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* States that Flies the POW/MIA Flag, either over the State Capitol (C) or at a memorial (M) or over a Military installation.

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Alabama: "An official Alabama flag 4'X4' is enclosed. The dimensions are based on regulation set forth by the Alabama Legislature. It is a pleasure to present this flag to you." Russell Nolen, Information Specialist, 1/15/88 (in answer to our letter on Jan. 5, 1988 which ask each states who support the POW/MIA issue to send their state flag to show their support.) Governor of Alabama, Governor Guy Hunt.

Alaska: "The State of Alaska and Governor Cowper fully support the efforts of your organization. Every year since 1983, Alaska has issue an Executive Proclamation declaring a week in November as POW/MIA Recongnition Week." David Ramseur, Press Secretary to the Governor 1/18/88

*C Arizona: "The State of Arizona has flown the POW/MIA Flag over our State Capital for Several years." Deputy Director John W. Evers 1/22/88 (Governor of Arizona Evan Mechan)

California: A state flag was received from California to show their support for the POW/MIA Issue, no letter was mailed with the flag. Veterans for POW/MIA, (Governor of California, Governor George Deukmejian)

*C Colorado: "The placement of the POW flag is indeed on display in the west entrance of the Capitol. The Governor stated at a POW ceremony that he would fly the flag "where appropriate" at the State Capitol." Gwendolyn Peters, Director Citizens' Advocate Office, Colorado, July 1, 1988. (Governor of Colorado, Governor Roy Romer)

Delaware: "While Governor Castle supports the cause of accounting for all of our missing soldiers, as well as other Veterans issues, the probibitive cost of flags prevents our ability to send one." Susan M. Campbell, Executive Assistant. 1/25/1988

Florida: "Thank you for your letter requesting the donation of a Florida Flag to be displayed in honor of the men that are still missing in Southeast Asia. This flag is being presented to you by courtesy of the people of Florida." Gracie Dejerinett 2/25/1988 (Governor of Florida, Governor Bob Martinez)

*C,M. Georgia: "I share the concerns expressed in your letter, and for that reason, I have given permission each year for the POW/MIA flag to be flown over the Capitol on Veterans Day. This is one of the few flag requests that we grant from the many we receive annually." Governor Joe Frank Harris 5/9/88 "to fly the POW/MIA flag on a full-time basis in front of the Memorial." "I will be issuing an Executive Order for this to be done starting with the dedication." Governor, Joe Frank Harris, 06/22/88 (Vietnam Veterans Memorial on November 11, 1988)

*C Hawaii: "It is to be noted that the POW/MIA flag flew over the Hawaii State Capitol for approximately one week in 1987" Executive Assistant James H. Yasuda 1/13/88 "We want you to know that we will continue our tradition and fly the POW/MIA flag over the Hawaii State Capitol for a week during May 1988" Executive Assistant James H. Yasuda 3/22/88 (Governor of Hawaii, Governor John Waikee)

Idaho: "I am enclosing a copy of the proclamation I issue last year during a special ceremony in my office to remember our missing citizens. I'm certain I will be issuing a similar one this year and thought it might be of interest to you. You are to be commended for your efforts to help keep this issue alive until all Americans are return or accounted for. I appreciated your work and wish you success." Cecil D. Andrus Governor 1/20/1988

*C Illinois: "Governor Thompson signed a proclamation on November 1, 1985, that the POW/MIA flag will be flown over the Capitol and at state office buildings and other appropriate locations every day during the month of November, on Illinois POW/MIA Day in April, Memorial Day in May, and on Flag Day in June. Also, the POW/MIA flag is flown every working day over the Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs building in Springfield, the state's capital city." Mr. John W. Johnston, Director of Veterans' Affairs, July 1, 1988.

*C Indiana: "Indiana has flown the POW flag over the state capitol building on National POW/MIA Recognition Day since its inception. Last year the flag was flown for 69 consecutive days, commencing on September 18. This represented one day for each of Indiana's servicemen missing." Governor Robert D. Orr 2/5/88

Kansas: "As a veteran of combat duty in Vietnam, I am, naturally, very concerned about this issue. My office does loan out a few flags for events like the parade, and I would be more than happy to make one available for this event. Please accept my best wishes for a successful parade and remembrance of our fellow veterans." Mike Hayden Governor 1/27/1988

Kentucky: Please accept the enclosed with my best wishes, Governor Wallace Wilkinson (State Flag of Kentucky)

*C Maine: " Thank you for your letter of January 5, 1988 requesting Governor John McKernan's support for your POW/MIA observance. Governor McKernan strongly supports this vital issue and is please to send you a Maine State Flag." Fly the POW/MIA Flag Full time over 101st Air Refueling Wing, Maine National Guard; and the State Capital during POW/MIA Week in 1988. The Adjutant General Major General Ernest C. Park 1/13/88

*C Maryland: "When you next update your list of states flying the POW/MIA logo flag, make sure Maryland is listed as one of them. I wish you well for all of your efforts on behalf of the prisoners of war and those missing in action in South Vietnam." Governor William Donald Schaefer 7/11/88

Massachusetts: "Thank you for your letter requesting a state flag. I have forward your request to the Department of Commerce and Development, you will hear from them directly. I appreciate your interest. If I can be of further assistance please let me know." Governor Michael S. Dukakis 1/15/88 (A state flag was sent in support of the POW/MIA issue.)

*C Michigan "I have ordered that the POW/MIA flag be flown over the Capitol on special occasions (Memorial Day, Veterans Day, National POW/MIA Recognition Day, and the Fourth of July). Other municipalities have the flag flown every day." Governor James J. Blanchard. 5/9/88

*C Minnesota: "You may be interested in noting that Minnesota was the first state to fly the POW/MIA Flag over its Capitol. The flag, raised personally by Governor Perpich, is to remain until all POW/MIA's have been accounted for." Commissioner William J. Gregg 5/14/87. "It is with great respect we sent our flag to be flown in honor of the men still missing or Prisoners of War in Southeast Asia. Thank you for including the State of Minnesota in this memorable event." Governor Rudy Perpich 3/17/1988

Missouri: "Enclosed is a copy of House Bill No. 864 that was signed into law by the Governor on July 17, 1987." Judy White, Constituent Liaison, 1/20/1988 HOUSE BILL No. 864 "Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri as follows: Section 1. April ninth of every year shall be known and designated as "Prisoners of War Remembrance Day". It shall be a day on which to commemorate the sacrifices of those persons who suffered captivity in foreign lands while in the service of their country. The teachers and students of the schools of this state shall observe the day with appropriated exercises. All citizens of this state are requested to devote some portion of prisoners of war remembrance day to solemn contemplation on the plight of the men and women of this country who have been held prisoners of war." (Governor of Missouri, Governor John Ashcroft)

Montana: "I, as well as Governor Schwinden and all Montanans, feel the unresolved concerns surrounding our POW/MIAs must have an acceptable solution. There are several families in Montana who have been in doubt for up to ten year as to the status of a love one." James W. Duffy, Major General, MT Army National Guard, The Adjutant General 4/24/1987

*C Nebraska: "The State of Nebraska does Fly the POW/MIA Flag over the State Capitol on Anniversary dates of known Missing in Action Nebraskans and will continue to do so." Stanley M. Heng, Lieutenant Colonel, Nebraska Army National Guard 4/30/87 (Governor of Nebraska, Governor Kay A. Orr)

Nevada: "Nevada continues to support our Vietnam Veterans and favors continued action by the United States government to ensure that all the POW/MIA issues have been resolved." Richard H. Bryan Governor of Nevada 7/11/88

*C New Hampshire: "The POW/MIA flag is permanently on display in the reception area of the office of the Governor and this state flies the POW/MIA flag on the following dates: Memorial Day, Independence Day, POW/MIA Recognition Day, Veterans Day." Governor John H. Sununu. 4/6/88

*C New Jersey: "The POW/MIA Flag flies daily at the State Department of Defense alongside the U.S. and New Jersey flags. We are waiting for arrival of POW/MIA flag for State House." Governor Thomas H. Kean 5/6/87 "In reference to your letter dated January 5, 1988 we are forwarding our state flag to you with compliments of the Governor Thomas H. Kean and best wishes of the New Jersey National Guard." Roman M. Martyniuk, Command Information Officer, 1/26/1988

New Mexico: Was the first state to send their state flag in support of the POW/MIA issue 5/30/87 (Governor of New Mexico, Governor Garrey E. Carruthers)

* New York: "The MIA flags are flown at our major military installations and at State Headquarter." Division of Military and Naval Affairs, Col. John T. Law 2/2/88 (Governor of New York, Governor Mario M. Cuomo)

*C North Carolina: "The Governors proclaimed, last year, that the POW/MIA flag will be flown over the State Capitol in Raleigh on the following days: (1) Memorial Day in May (2) Veterans Day in November (3) National POW/MIA Recognition Day when proclaimed by the President." F. Douglas Bidy, Auxiliary Services Division 4/29/87 "Thank you for the opportunity to have our State flag displayed in honor of those still missing in Southeast Asia. Please give my warmest personal regards to all veterans involved in this endeavor." Governor James G. Martin 1/14/1988

*C North Dakota: "We Fly the POW/MIA Flag at our State Capitol each Monday. It serves as a reminder to our citizens of the sacrifices these brave Americans made for our nation and its way of life. We shall continue until this question is finally resolved." Governor George A. Sinner 5/6/87. " We do want you to know the State of North Dakota does fly the POW/MIA flag. It is flown every Monday, holidays, and for special ceremonies." Dean C. Hildebrand, COL, General Staff, Office of the Adjutant General, State of North Dakota 1/14/88

*C Ohio: "Here in Ohio, the POW/MIA flag flies over the State Capitol and will continue to fly until the POW/MIA issue is resolved." Colonel John P. Siemer (Ret.) Director, Adjutant General Department 4/23/87 " Many thanks for your thoughtful and enthusiastic letter requesting an Ohio Flag to be displayed in honor of those still missing in Southeast Asia. I'm happy to be able to send you an Ohio State Flag, knowing that you will display the Ohio Flag with honor." Richard F. Celeste Governor 3/4/1988

Oregon: "Please find enclosed one of our state flags to be used at the parade and P.O.W./M.I.A. flag raising to be held May 14, 1988 in Clayton, Georgia. Oregon is please to have its flag displayed in honor of those individuals who are still missing in action." Neil Goldschmidt Governor 4/27/1988

*M Pennsylvania: "On the 26th of May 1988, a grove was dedicated as "Soldiers Grove" and the P.O.W./M.I.A. flag was raised over the grove and continues to fly 24 hours a day. Soldiers Grove is located between the Education Building and the Treasury Building right behind the Capitol Building and consists of a grass plot surrounded by trees." Joseph R. Clelan, Director, Bureau For Veterans Affairs 7/7/88 (Governor of Pennsylvania, Robert P. Casey)

Rhode Island: "Your request for a Rhode Island State flag addressed to Governor Edward D. DiPrete has been forward to this office for action. It is my pleasure to forward this official State flag." Audrey A. Kiernan for Richard C. Mancini CW3, RIARNG Retired Chief Administrative Aide 1/26/1988

South Carolina: Sent A Color Guard for 1987, and 1988. (Governor of South Carolina, Carroll A. Campbell Jr. Governor.)

*M South Dakota: "In 1986, a memorial was constructed on the state Capitol grounds next to the Flaming Fountain in Pierre in honor of all Korean/Vietnam Veterans who made the ultimate sacrifice or who are listed as missing in action. In May 1988, thirty (30) names were added to the memorial which had inadvertently been omitted. In addition, another flagpole was installed on which, since Memorial Day 1988, we have flown the POW/MIA flag. This flag will remain to be flown until all POW/MIAs have been accounted for. As Governor of the great state of South Dakota and on behalf of all the people of South Dakota, I assure you we will always support our veterans. We feel this is only a small token in return for the many sacrifices they have given." Governor George S. Mickelson, 7/11/88

Tennessee: "I am pleased to be able to comply with your request in honor of the Tennesseans who are still listed as missing in action in Southeast Asia. We are certainly proud of the members of our Armed Forces and recognize the debt of gratitide that is owed them for their dedication, loyalty and service not only to our state but also our nation." Governor Ned McWherter 3/15/1988

Texas: "This State Flag is being presented to you was flown over the Capitol Building in Austin, Texas. It is thus a historic flag, and because of its special nature, I know you will display it with honor and dignity." William P. Clements, Jr. Governor of Texas 1988

* Utah: "We do Regularly fly the MIA/POW flag over our facilities and will continue to do so, including on May 14th." Major General John L. Matthews The Adjutant General. 3/21/88 (Governor of Utah, Governor Norman H. Bangarter)

Virginia: "Virginia fully supports initiatives such as yours to keep this issue alive in an effort to get our POW/MIA servicemen back home. I had the privilege last summer to speak at the National Convention of our Vietnam POW's in Virginia. You couldn't be in the presence of these great Americans without being touched by their unbelievable sacrifices and feeling a total commitment to do everthing possible for any of their comrades who may still be in Vietnam." Gerald L. Baliles Governor of Virginia 5/12/1987 "We share your commitment to working for the return of the men still missing in Southeast Asia. We send our best wishes for the Parade and Flag-raising Ceremony and commend you for your efforts." H.Benson Dendy,III Special Assistant 1/13/1988

*C Washington: "I am enclosing a copy of State Resolution 8713 for your information. And the POW/MIA flag has flown on many occasions over the State Capitol as a symbolic gesture of support." J.A. Caballero, Assistant for Operation and Citizen Relations 3/3/88

* Washington, D.C, " Last year, I sponsored legislation for National POW/MIA Recognition Day. To further raise public consciousness on the issue of our missing Americans, I was please to get legislation enacted to have the POW/MIA Flag permanently display in the Capitol Rotunda, until satisfactory accounting of our Vietnam POW/MIAs has taken place." United State Senator Bob Dole 1/15/88

West Virginia: "It is indeed with great pride and pleasure that I provide you with this flag, which will be sent to you under separate cover. Please accept it with my compliments." Arch A. Moore, Jr. Governor 1/25/1988

*C Wisconsin: "With regard to your request that we consider flying the POW/MIA flag over our State Capitol, I have enclosed a copy of a letter which contains reference to a unanimously approved resolution calling for the flag to be flown over our Capitol on three Separate occasions during the year. I have also enclosed a copy of my favorable response." Governor Tommy G. Thompson 5/13/87 [Wisconsin Fly the POW/MIA Flag over the State Capitol for a period of 37 Days for the 37 men who are still missing in Southeast Asia commencing on Memorial Day, POW/MIA Day (September 18) and Veterans Day.]

Wyoming: "Thank you for your efforts to have Wyoming honorably represented at the POW/MIA flag raising ceremonies" Claudette Caldwell 1/12/1988 (Sent their State Flag in honor of the men they have missing in Southeast Asia.) Governor of Wyoming, Governor Mike Sullivan

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