

Speaker Ryan: Congress to unveil commemorative chair in honor of American POW/MIA

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WASHINGTON—Tomorrow, House Speaker Paul Ryan (R-WI) and leaders of the House and Senate will unveil a commemorative chair in honor of American prisoners of war and the nearly 83,000 servicemen and women missing in action. The ceremony will be held on Wednesday, November 8, at 3:00 p.m. ET in Emancipation Hall of the Capitol Visitor Center and is open to invited guests and credentialed members of the media only. Further media guidance is below.

Participants:

House Speaker Paul Ryan (R-WI)
Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY)
House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi (D-CA)
Members of Congress

Details:

Wednesday, November 8, at 3:00 p.m. ET
Emancipation Hall, U.S. Capitol Visitor Center

Media Logistics: TV crews with equipment may access Emancipation Hall at 12:00 p.m. ET to pre-set. All equipment must be in place by 1:00 p.m. ET for the security sweep. All members of the media must contact their respective congressional media gallery should they intend to cover this event. Media must be credentialed to

attend.

House Radio-TV Correspondents' Gallery: 202-225-5214

House Press Gallery: 202-225-3945

House Periodical Press Gallery: 202-225-2941

House Photographers' Gallery: 202-224-6548

Livestream: The ceremony will be live-streamed on speaker.gov/live.

Background: Commemorative chairs have been unveiled throughout the country to serve as a reminder of America's servicemen and women held prisoner or missing in action. In accordance with Public Law 114-147, the National POW/MIA Remembrance Act, the chair dedicated on November 8 will be placed in Emancipation Hall of the United States Capitol Visitor Center. The hand-carved oak chair dates back to 1857, when it was used on the floor of the House of Representatives.