

PUBLIC LAW 116-67, THE NATIONAL POW/MIA FLAG ACT

1. PURPOSE/REASON FOR ISSUE: This notice provides information about Public Law 116-67 that is of significance to the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) National Cemetery Administration (NCA).

2. BACKGROUND: Public Law 116-67 will only impact unstaffed cemeteries because NCA policy already requires the POW/MIA flag to be flown daily at all NCA staffed national cemeteries and other NCA property staffed daily by NCA personnel. However, at unstaffed national cemeteries, the POW/MIA flag was displayed only on six days as previously required under 36 U.S.C. § 902(c). Public Law 116-67 (enacted November 7, 2019) amended section 902(c) to require the POW/MIA flag to be flown on all days on which the flag of the United States is displayed.

3. SUMMARY OF PUBLIC LAW 116-67:

Section 2. Days on Which the POW/MIA Flag is Displayed on Certain Federal Property:

This section amended 36 U.S.C. § 902(c) to require that POW/MIA flag be flown on all days on which the flag of the United States is displayed.

4. ACTION: NCA's Office of Cemetery Operations will revise NCA Directive 3220, Flag Displays in National Cemeteries, to reflect the change in law, and implement and disseminate procedures to ensure the requirement is met at unstaffed cemeteries.

5. RESPONSIBLE OFFICE: National Cemetery Administration, Office of Finance and Planning, Legislative and Regulatory Service (42E), 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420, is responsible for the contents of this notice.

6. EXPIRATION: This notice will be archived on the last day of June 2020.

/s/ Ronald E. Walters
Principal Deputy Under Secretary for Memorial Affairs

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