

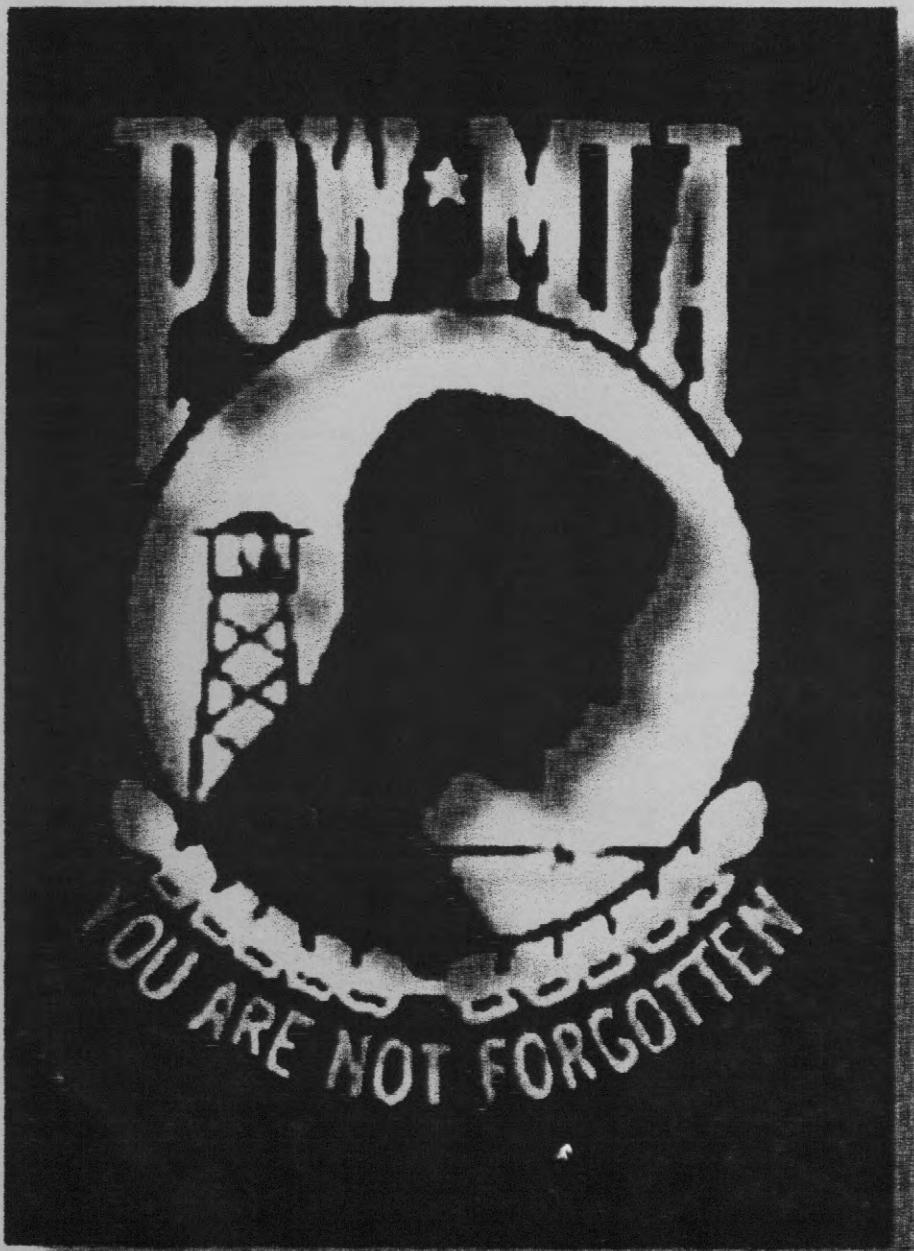
The purpose of this vigil is to honor all who fought, died or are unaccounted for as a result of military action in Vietnam. TET '68, Inc., recognizes that citizens of good will and patriotism hold divergent opinions on the question of POW/MIA's who remain alive yet alive in captivity. It is the official position of TET '68, Inc., to insist upon a full accounting of these men.

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Manchester High School JROTC is serving as our color guard. Sgt. Major William Wilderman, (USA Ret) is their sponsor..

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A Vigil of Remembering

In the Season of Epiphany

January 31, 2003

Prelude

Patriotic and Religious Selections

Presentation of the Colors

Manchester High School. JROTC

Pledge of Allegiance

National Anthem

Words of Welcome

Rev. Donald D. Denton

Recognition of Guests

Mr. William Kirkland

Remarks by Guests

Litany of Remembering

Liturgist: Mighty and Everlasting God, tonight we remember our absent comrades! Their eyes are burned into our hearts. Their names echo in our ears. We honor their sacrifices for this nation and her people. We remember our debt to them.

People: Mighty Creator, our comrades served this land with the strength of their youth. They gave up their future so that others could walk in freedom's light. They liberated others whose names they did not know.

Liturgist: Everlasting Creator, on this night when we remember the fire of battles, we remember those still unaccounted for. We grieve their absence! Strengthen their families! Bless their children! Encourage all who work for a full accounting. We ask Thy blessing upon those still deployed in harm's way.

Scripture *Zephaniah 3:17-20; Philippians 2:2-4*

Message *These Are the Best and the Brightest*

Ceremony of the Table

Litany of the States *(Please 'sound off' the number opposite from your home state when it is read)*

Benediction

Taps

At the end of the Vietnam War, there were 2,585 unaccounted for American prisoners, missing in action or killed in action/body not recovered. As of December 19, 2002, 1,891 Americans are still missing and unaccounted for, over 90% of them in Vietnam or in areas of Laos and Cambodia where Vietnamese forces operated during the war. The names of the most recent Americans accounted for have not yet been released. Their remains were recovered during several US-Lao joint operations, the latest in February of this year, and they were officially identified on December 11th.

Unaccounted For Americans From The Vietnam War

By Home State

Alabama	36	Nebraska	19
Alaska	2	Nevada	8
Arizona	20	New Hampshire	8
Arkansas	21	New Jersey	52
California	191	New Mexico	13
Colorado	31	New York	132
Connecticut	31	North Carolina	44
Delaware	4	North Dakota	12
District of Columbia	9	Ohio	91
Florida	64	Oklahoma	41
Georgia	35	Oregon	40
Hawaii	8	Pennsylvania	101
Idaho	10	Rhode Island	8
Illinois	75	South Carolina	30
Indiana	60	South Dakota	7
Iowa	31	Tennessee	34
Kansas	33	Texas	130
Kentucky	15	Utah	16
Louisiana	25	Vermont	5
Maine	14	Virginia	49
Maryland	27	Washington	47
Massachusetts	44	West Virginia	19
Michigan	60	Wisconsin	33
Minnesota	38	Wyoming	5
Mississippi	13	Puerto Rico	1
Missouri	39	Virgin Islands	1
Montana	20	Canada & Civilians	11

Total - 1,891 (source: National League of Families of American Prisoners and Missing in Southeast Asia)