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POW/MIA Memorial Dedication

NEW ORLEANS – Southeast Louisiana Veterans Health Care System will commemorate National Former Prisoner of War Recognition Day, and dedicate a new prisoner of war/missing in action memorial at 11 a.m. on Friday, September 15.

The ceremony will be held at the flagpole near the main entrance of the new Veterans medical center on Galvez Street in New Orleans.

National POW/MIA Recognition Day honors our missing service members and their families, and highlights the commitment to account for them. Ceremonies are held across the country on Recognition Day.

Les Cromwell, past Louisiana American Legion commander said, “On Recognition Day we recognize and honor our fallen soldiers who have served our nation and other nations as prisoners of war and confirm our commitment to accounting for all of them who remain missing today.”

“We are grateful to the American Legion for partnering with us to hold this important event, and for donating the missing man table so that we shall never forget the men and women who gave up their freedom to protect ours” said SLVHCS Medical Center Director Fernando O. Rivera, FACHE

The ceremony will include the missing man table and chair dedication, followed by the rising of the POW/MIA flag, donated by the American Legion Post 349.

For more information about the new Veterans medical center, clinic locations and other services available to Veterans in southeast Louisiana, visit the website www.neworleans.va.gov, Facebook at www.facebook.com/VANewOrleans or Twitter at www.twitter.com/vaneworleans.

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