



**NATIONAL LEAGUE OF FAMILIES
OF AMERICAN PRISONERS AND MISSING IN SOUTHEAST ASIA**

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Dear Mr. Cassata,

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the National League of POW/MIA Families, this letter serves as notification of our strong endorsement of the Cecil Field POW/MIA Memorial, Incorporated, and support for your efforts to establish a National POW/MIA Memorial at the former Naval Air Station Cecil Field.

As I understand it, the 26-acre property, located only about five miles from Interstate 10, contains the meaningful, historic chapel and an existing POW/MIA Memorial for Florida's missing. The new memorial, in this ideal location, will focus on **all** missing and unaccounted-for POW/MIAs, in every branch of Service and from all wars. It will not only be a place to honor these missing Americans, but will provide visitors onsite and interactive education about the history of the POW/MIA accounting mission and ongoing efforts by our government and private citizens to achieve the fullest possible accounting.

The National League of POW/MIA Families was incorporated in 1970 with a single, three-fold purpose: the release of all prisoners, the fullest possible accounting for the missing, and repatriation of all recoverable remains of those who died serving our nation during the Vietnam War. The POW/MIA flag originated with the League in 1970 and is now recognized as a symbol for all Americans missing and unaccounted-for from our nation's past wars and conflicts.

This POW/MIA logo is known throughout the world and signals to America's Armed Forces that should they be captured or become missing, our nation will do its very best to return them to their families and the country they served. The effort to account as fully as possible for unreturned US veterans continues at a level higher than ever before in our nation's history, and we are determined to press ahead until our realistic accounting objectives are achieved.

The League deeply appreciates the vision of Cecil Field POW/MIA Memorial, Inc. in moving forward to establish this commemorative park as a destination for all who wish to honor and remember these warriors who served our country in ways most servicemen were not called on to endure. When the National POW/MIA Memorial is completed, it will serve as a beacon to veterans, family members, historians, and average citizens signaling our country's determination to stand behind those who serve our country – including our POWs and MIAs – and make every reasonable effort to bring them home.

Respectfully,


Ann Mills-Griffiths, MIA Sister
Chairman of the Board & CEO