

For Those Who Served, We Will...

Remember

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It was a brief, quiet ceremony. Citizens of the present era joined with veterans of another day in a ceremony honoring former prisoners of war and those who are still missing in action. The Saturday morning ceremony was held at the main post office on Oakland Ave.

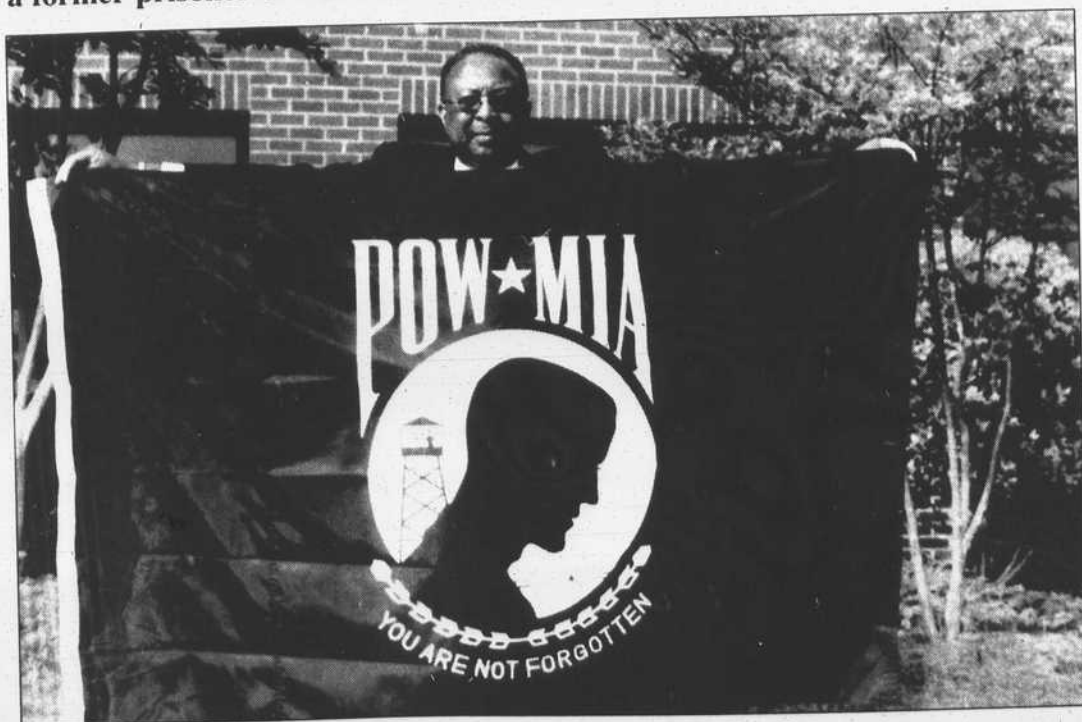
Former soldiers, representing veterans groups, and city and county officials were on hand when the POW-MIA flag was officially hoisted. The flag is in response to legislation signed November 18th by President Clinton requiring the Postal service and other selected agencies of the government to fly the flag on designated days throughout the year.

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James Stewart, Statesville Post Office, Ken Wheeler, Statesville, a former prisoner of war on Bataan, raise the flag.



Postmaster William Jones with the flag



Veteran give tribute to their comrades in arms.