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The City of Manchester Hosts Inaugural POW/MIA Recognition Day Event

Local Municipality Shows Dedication Toward Veterans' Affairs

MANCHESTER, Missouri, September 20, 2019 - The City of Manchester will host a POW/MIA Recognition Day event on Fri. Sept. 20, 2019 in Stoecker Park (222 Henry Ave, Manchester, MO 63011) to honor and remember those who were prisoners of war and those who are still missing in action. A short program will begin at 10 am with viewing of the POW/MIA Missing Man table available until 2 pm. It will then be moved to Paul A. Schroeder Park (359 Old Meramec Station Rd, Manchester, MO 63011) for viewing at the 21+ Fall Concert event. There will also be a Missing Man table at Tucker's Place (14282 Manchester Rd, Manchester, MO 63011) during open hours of operation.

Veterans' affairs are of great importance to the City of Manchester. The formation of the new Manchester Veterans Commission demonstrates the city's daily dedication toward addressing veterans' issues. "The creation of a Manchester Veterans Commission marks an important step forward that acknowledges veterans' presence, their needs and the importance of veterans in Manchester and surrounding communities," said Mike Clement, the Mayor of Manchester. In recognition of the city's efforts, they were awarded recognition as a POW/MIA city and a Purple Heart city on May 20, 2019.

The POW/MIA Recognition Day program is one of a series of events designed to honor and support local veterans. Manchester also recently featured a Veterans Booth at Homecoming Festival. On the Fourth of July, the city featured a Veterans Table for the day's festivities along with offering free drinks and food to veterans. They hosted a Memorial Day Event in May and host an annual Veterans Breakfast in November. And active duty military members receive free access to the Manchester Aquatic Center during its open season.

There is no registration required or cost associated with this event.

About Manchester, Missouri

The City of Manchester is located in western St. Louis County approximately 15 miles west of the City of St. Louis with a population of over 18,000 residents. The City's progressive outlook coupled with its appreciation of its historical heritage is in keeping with the City's motto, "A Proud Past, A Bright Future."

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