

## City of La Verne

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## VFW Post 12034 presents Chair of Honor to La Verne City Council

LA VERNE, CA – At the <u>City Council meeting on Monday, May 16</u>, VFW Post 12034 Band of Brothers presented the La Verne City Council a Chair of Honor, which will permanently reside in the City Council Chambers to commemorate those that have been lost in action or taken as prisoners of war (POW). City Council concluded the presentation by adopting a commendation acknowledging the generous gift and honoring the brave men and women who have served our country.

"We are honored to accept the Chair of Honor on behalf of the City of La Verne," said Councilmember Carder. "It will serve as a message to the more than 81,000 American service members who went missing in action that they are not forgotten in La Verne."

After Post Commander Daniel Lopez opened the meeting and led VFW Post 12034 Band of Brothers' presentation to Council, VFW members gave speeches highlighting the City of La Verne's support for the military community and the sacrifices made by two La Verne residents that are missing in action (MIA) and now memorialized at the La Verne Veterans Memorial.

The Chair of Honor is to remain empty at all future Council meetings to signify those military members who are unable to be in attendance. In the event a POW or MIA military member returns home, they will be invited to sit in the Chair of Honor. As part of VFW Post 12034 Band of Brothers' request, the Chair of Honor will be moved from Council Chambers to the Veterans Memorial each year on Memorial Day and on Veterans Day.

The Chair of Honor was expertly crafted by the members of VFW Post 12034 to honor their missing comrades. The sturdy construction is made from walnut and bears the image of the POW/MIA flag on its back. VFW Post 12034 will finish their final touches in time for the public dedication to the City during the Memorial Day ceremony on Monday, May 30 at 11:00 a.m.

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