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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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## **DEFENSE DEPARTMENT FORENSICS ANALYST TO SPEAK AT MEMORIAL**

RICHMOND, Va. – Phillip O’Brien, Senior Forensics Analyst, Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office, Washington, D.C., will be the Keynote Speaker for the National POW/MIA Recognition Day Ceremony to be held at the Virginia War Memorial, 621 S. Belvidere St., Richmond, on Friday, September 18, 2009, at 10:00 a.m. Mr. O’Brien’s specialty is United States losses during the Korean War, with a focus on POWs within North Korea. His duties include work with the United States’ recoveries laboratory at Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii, and with our country’s DNA laboratory in Rockville, Maryland.

In his POW/MIA Recognition Day Proclamation Governor Tim Kaine said, “It is important for all Americans to recognize and be thankful for the sacrifices made by American soldiers and our allies in the past, present, and in the future, and on this day we remember and reflect upon all American prisoners of war and all the men and women missing in action.”

This event is free, open to the public and will be held inside the Shrine of Memory – rain or shine.

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