



POW/MIA ride a success

Monday, October 28, 2013 at 9:24 pm

On Sept. 21, 2013, Citrus County was presented with the unique opportunity to see and learn what is the real definition of a pure hero. On that day, National POW/MIA Recognition Day in Citrus County (as proclaimed by the Citrus County Board of Commissioners), Citrus County citizens came together to honor these very special men and women and their families — Prisoners of War/Missing in Action.

Spearheaded by Rolling Thunder Chapter 7 and graciously hosted by the Elks Lodge 2522, Hernando, a beautiful and solemn ceremony was dedicated to their sacrifice and memory.

Many thanks need to be made for the success of this event. Those voicing their appreciation for these heroes included Congressman Richard Nugent; David Jones, Veterans Administration; American Legion Riders 155; Commander Richard "Bud" Allen of Aaron A. Weaver Chapter 776 Military Order of the Purple Heart; Scott Adams, county commissioner; and Angela Vick, singing our national anthem.

Thanks also to ROTC of Lecanto High School, Boy Scouts of America and Dave Gresham for setting the appropriate tone with music, and to the Citrus County Chronicle for their announcements.

Thanks and gratitude also go to the Citrus County Sheriff motor patrol for the escorted ride of our special guests and riders from the fairgrounds to the grounds of the Elks Lodge, which included the newly named section of County Road 486, the "POW/MIA Highway." Thank you to J.J. Kenney and all our county commissioners for making this highway designation a reality.

The biggest and most heartfelt thanks go to our special guests — for who they are and what they did for all of us, past present and future. God bless them and God bless America.

Mary Ann Soloway

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