various wars and conflicts throughout the history of our nation are “NEVER FORGOTTEN”. The POW/MIA Flag was originally adopted by the National League of Families to represent the missing service members from Vietnam and Southeast Asia. It has since become a symbol which serves as a constant reminder of the plight of over 89,000 missing service members who have not returned from all of our nation’s past conflicts.**

**Many of these missing service members made the ultimate sacrifice while serving this nation but unfortunately their remains were never returned for proper burial. However, there are numerous cases of service members who were last known to be captured by the enemy but never accounted for at the end of the conflict. Unfortunately, our government has failed to honor the service of these veterans by insisting on a full accounting by our former enemies. As a result, over 89,000 families are left to wonder about the plight of their loved ones and even worse yet there is compelling evidence that many of them may still be held captive. If you doubt there is the possibility of live POWs still being held, then ask yourself this simple question, “Why does our government continue to maintain classified documents on the service members who were last known to be alive over 30 years later?”**

**Rolling Thunder is a non-profit organization which strives to educate the public on the plight of our nations POW/MIAs. We also want to ensure that there is an open and full accounting of our service members involved in future engagements. We as a nation owe no less to our veterans and their families. If we elect to forget our past then we are doomed to repeat past failures. Therefore, the members of Rolling Thunder ask you to:**

**“Never Forget” those service members who are still unaccounted for,**

**“Never Forget” those who made the ultimate sacrifice in defense of freedom, and**

**“Never Forget”our country’s disabled veterans.**

**On behalf of Rolling Thunder, thank you for attending. On behalf of our missing service members, contact your Congressional Representative and Senator and ask them what they are doing to right this wrong.**