

**POW/MIA
Observance
Held at
DDSP**





Weather reports called for wind and rain, but Friday September 15, 2000, dawned hopefully. By the time of the 11:00 AM ceremony, the sun was shining full on the assembled, a mix of Veterans and civilians, young and old, residents and visitors. Capt. Chris McKelvey, Installation Commander, was the host. BG James Pillsbury was in attendance.

Flags of the fifty states provided the backdrop as William T. Lunsford, a retired Air Force public affairs officer and Veteran of World War II spoke of three POW heroes he has known. Two of the POWs were from Vietnam and one from the Korean War. Lunsford spoke movingly of the quiet qualities of heroism.

Capt. Chris McKelvey spoke words of welcome and, with representatives of American Legion Post 143, placed a wreath at the DDC Memorial in honor of the POWs and MIAs who have sacrificed so that we all might live in freedom. LCDR Steve Thorne introduced guests and provided closing remarks. The National Anthem was sung by DDSP employee Randy Romine.