



# POW-MIA VIGIL

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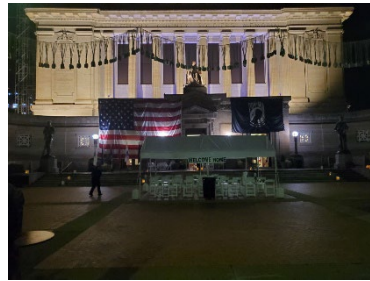
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At



**SOLDIERS & SAILORS**  
Memorial Hall & Museum

**Sept. 20, 12 p.m. – Sept. 21, 12 p.m.**



Jessica Lynch

**JOIN VVI AS THEY RAISE AWARENESS & REMEMBER ALL PRISONERS OF WAR AND THOSE MISSING IN ACTION**

*All are Welcome!*

Show your PATRIOTISM and HONOR the POW/MIAs by bearing the U.S. Flag for 15 minutes.

**Saturday: 12 p.m. – Opening Ceremony on the Soldiers & Sailors Patio**

**Saturday (Candlelight Ceremony at Dusk):**

**Keynote Speaker Jessica Lynch on the Soldiers & Sailors Patio**

Former United States Army soldier and former P.O.W., Jessica Lynch, who was captured and severely injured by Iraqi forces during the 2003 Battle of Nasiriyah, will share her survival story as part of the Candlelight Ceremony.

**Sunday: 12 p.m. – Closing Ceremony on the Soldiers & Sailors Patio**

**RAIN OR SHINE**

**Saturday: POW-MIA Candlelight Ceremony (Dusk)**

**Sunday: Closing Ceremony (Noon)**

*"Lest We Forget!"*

**\*FREE PARKING** available in UPMC lot on Bigelow Blvd, across from **Soldiers & Sailors**. (The old Syria Mosque site.)

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Jessica Lynch is a former United States Army soldier who served in the 2003 invasion of Iraq. On March 23, 2003, Private First-Class Lynch's convoy was ambushed by Iraqi forces during the Battle of Nasiriyah.

Lynch was seriously injured and captured. Her subsequent recovery by U.S. Special Operations Forces was the first successful rescue of an American prisoner of war since WW2 and the first of a female POW. Jessica has been awarded the Bronze Star, Purple Heart, and Prisoner of War medals.

Today, Jessica speaks to various groups about overcoming her obstacles and how perseverance helped her survive then and still today. She further explains that despite the most difficult circumstances - whatever they might be - a positive outlook and determination can truly help individuals live fulfilling lives and accomplish their goals.

She has her B.A. in elementary education, where she enjoys being a substitute teacher. Along with obtaining a B.A., she graduated from West Virginia University with her Masters in Communication Studies.

Currently, Jessica works with veterans as the Women Veterans Program Director with the WV Department of Veteran Assistance.