National POW/MIA Recognition

The third Friday in September is recognized as POW/MIA Day, a time to remember the sacrifices of prisoners of war and service members who are missing in action. Until 1979, there was no official day set aside for these important men and women. A week of recognition and awareness will be observed from September 17-21 this year, and **September 21, 2018 is National POW/MIA Recognition Day.**

According to the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA), nearly 10,000 service members are missing from conflicts after World War II up to the present day, with **1,594 listed specifically for the Vietnam War.** Repatriation efforts to bring American POW/MIA service members home are ongoing, and the DPAA is updating their record on a continual basis.

Major Joe Crecca is a member of the Project Welcome Home committee of veterans. Last month, he shared his experiences as a POW with several local news outlets and talked about how the late John McCain "was an inspiration to all of us" while imprisoned in the Hanoi Hilton together during the Vietnam War.

**Click here to see Joe's full interview >>**

Making Our Vietnam Collections More Accessible

Over the last year, The Museum of Flight has received several new collections of photos, newspaper clippings, military records and maps from the Vietnam War. The collections were donated largely by Museum docents and volunteers, and our Digitization Specialist Karen Bean
has been busy identifying, scanning and photographing each item to organize them into an online database. The digital collections will be available later this year and free for the public to explore!

**Read about Karen's work in Aloft magazine >>**

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**Homeward Bound**

It's no small feat to disassemble an entire B-52 Stratofortress, load the pieces onto trucks and transport them on the highway down to The Museum of Flight! Fortunately our photographers were there every step of the way to capture this incredible journey. Whether you came to welcome the B-52 in person, followed our progress online or made a gift to the Project Welcome Home campaign, you made this endeavor possible - THANK YOU!

**Click here to watch the time lapse of the B-52's journey>>**
Coffee With the Curator: The B-52

Every month, the Museum's Membership team hosts Coffee With the Curator, a lunchtime program for our members that goes behind-the-scenes to explore some truly weird and interesting artifacts in the collection! Join us in September as Tom Cathcart, our Director of Aircraft Collections and Restoration, discusses the restoration of our B-52 #2584 and what was required to disassemble and move the aircraft down from Paine Field in Everett. Collections staff will also share Vietnam-related artifacts, archival and library materials.

This event is for Museum members only and an RSVP is required. To RSVP, please email your name and Member ID to Membership@museumofflight.org.

Friday, September 21, 2018 from 12-1 PM in the Northwest AeroClub Room in the Red Barn at the Museum. You're welcome to bring your lunch - dessert and coffee is on us!

Not a member of the Museum? Learn how you can become one! >>