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Dean Logan's Blog: Military Law Society Salutes Veterans, Talks Careers with JAG Lawyers

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One of the most active student groups on campus is the Military Law Society (MILLAW), and two recent events underscored their high visibility in the building. The first was a career panel, cosponsored by MILLAW, the Maritime Law Society, and our Office of Career Development, which brought to campus military lawyers from the Navy, Army, Air Force, Marines, and Coast Guard. Joining the panel was a representative from the Department of the Navy’s Defense Institute of International Legal Studies (DIILS).

Students were exposed to the different areas of law that each branch focuses on and learned about the opportunities available in the military to practice law. Panelists talked about their respective career paths, their service’s judge advocate ascension programs and ability to specialize in an area of law, and each services’ culture. The panelists answered a number of questions posed by the student body, both during and after the event.

From left to right: Staff Sergeant Todd Rose (’15); Garrett Borrosh (’15); Josh Savelkoul (’16); Alison Bittl (’15); Lieutenant Kristen Anastos, USN; Captain Paul Shea, USA; Commander Scotch Perdue, USN; Commander Mike Fazio, USCG; Captain David Lee, USMC; Major Lee Waters, USAF; First Lieutenant Tunde Adepegba (’14); Career Development Dean Veronica Paricio, First Lieutenant Elizabeth McNamara (’14).
MILLAW also spearheaded the recognition of Veterans Day in the School of Law. While last year was a high visibility event, featuring both United States Senators [http://law.rwu.edu/blog/student-group-celebrates-veterans-day-hosting-dignitaries-honoring-rwu-armed-forces-connection](http://law.rwu.edu/blog/student-group-celebrates-veterans-day-hosting-dignitaries-honoring-rwu-armed-forces-connection), this year focused on the plight of POWs and MIAs, with a stark tableau reminding us not to forget those left behind.

![Image of Meaning of the POW Table]

**Meaning of the POW Table**

It is for you. This table is our way of symbolizing that members of our profession of arms are missing from our midst. They are commonly called POWs or MIA’s. we call them heroes.

They are unable to be with us today and so we remember them.

We unity not for one occasion, but symbolize the pride of our profession against foes aggression.

The white cloth is a symbol of the purity of their sacrifice.

The single red rose, placed on the table, represents the life of each of the missing, as the loved ones and friends of those individuals who they die, missing and missing.

The cross is tied with a white ribbon, symbol of our continued determination in accord with our missing.

A wreath of flowers on the folded flag is a symbol of the love and grief of their captured and missing in foreign land.

A patch of red symbolizes the redemptive love of those missing and those families who each answer.

The table is covered, as symbol of their sacrifice to those today’s war.

The chair is empty, they are missing.

*Remember* all of you who serve with them and called them comrades, who depended on their might and dad, and relied on them, for surely, they have not forgotten you.
SGT Bowe Robert Bergdahl
US Army

The Only Current POW from the Global War on Terrorism

- Born: March 28, 1986
- Home Town: Sun Valley, Idaho
- Entered into service in 2004 (US Army)
- National Guard, Idaho
- Deployed with 3rd Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment, 10th Mountain Division in Afghanistan, Afghanistan with the 1st Platoon, 2nd Platoon, 3rd Platoon
- Missing: June 30, 2009
- Confirmed Captured: July 14, 2009
- Released to the Taliban after a swap of prisoners in May 2014
- Returned to full duty in the military

Bowe Bergdahl's capture was widely condemned, and the US government's handling of the situation was criticized. The Taliban's release of Bergdahl in exchange for the release of hundreds of Taliban prisoners was seen as a significant concession by the US government.

- Global War Theatre: 1
- Vietnam: 1,405
- Cold War: 28
- Korean: 7,720
- Iraq: 7,092

The story of Bowe Bergdahl and his captivity and release continues to be a topic of interest and discussion in the United States and around the world.