

*Sons of The American Legion*  
*Detachment of Wisconsin*

**POW/MIA EMPTY  
CHAIR  
CEREMONY**

Speaker:

**Please Uncover**

Commander, *The Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Wisconsin* has placed the POW/MIA COVER, over an empty chair, to remind all present, that some of their comrades in arms, are still being held prisoner or have been presumed, missing in action.

Let this COVER and empty chair, serve to remind all of us to spare no effort to secure the release of any American prisoners from captivity, the repatriation of the remains of those who died bravely in defense of liberty, and a full accounting of those missing. Let us rededicate ourselves for this vital endeavor!

These servicepersons, MUST be accounted for.

Our chaplain will now say a special prayer.

## **POW/MIA Empty Chair Ceremony**

**Chaplain:**

**Almighty GOD, our heavenly father, who has dominion over life and death, grant us the grace to remember, with love and reverence, our valiant and honored, missing comrades.**

**Shelter the prisoners of War, and open the hearts of their captors, that they may be restored, to their homes and their loved ones.**

**Those missing or held prisoner each has carried the burden of battle: each has discharged an obligation to their country: each has been subject to hazard, pain and imprisonment, beyond the lot of the serviceperson.**

**GOD of justice, to whom we pray, thy compassion we beseech, on be half of our country's POW/MIAs.**

**AMEN.**