



# News Release

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### CHARLESTON AFB WILL CELEBRATE NATIONAL POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY

CHARLESTON AFB, SC - President Bush has signed a proclamation declaring Friday, September 20, 2002 National POW/MIA Recognition Day to honor former prisoners of war and those Americans still missing in action.

In recognition of this special day, Charleston AFB will dedicate the naming of its newest C-17 as "Spirit of America's POWs and MIAs" at 12 p.m. in the C-17 Nose Dock. The Ralph H. Johnson VA Medical Center will hold its 7<sup>th</sup> annual POW/MIA Recognition Day picnic in conjunction with the ceremony. Several former prisoners of war and their guests are expected to attend and participate in the ceremony.

***News media interested in covering the event are asked to meet at the Dorchester Gate at 11:45 a.m. For more information, contact Capt. Krista Carlos at (843) 963-5589.***