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VA WESTERN NEW YORK HEALTHCARE SYSTEM
Former Prisoners of War Recognized at VA

A ceremony to honor former Prisoners of War on National Former Prisoner of War Recognition Day will be held on Tuesday, April 9 at 1 p.m. Freedom Hall, room 301 at VA Western New York Healthcare System, 3495 Bailey Avenue in Buffalo.

On National Former Prisoner of War Recognition Day we remember the courageous individuals taken prisoner while defending our country and honor them for their extraordinary sacrifices. The date April 9 is when American and Filipino forces were surrendered in 1942. It also began their abusive treatment as prisoners of war including the notorious “Bataan Death March, “at the start of World War II.” Robert Young, VA Western New York Prisoner of War Coordinator states “This is the 71st year since the Bataan Death March and people need to remember and honor the prisoners of war whose sacrifices show the resiliency of the American spirit.”

Since World War 1, more than 142,000 Americans have been captured and interned as Prisoners of War. The public is welcome to attend this event and pay tribute to the former Prisoners of War.

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