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**THE JEFFERSON BARRACKS POW-MIA MUSEUM EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE NAMES
FLORISSANT THE 18TH POW-MIA CITY IN THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

Mayor Lowery is pleased to announce that the Jefferson Barracks POW-MIA Museum Executive Committee voted unanimously at their meeting on Tuesday, August 14th to name Florissant the 18th POW-MIA City in the State of Missouri.

Members from the Jefferson Barracks POW-MIA Museum Executive Committee will be presenting the City of Florissant with a proclamation at the next City Council meeting on Monday, August 26, 2019 at 7:30 p.m.

The mission of this executive committee is “reverently honor all who served our country in any branch of the United States military, who were captured by enemies of the United States, or who are missing in action, from any year and from any conflict.” As part of its mission the executive committee has established the “POW-MIA City” Program in an effort to raise POW-MIA awareness across the nation. It is an open invitation to towns, municipalities and cities across the United States to seek recognition as a “POW-MIA City” to help insure their national promise “No one left behind. No one forgotten.” is kept.

Mayor Lowery states, “Our dear Veterans are the cornerstone of our great city and we will never stop paying our respect and honoring the men and woman that served our country with pride, commitment and dedication. With all that being said, the City of Florissant traditionally has, and will always honor its Veterans. We have a strong Veteran community and the City of Florissant acknowledges the great sacrifices our beloved Veterans have made for all the freedoms we have today. Our City is proud to partner with the St Louis County Veterans Coalition to hold one of the biggest Veteran Day Parades in the county that includes a tribute to our Veteran of the Year. Each year we host, or sponsor numerous Patriotic Veteran events with one of our many organizations such as the VFW, American Legion, Elks, and Eagles. In May our VFW Post 4105 hosts an event called Proud to be an American where we have dedicated two Walk Through History plaques, Vietnam Veteran First Lt. Michael Blassie was originally buried in the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier until his remains were identified in 1998 and Vietnam Veteran Sgt. 1st Class Charles Prevedel whose remains were identified in 2003 and again in 2011.”

Mayor Lowery would also like to thank the VFW Post 4105 Commander Ron Scanlon who worked closely with the Mayor’s office and was very instrumental in getting all the necessary information together and making the presentation to the executive committee for their consideration.