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### **NATIONAL FORMER PRISONER OF WAR RECOGNITION DAY**

April 9, 2004 has been designated as “National Former Prisoner Of War Recognition Day.” The William S. Middleton Memorial Veterans Hospital of Madison, on behalf of the Department of Veterans Affairs, will be conducting a program in observance of this day at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, April 9<sup>th</sup> in the hospital auditorium, according to Allen R. Ackers, Acting Director.

“We at the hospital are anxious to pay tribute to America’s former prisoners of war and their families in recognition of their special sacrifices,” Ackers said.

This year the guest speakers will be two former prisoners of war speaking about their personal experiences.

John A. Scocos, Secretary, Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs, will also provide remarks and present a Proclamation from Wisconsin Governor Jim Doyle proclaiming April 9, 2004, as Prisoners of War Remembrance Day in Wisconsin.

All former prisoners of war in attendance will be recognized during the program. Veterans, their family members and the public are encouraged to attend this program.

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