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Christmas Remembrance Ceremony set for Dec. 2 at Illinois Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Springfield

SPRINGFIELD – The Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) will host the annual Christmas Remembrance Ceremony for Illinois soldiers listed as prisoners of war or missing in action (POW/MIA) during the Vietnam War on Saturday, Dec. 2 at the Illinois Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Oak Ridge Cemetery in Springfield.

The ceremony will begin at 1 p.m., and it's open to the public.

Family and friends of soldiers will have the opportunity to hang handmade, heart-shaped ornaments with the names of loved ones on a tree near the memorial. The Black Tiger Honor Guard will serve as the color guard. The names of the POW/MIA soldiers will be read aloud, and the ceremony will also include music courtesy of the Land of Lincoln Chorus.

Go online to learn more about the [Illinois Vietnam Veterans Memorial at Oak Ridge Cemetery](#).

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