

"NO LONGER MISSING IN AMERICA"

(I am the "voice" of those we honor today)

***Because you care – "YOU" are here
Because the MIAP cared – "WE" are here
And Who are "WE" you ask?
"WE" are those who now have a voice
WE had no choice- we could not be heard
Because we were lost. Not in battle
Just veterans who until now went unclaimed
for years, for reasons we do not know.
But shed not your tears.
We can now put away our doubts and fears
of not being claimed, not being wanted
The MIAP heard our prayers
That is why "WE" are here at last
Forgetting the past
All those years of waiting and wondering
Will we veterans be recognized for what we were,
for what we did – and what we are?
At last we have been found
We are, because of you,
After so long, where we belong
On this hallowed ground
Joining our comrades one and all
Who heard the call
To serve this country and defend
it to the bitter end.
But, the MIAP and you have made
This a more fitting ending
So we are sending this message
as they play "taps" and we depart
to say "Thank YOU for caring"
And we again pray
That soon there will no longer be
"Missing in America" veterans in the USA.***

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