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POW-MIAs and all American Veterans



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**Rolling Thunder®, Chapter 9 Ohio - POW / MIA Day
Friday September 18, 2009 starting at 6:00 PM
Veterans' Memorial Park, Blue Ash Ohio
Patriots Welcome**

(Downtown Blue Ash adjacent to Towne Square at the southwest corner of Hunt and Cooper Roads)

Event Details: Cincinnati, Ohio –Rolling Thunder Inc® will convene at the Blue Ash Ohio Veterans' Park to recognize **POW/MIA day**.

Keynote Speaker: Dr. Sam Arnold

Dr. Arnold graduated from UC and completed his dental training at The Ohio State University. Sam served in the U.S. Army from Sep '67 to Sep '69. He was a Captain in the dental corps. He was stationed for one year at Fort Hamilton, Brooklyn, then off to Vietnam in Sep 1968. He was med-evac'ed out of the country in April of 1968, finishing his tour in Sep '69 in Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri.

Dr Arnold and his wife Nancy have four children and eight grandchildren. Dr. & Mrs. Arnold have three sons. Andrew is currently serving as a Commander in the US Navy and he takes command of the USS Forrest Sherman DDG 98 and Aegis class destroyer in December. Andres graduated from Purdue University with a degree in Aeronautical & Aerospace Engineering. He was in Navy ROTC at Purdue and entered the US Navy in December of 1991. Randy served ten years in the USAF doing equipment monitoring for their GPS satellite. The youngest, John served as a nuclear power engineer aboard the USS South Carolina CGN-37, which was the second ship in the CALIFORNIA class of nuclear powered guided missile cruisers.

Dr. & Mrs. Arnold are active members of the Military Support Group here in Cincinnati and have been for eight years. He has been a member of the Sharonville VFW for 4 years, was inducted into the Ohio Veteran's Hall of Fame in November 2008, and received the Key to the City from the Mayor of Fairfield in July 2009.

Reverend Tim Ellis of the U.S. Marine Riders will open the ceremony. Mike Horvath, a piper from the Cincinnati Caledonian Pipes & Drums <http://www.cincypipesanddrums.org>, playing Amazing Grace and TAPS played by Larry Dupree from the organization Bugles Across America www.buglesacrossamerica.org to close the event.

Rolling Thunder®, Inc.: The major function of Rolling Thunder®, Inc. is to publicize POW-MIA issues: to educate the public that many American prisoners of war were left behind after all previous wars and to help correct the past and to protect future veterans from being left behind should they become prisoners of war or missing in action. We are also committed to helping American veterans from all wars. Rolling Thunder®, Inc. is a non-profit organization. Members donate their time because they believe in the issues we are working on. Locally, each chapter supports our Ohio Veterans by visiting the local Veterans Hospitals and other places where veterans could use some support.

Background: National POW/MIA Recognition Day legislation was introduced yearly, until 1995 when it was deemed by Congress that legislation designating special commemorative days would no longer be considered by Congress. The President now signs a proclamation each year designating the 3rd Friday of September National POW/MIA Day in an effort to accommodate all returned POWs and all Americans still missing and unaccounted for from all wars.

National POW/MIA Recognition Day ceremonies are held throughout the nation and around the world on military installations, ships at sea, state capitols, schools, churches, national veteran and civic organizations, police and fire departments, fire stations, etc. The POW/MIA flag is flown, and the focus is to ensure that America remembers its responsibility to stand behind those who serve our nation and do everything possible to account for those who do not return.

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