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Military installation to host POW/MIA Recognition Day ceremony

NEW CUMBERLAND, PA (Sept. 17, 2008) – The Defense Distribution Depot Susquehanna, Pa., known as DDSP, will hold a Prisoner of War/Missing in Action Recognition Day ceremony Friday, Sept. 19, at 11:00 a.m. on the Defense Distribution Center installation in New Cumberland, Pa.

The ceremony will take place at the installation's POW/MIA Memorial Plaza at the intersection of Mission Dr. and J Ave. In case of rain, the outdoor ceremony will be held Sept. 26.

The ceremony's keynote speaker is Robin Piacine, National President of the Coalition of Families of Korean and Cold War POW/MIAs.

Navy Capt. John G. King, commanding officer of DDSP, will preside over the ceremony. King and the President of the American Legion William H. Nauss Post 143 Auxiliary will lay a wreath at the memorial for the nation's prisoners of war and those missing in action.

The dedication will be followed by a salute by the Pennsylvania Army National Guard Firing Detail, B Company, 628th Support Battalion (Aviation)/28th Combat Aviation Brigade located at Fort Indiantown Gap. Traditional Celtic music will be provided by bagpiper Rodney E. Owens, a retired Navy Reservist and international performer.

Several family members of military who have been listed as missing in action are planning to attend the ceremony along with local dignitaries.

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DDSP is one of 26 sites under the command of the Defense Distribution Center (DDC) headquarters, also in New Cumberland, Pa. DDC is a field activity of the Defense Logistics Agency. The Defense Distribution Center installation was formerly known as the Defense Distribution Region East (DDRE) and the New Cumberland Army Depot.

Media wishing to attend the event should contact Jessica Walter at 717-770-7209 to coordinate access to the installation.