



# TOWN COUNCIL – AGENDA REQUEST FORM

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Please submit Agenda Request Form, including back up information, 8 days prior to the requested meeting date. **Public Hearing requests must be submitted 20 days prior to requested meeting date to meet publication deadlines** (exceptions may be authorized by the Town Manager, Chairman/Vice Chair).

### MEETING INFORMATION

Date Submitted: September 8, 2020  
 Submitted by: Merrimack VFW Post 8641 President  
 Tracy Kelley and Commander Paul F. Roy Jr.  
 Department:  
 Speakers: Tracy Kelley and Paul F. Roy

Date of Meeting: September 10, 2020  
 Time Required: 10 minutes  
 Background Info. Yes:  No:   
 Supplied:

### CATEGORY OF BUSINESS (PLEASE PLACE AN "X" IN THE APPROPRIATE BOX)

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| Appointment:           | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Recognition/Resignation/Retirement: | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>Public Hearing:</b> | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Old Business:                       | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| New Business:          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Consent Agenda:                     | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Nonpublic:             | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Other:                              | <input type="checkbox"/> |

### TITLE OF ITEM

POW/MIA Recognition Day Proclamation

### DESCRIPTION OF ITEM

The Town Council to consider a request to issue a proclamation designating the Third Friday in the month of September as POW/MIA Recognition Day in the Town of Merrimack, NH.

### REFERENCE (IF KNOWN)

RSA: \_\_\_\_\_ Warrant Article: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Charter Article: \_\_\_\_\_ Town Meeting: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_ N/A

### EQUIPMENT REQUIRED (PLEASE PLACE AN "X" IN THE APPROPRIATE BOX)

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| Projector:       | <input type="checkbox"/> | Grant Requirements: | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Easel:           | <input type="checkbox"/> | Joint Meeting:      | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Special Seating: | <input type="checkbox"/> | Other:              | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Laptop:          | <input type="checkbox"/> | None:               | <input type="checkbox"/> |

### CONTACT INFORMATION

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### APPROVAL

Town Manager: Yes  No:  Chair/Vice Chair: Yes  No:



**VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES  
MERRIMACK POST 8641  
PO BOX 157  
MERRIMACK, NEW HAMPSHIRE 03054**



Dear Merrimack Town Council,

On Behalf of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States (VFW) and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary (VFWA) Post 8641 Chartered in Merrimack New Hampshire, I am writing to request that the Third Friday of the Month of September henceforth be proclaimed POW/MIA Recognition day in the Town of Merrimack, New Hampshire.

National POW/MIA Recognition Day was established in 1979 through a proclamation signed by President Jimmy Carter. Since then, each subsequent president has issued an annual proclamation commemorating the third Friday in September as National POW/MIA Recognition Day. A national-level ceremony is held on every National POW/MIA Recognition Day. Traditionally held at the Pentagon, it features members from each branch of military service and participation from high-ranking officials. In addition to the national-level ceremony, observances of National POW/MIA Recognition Day are held across the country on military installations, ships at sea, state capitols, schools, and veterans' facilities. No matter where they are held, these National POW/MIA Recognition Day ceremonies share the common purpose of honoring those who were held captive and returned, as well as those who remain missing.

This observance gives us a means to recognize and focus attention on our prisoners of war as well as the many service members still missing from all wars. According to a Congressional Research service report: 130,201 World War II service members were imprisoned, 7,140 Korean War service members were imprisoned, 725 Vietnam War service members were imprisoned and 37 service members have been imprisoned during conflicts since 1991 including both Gulf wars; Of those 16,837 died while in Captivity. According to the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency: 83,114 Americans who fought in those wars are still missing including: 75,515 from World War II, 7,841 From the Korean War, 1,626 from Vietnam, 126 from the Cold War and 6 from conflicts since 1991. Efforts to find those men are ongoing and we The Veterans of Foreign Wars and its Auxiliary of Merrimack Post 8641 honor those brave men and women each year with a special ceremony and by leaving a perpetual missing man table always set at our post in remembrance of their sacrifice. They will "never be forgotten" in our eyes and hearts.

Merrimack VFW 8641 and its Auxiliary will this year be conducting a POW/MIA ceremony at noon on Saturday September 19, 2020 at the American Legion on Baboosic Lake Road in Merrimack in observance of National POW/MIA day as well as setting up our Missing man table during our ceremony.



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Thank You for your consideration of proclaiming the Third Friday of September POW/MIA recognition day and the Merrimack VFW and Auxiliary post 8641's observance of this day in the town of Merrimack New Hampshire.

Sincerely,

Paul F. Roy Jr.

Commander Merrimack VFW Post 8641

Tracy Kelley

President Merrimack VFW Post 8641 Auxiliary