



Missing In America Project

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American Legion Conference

Gettysburg, PA

July 17 - 18, 2026

The Missing in America Project was honored to attend the 2026 Pennsylvania American Legion Conference held in Gettysburg, PA to share our mission. Representing the organization were Region 8 Coordinator Forrest Lingenfelter, Pennsylvania volunteer Ron Metros and Virginia Assistant Coordinator Rachel Schumacher.

Throughout the conference, we had the opportunity to connect with approximately 200 American Legion members from across the Commonwealth, educating attendees about the important role they can play in helping identify unclaimed veterans in their communities. Many participants expressed interest in working with MIAP to ensure that no veteran is forgotten.

The conference provided an excellent platform to highlight the impact of MIAP's work and the need for volunteers. These efforts ensure that veterans who may have gone unclaimed for years are finally laid to rest with the honor and respect they deserve.

We are grateful to the Pennsylvania American Legion for welcoming The Missing in America Project and providing the opportunity to share our mission. The conversations, connections, and support we received reaffirmed our shared commitment to honoring those who served our nation. Together, we can continue working toward a future where every veteran receives the final salute they have earned, and no hero is ever forgotten.

Respectfully submitted,

Rachel Schumacher, Virginia Assistant State Coordinator

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