

U.S. Congressman

**Nick Rahall**

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**RAHALL ADDRESSES VETERANS**

**DEMANDS U.S. PLAY HARDBALL FOR FINAL ANSWER ON MIAS/POWS**

WASHINGTON, DC -- U.S. Rep. Nick Rahall will address the 1992 American Legion's State Convention at the Gateway Holiday Inn at 9:00am in Barboursville, W.Va. on Saturday, July 11, 1992. Rahall's remarks will focus on the issue of American MIAs and POWs whereabouts and other issues.

Recent statements, including those of Russian President Boris Yeltsin, have raised the issue of MIAs and POWs whereabouts, suggesting some may still be surviving.

Rahall will call for a final answer to the whereabouts of American service personnel in his address Saturday, the issue he states "has been ignored, it has been ridiculed, it has been glamorized in movies, and now it has become a political football." Rahall said, "It is time we played hardball with those who think information on our MIAs and POWs is part of some guessing game. Their families and friends, their comrades in arms, and the people of this country, deserve an answer."

The Congressman's remarks also target the Nation's domestic agenda calling for the the development of a strong infrastructure, a federal job's bill, and will discuss the U.S. House of Representatives' move yesterday to transfer \$2.6 billion from the foreign aid budget to the nation's highway and other transportation needs.

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