

## **RESOLUTION ON POW/MIA RECOVERY**

***THE AIR FORCE SERGEANTS ASSOCIATION'S*** (AFSA) delegates convened in San Antonio, Texas, on August 28, 2018, on behalf of the Association's 100,000 members, during the annual AFSA International Convention, unanimously approved this resolution which reads:

***WHEREAS***, current law designates a Defense Agency to be established under the Department of Defense (DoD) dedicated to accounting for, locating, recovering and identify missing persons of past conflicts as well as disseminating information to Defense officials, family members and other interested entities; ***AND***

***WHEREAS***, the stated purpose of the law is to account for, locate, recover and identify prisoners of war and those missing in action (POW/MIA); ***AND***

***WHEREAS***, according to the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) set in place by the DoD, over 80,000 Americans are still unaccounted for from past conflicts; ***AND***

***WHEREAS***, in recent months great progress has been made to recover remains of those lost during the Korean War in North Korea; ***AND***

***WHEREAS***, recently partnerships have been significantly strengthened with other countries to locate, recover and identify remains of over 1,500 individuals still missing from the Vietnam War; ***AND***

***WHEREAS***, through no fault of their own and without regard for their own safety, these missing persons selflessly sacrificed in pursuit of securing our country's celebrated freedoms the upmost priority must be granted to locate, identify and return these Americans with honor and dignity befitting their service and sacrifice; ***AND***

***THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED*** that the members of this Association, most of whom are serving and have served this nation, insist that government officials in both the Executive and Legislative branches continue every possible effort to locate, recover, identify and return missing Americans to their home and families. Further, this resolution directs the AFSA staff to deliver copies of this resolution to appropriate national decision makers.

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