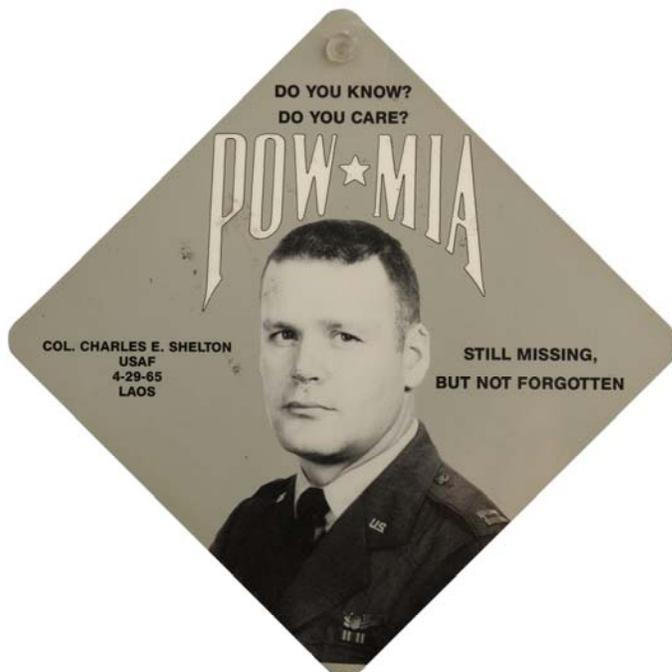


Window Decal, POW - MIA, ca. 1990



Found at the Kentucky Vietnam Veterans Memorial, this sign calls attention to the American casualties and prisoners who did not come home. The man pictured is Colonel Charles E. Shelton of Owensboro, Kentucky, an F-101 Voodoo pilot, shot down over Laos in April 1965 during a reconnaissance mission. Word came that Shelton, after evading capture for three days, became a P.O.W. No further explanation developed; he was listed as a prisoner of war for twenty-nine years. Shelton was the last Vietnam-era prisoner of war officially declared killed in action.

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