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NATIONAL POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY

VA Western New York Healthcare System will hold a National Prisoner of War/Missing in Action Recognition Day Ceremony on Friday, September 19 at 9:00 am at the Hearthstone Manor, 333 Dick Road, Depew. This commemoration is set aside to honor the commitment and the sacrifices made by this nation's Prisoners of War and those who are still Missing in Action, as well as their families. At the end of 2006, there were 29,350 former POWs still alive. More than 90% of America's living POWs are World War II veterans.

The ceremony will feature Lt. Colonel Don McGuire, Comptroller, 107th Airlift Wing, New York Air National Guard, as keynote speaker. McGuire, a Lewiston resident, has been working at the Niagara Falls Air Base since 1996. The ceremony also will include a Remembrance Prayer by the Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter #77.

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