



MEDIA ADVISORY

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VA Western New York Healthcare System hosts Prisoner of War Ceremony

- WHO:** VA Western New York Healthcare System
- WHAT:** VA Western New York Healthcare System Annual Prisoner of War Ceremony celebrating the lives and legacies of those who were prisoners of war in current and past conflicts.
- WHERE:** VA Western New York Healthcare System
3495 Bailey Ave., Buffalo, NY 14215
Freedom Hall, room 301
- WHEN:** Wednesday, April 9, 1:00 p.m.
- WHY:** 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.
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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