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**ANN MILLS-GRIFFITHS
Chairman of the Board**

Ann Mills-Griffiths has led the National League of POW/MIA Families since August 1, 1978, first as Executive Director and, since August 1, 2011, as Chairman of the Board, retaining CEO responsibilities within the nonprofit, 501(c)3 humanitarian organization in Washington, DC. Having stepped aside administering daily League operations, she focuses primarily on USG policy, operations, and sustaining the League's financial ability to achieve accounting objectives. At the request of the Secretary of Defense, she also serves on the Advisory Committee of the Defense Department's 50th Anniversary Vietnam War Commemoration. A member of DAR, American Legion Auxiliary, and Air Force Sergeants Association (AFSA), she is also a Life Member of the DAV and VFW Auxiliaries, and an Honorary Life Member of the Special Operations Association (SOA) and the Special Forces Association (SFA).

Since 1970, the League has fought for the return of all POWs, the fullest possible accounting for those listed as MIA, and the recovery and identification of the remains of those who died serving our nation during the Vietnam War. From 1980 through 1992, Ms. Mills-Griffiths represented the families' views as a founding member of the POW/MIA Interagency Group (IAG), the US Government's senior-level policy development mechanism for achieving accounting results in the context of developing bilateral relations with Vietnam and restoring normal bilateral relations with Laos and Cambodia. She was instrumental in setting up high level negotiations between Vietnam and the United States in 1982-83. Since then, she has continued to represent the POW/MIA families and America's missing personnel through direct contacts with US and foreign leaders.

Ms. Mills-Griffiths has led or participated in numerous delegations to Southeast Asia, meeting with senior officials in Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia and Thailand, and has met with Russian, Chinese and other diplomats and senior officials in an effort to expedite answers on Vietnam War missing. As a recognized leader on POW/MIA issues and recipient of numerous honors, she also has appeared frequently before congressional committees and sub-committees, national and international media, participated for decades in policy for a dealing with Southeast Asia, and been called on for advice and counsel by foreign nations facing their own personnel accounting issues.

CDR James B. Mills, USNR, Ms. Mills-Griffiths' brother, was listed as MIA on September 21, 1966, when the Navy F4B on which he served as Radar Intercept Officer (RIO) disappeared on a night, low-flying mission over North Vietnam. He was serving his second tour, assigned to Fighter Squadron 21, USS Coral Sea, when the F4B in which he and the pilot, CAPT James Bauder, USN, were last seen disappeared off radar. Despite uncertainty surrounding this incident, and due to nearly miraculous site discovery and sincere dedication by DPAA analysts and underwater archeologists, the remains of CAPT Bauder were recovered and identified in August, 2017, and those of CDR Mills in August, 2018. The Mills Family is deeply grateful.