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Wentzville Receives POW-MIA City℠ Designation

[Wentzville, MO — Nov. 22, 2019] The City of Wentzville was officially recognized as a POW-MIA City℠ during a Board of Aldermen meeting on Nov. 20. The POW-MIA City℠ designation is awarded by the Jefferson Barracks POW-MIA Museum in St. Louis. The designation is presented to cities that honor and recognize individuals who have served the United States in any branch of the country’s military and who were captured by enemies of the United States or who are missing in action from any year and any conflict.

“We are excited and humbled to receive this designation that aligns with Wentzville’s longstanding commitment to honoring veterans in our community,” said Wentzville Mayor Nick Guccione.

The purpose of the designation is to help raise POW-MIA awareness, ensuring that the promise No One Left Behind … No One Forgotten is kept. The City of Wentzville upholds its commitment to this promise by promoting awareness in a variety of ways.

Wentzville is home to the nation’s first Vietnam Veterans War Memorial and is a U.S. Vietnam War Commemorative Partner. Wentzville takes extreme pride in being home to the first Vietnam Veterans Memorial in the United States. Originally dedicated on Dec. 2, 1967, the site was initially established as a tree of lights by local residents to raise funds to send Christmas gifts to community servicemen stationed in Vietnam. The memorial received extensive renovations and was rededicated on Veterans Day in 2017.

Additionally, Wentzville has served as a stop on the Run for the Wall route since 1989. Run for the Wall works to promote healing among all veterans and their families and friends, to call for an accounting of all Prisoners of War (POW) and those Missing in Action (MIA), to honor the memory of those Killed in Action (KIA) from all wars, and to support military personnel all over the world.

Wentzville is proud to receive the POW-MIA City℠ designation and will continue to maintain its commitment to veterans and to increasing POW-MIA awareness.

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The City of Wentzville provides day-to-day services that are essential to the function, effectiveness and efficiency of City operations. City departments work together to improve City services, programs, and events and to serve as a resource for its citizens and the community it serves. To learn more, please visit www.wentzvillemo.org.