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POW/MIA chair dedication to be held Sept. 19 in Kenosha County Board chambers

KENOSHA – As National Prisoners of War/Missing in Action Recognition Day approaches, a new memorial in the Kenosha County Administration Building will debut later this month.

A POW/MIA Honor Chair will be located in the lobby outside of the County Board chambers and the county executive's office. This memorial, donated by Chapter 2 of the Wisconsin Branch of Rolling Thunder® Inc., is intended to serve as a permanent reminder of these veterans' sacrifice.

The public is invited to a dedication ceremony at 4 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 19, in the County Board chambers on the third floor of the Administration Building, located at 1010 56th St. in downtown Kenosha.

"I am pleased to add this solemn memorial to those servicemen and women who sacrificed their lives for our country," said County Executive Jim Kreuser. "This will be here for years to come, for people to come and learn and reflect on these heroic warriors."

The Chair of Honor is a perpetually empty chair, left open for those who have not returned from service.

"As of Aug. 21, 2019, the Department of Defense still lists 81,641 service members and associated civilians as being unaccounted for – missing in action – from World War II to the present," said Steve Tindall, of Chapter 2 of the Wisconsin Branch of Rolling Thunder Inc. "This number is only slightly less than the total population of the City of Kenosha and also represents the hundreds of thousands of family members who will never receive closure for their loved ones."

Tindall thanked the following sponsors for their donations, time and support: Denny Bell, Bob Mollenhauer, The Blast Shop, American Heroes Cafe (Kenosha and Somers), County Executive

Kreuser and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7308 of Pleasant Prairie and its Riders and Auxiliary groups.

For more information about the Sept. 19 ceremony and the local Honor Chair project, please contact Tindall at 262-914-0328.

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