

## MEMORANDUM FOR CORRESPONDENTS

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Secretary of Defense William S. Cohen, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen. Henry H. Shelton and Sen. Max Cleland will speak at a national POW/MIA Recognition Day ceremony Sept. 17 at 11 a.m. EDT at Arlington National Cemetery.

Attendees at the ceremony will include former POWs, veterans, service members, and family members of missing in action servicemen.

POW/MIA Recognition Day is traditionally held on the third Friday in September. On that day, many states, communities, family organizations, and veterans organizations commemorate POW/MIA Recognition Day in local ceremonies. The commemoration at Arlington National Cemetery will include formal military honors with assembled troops from all of the military Services and two joint Service flyovers, one with helicopters and one with jet aircraft. As the Department of Defense announced June 17, part of the Sept. 17 ceremony will include the formal dedication of a new inscription above the existing dates (1958-1975) on the tomb cover of the Vietnam Unknown in the Tomb of the Unknowns: "Honoring and Keeping Faith with America's Missing Servicemen."

The event is open to the public. Parking will be available on nearby Ft. Myer with shuttle buses to the ceremony site. Media desiring to cover the event should contact Patty Heard, Military District of Washington Public Affairs Office, at (202) 685-4645 or 2852.