



**PRESS RELEASE**

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***Pasco Tax Collector Mike Fasano Shares Governor DeSantis' POW/MIA Recognition Day Proclamation***

“It is with a mixture of great sadness and great honor that I recognize the family members and friends who have a loved one considered as a *Prisoner of War* or *Missing in Action*,” states **Tax Collector Mike Fasano**. “The governor’s proclamation recognizes a day for all Floridians to remember the more than 1,100 Floridians who have yet to be accounted for since the Second World War. It is our hope that the families of these service members will one day find peace in knowing what happened to their friend or family member. To those who may still be out there, somewhere in the world, please know that you are not forgotten. Not a day passes that a flag is not flown or a prayer is not said to remember you and the sacrifices you made to keep our nation free. It is with humility knowing what you have done for all of us that I and my staff say thank you.”



**RON DeSANTIS**  
GOVERNOR

**POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY IN FLORIDA**

WHEREAS, National POW/MIA Recognition Day was established in 1979, and is commemorated annually on the third Friday of September; and

WHEREAS, POW/MIA Recognition Day in Florida is an opportunity to honor and recognize our brave service members who are classified as Prisoners of War or Missing in Action; and

WHEREAS, many of these service members have endured captivity, and some have paid the ultimate sacrifice while ensuring we retain the liberties we hold so dearly today; and

WHEREAS, nearly 82,000 members of the U.S. Armed Forces, including more than 1,100 Florida service members from World War II to present day, remain unaccounted for; and

WHEREAS, as the most veteran-friendly state in the nation, Florida upholds efforts to account for our service members that have been imprisoned or lost in our Nation's conflicts; and

WHEREAS, Floridians stand with POW/MIAs and their families, and we honor their courage; and

WHEREAS, the POW/MIA flag is flown daily over the Florida Capitol, rest areas along Florida's Interstate Highways, and at Florida's State Parks to honor POW/MIAs and their service; and

WHEREAS, POW/MIA Recognition Day in Florida is an opportunity to honor and remember the resilience of those who are POW/MIA and their families.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ron DeSantis, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing September 18, 2020, as *POW/MIA Recognition Day in Florida*.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed at Tallahassee, the Capital, this 18th day of September, in the year two thousand twenty.

  
Governor

If you or a family member served in the Armed Forces during the Vietnam War Era the *Pasco County Tax Collector's Office* will be more than happy to help secure a recognition package for you. Please contact **Assistant Tax Collector Greg Giordano** at (727) 847-8179 or [ggiordano@pascotaxes.com](mailto:ggiordano@pascotaxes.com) for more information.

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