

## SEPTEMBER 16 12:00 PM

HARNETT COUNTY
RESOURCE CENTER &
LIBRARY TRAINING
ROOM

455 McKinney Parkway, Lillington

## **REGISTER NOW**

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## POW/MIA REMEMBERANCE DAY

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Join Harnett County Veterans Services for a POW/MIA Remembrance Day program to remember and honor those Americans who were prisoners of war and those who served and never returned home. During the program, Major Jose J. Anzaldua, Jr. will tell his story of being a Prisoner of War in Southeast Asia after he was captured in South Vietnam on January 23, 1970. This program is free and registration is required. Program may not be suitable for all audiences.





## **ABOUT MAJOR JOSE ANZALDUA**

Jose Anzaldua enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps on June 11, 1968, and completed basic training in August 1968. Pvt Anzaldua then received infantry training and replacement company training at MCB Camp Pendleton, California, from August to December 1968, followed by Vietnamese language training at the Presidio of Monterey,

California, from December 1968 to March 1969. His next assignment was as a Squad Leader and Infantry Scout with Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment of the 1st Marine Division in South Vietnam from March 1969 until he was captured and taken as a Prisoner of War on January 23, 1970. After spending 1,160 days in captivity, Sqt Anzaldua was released during Operation Homecoming on March 27, 1973. He was briefly hospitalized to recover from his injuries at the U.S. Naval Hospital at Camp Pendleton, followed by Officer Candidate School at MCB Quantico, Virginia, from March 1974 until he was commissioned a 2d Lt in the Marine Corps on December 20, 1974. Anzaludua continued to serve in the Marine Corps rising in rank to Major. In his final duty station, Anzaludua served as a Motor Transport Officer with the Logistics Department at Camp Lejuene from August 1988 until his retirement from the Marine Corps on October 1, 1992.

