

St. Paul remembers MIA-POWs at Veteran's Park



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ST. PAUL, Minn. (KMSP) - It was a poignant remembrance Friday at North St. Paul's Veteran's Park as community members and veterans joined together for National POW-MIA Recognition Day to honor Prisoners of Wars and those service members who still have never come home.

The event was organized by local business owner Angela Strong and her daughter, seventh-grader Kyra Strong.

"My father was a Vietnam vet, and I'm adopted from Panama. Had I not been adopted, I would not be here. I would not be a business owner. I would not have the freedom I do had it not been for the men and women who served our country," Angela Strong said.

Unfortunately, the cloudy weather forced the cancellation of a special red, white and blue parachute jump, but that didn't dampen the patriotic spirit.

"I just want them to remember the men and women that served," said Kyra Strong. "There are some still out there, and we need to respect that more, especially kids of my generation."

Organizers promised the former Navy Seals Parachute Team will be back for a make-up jump sometime in the future.