



Ohio Revised Code

Section 9.50 Display of the POW/MIA flag during normal business hours at public buildings.

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(A) As used in this section:

(1) "POW/MIA flag" means the flag that depicts the profile of a prisoner of war against the background of a prisoner of war camp watchtower.

(2) "Public building" means the principal municipal building of each municipal corporation, the principal county building in the county seat of each county, and the state house in Columbus.

(B) The general assembly hereby encourages the display of the POW/MIA flag during normal business hours at each public building.

(C) In enacting this section, the general assembly hereby declares and finds all of the following:

(1) Over two thousand four hundred Americans, including one hundred seventeen from this state, who served in the United States armed forces during the war in Indochina are still listed as prisoners of war or missing in action.

(2) There is significant evidence that many of these missing Americans are still alive and being held against their will in Indochina.

(3) This nation is deeply indebted to its servicemen and servicewomen of all wars and conflicts for their courage and sacrifice and should demonstrate its special commitment to the missing men and women of all wars and conflicts and their families by obtaining the release of those still held prisoner of war and the fullest possible accounting from the responsible governments regarding those Americans listed as missing in action.

(4) The POW/MIA flag is a powerful symbol of the plight of these prisoners of war and missing



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Americans and reminds the public of the commitment this nation must have in determining the fate of its servicemen and servicewomen. Thus, it is appropriate that the POW/MIA flag should be displayed at certain public buildings throughout this state to increase public awareness of the issue of prisoners of war and those missing in action and to gain public support for the efforts of the United States government to resolve this matter.
