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POW/MIA ceremony set for Monday:
Public invited

Fort Polk, La. - The Joint Readiness Training Center and Fort Polk will host a Prisoner of War and Missing in Action (POW/MIA) Day Ceremony to honor those who have been prisoners of war and those who are declared missing in action at 11:00 a-m, Monday, September 20th, at the Main Post Chapel, here.

The ceremony will recognize American service members who responded to duty with great courage, selflessness and the invincible spirit of generations of Americans.

The special guest speaker is Mr. James J. Bollich. Bollich is a Louisiana native who joined the Army Air Corps in 1940. He took part in the Great Louisiana Maneuvers of 1941 before shipping out overseas where the Japanese captured him during the fall of the Philippines. He survived the infamous "Bataan Death March" and spent the next three and a-half years in Japanese internment camps.

Since his release, he has authored eight books, the first about his experiences as a POW.

The public is invited to attend. The chapel is located on the corner of Louisiana Avenue and Radio Road.

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MEDIA ADVISORY:

Media are welcome to attend. Meet no later than 10:30 a-m, Monday, Sept. 20th at the Fort Polk public affairs office. Call Ron Elliott at (337) 531-1418 or Samantha Bingham at (337) 531-4630 if you are planning to attend.