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(INDIANAPOLIS, March 29, 2019) -- The leader of the nation's largest veterans organization stated his "extreme displeasure" with certain members of Congress who chose to replace POW/MIA flags with transgender equality flags outside their Washington offices.

"According to several media reports, some members of Congress replaced POW/MIA flags that were displayed outside their Capitol Hill offices with Transgender Equality banners," American Legion National Commander Brett P. Reistad said. "We take no issue with members of Congress honoring additional groups, but it should be *in addition to* rather than *instead of* our heroes, many of whom made the ultimate sacrifice for our country. These servicemen and servicewomen went missing while defending all Americans. Their flags should not go missing as well. The American Legion urges that every member of Congress honor these heroes by ensuring the POW/MIA flag is properly and permanently displayed outside their offices."

With a current membership of nearly two million wartime veterans, The American Legion was founded in 1919 on the four pillars of a strong national security, veterans affairs, patriotic youth programs and Americanism. Legionnaires work for the betterment of their communities through nearly 13,000 posts worldwide. From the drafting of the original GI Bill to the creation of the Department of Veterans Affairs, The American Legion is the most influential voice for America's veterans. The American Legion, www.legion.org, will be celebrating its centennial through Veterans Day.