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This Memorial Day, Don't Forget to Remember

It is almost Memorial Day, a holiday that has become synonymous with a long weekend, cookouts, parades, and local fairs. While we spend time celebrating with friends and family, it is important not to forget the reason that we all come together on the last weekend in May.

Memorial Day began as Decoration Day, borne out of the Civil War as a way to remember those who died in service to our country. Officially proclaimed on May 5, 1868 by General John Logan, "The 30th of May, 1868, is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers, or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village and hamlet churchyard in the land."

Over one hundred years later, Congress approved the Uniform Monday Holiday Act in 1971, setting the day of remembrance on the last Monday of May. Today, Memorial Day is celebrated with an annual ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery and local observances around the nation.

Of the well over one million American veterans who lost their lives in service to their country, Wisconsin vets make up approximately 25,000. These brave men and women made the ultimate sacrifice serving in conflicts from the Civil War to the present day.

This Memorial Day weekend, I encourage you to set some time aside to visit one of the numerous local memorial sites in your area to pay your respects and honor all of our fallen soldiers. The following veterans' memorials are located within the 13th Senate District:

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13th Senate District Memorial Sites

94th Infantry Division Rest Area, Johnson Creek, WI
American Legion Post #190 Plaque & Flagpole, Local Municipal Cemetery, Reeseville, WI
Bicentennial Memorial, City Hall, Watertown, WI
Bristol Veterans Memorial, West of Bristol Town Hall, Bristol, WI
Cannon Site Veterans Memorial, Theresa, WI
Civil War Memorial, Cambridge, WI
Civil War Monument, Main St., Mayville, WI
Fallen Soldiers Monument, Hustisford, WI
GAR Veterans Monument, Village Memorial Cemetery, Lowell, WI
Grand Army of the Republic Memorial, Across from City Hall, Columbus, WI
Granite Monument, Fire Department Triangle, Ashippun, WI
Iron Ridge Firemen's Park, Iron Ridge, WI
Juneau Memorial, Juneau Cemetery, Juneau, WI
Korea-Vietnam and World War I Monument, City Park, Oconomowoc, WI
Rock Lake Cemetery, Lake Mills, WI
Signal Flag Memorial, Hartford, WI
Triangle Park Memorial, Horicon, WI
Veterans Memorial Circle and WWI Cannon, Fireman's Park, Waterloo, WI
Veterans Memorial Park S 3rd St., Watertown, WI
Veterans Memorial Park, Beaver Dam, WI
Veterans Memorial Park, DeForest, WI
Veteran's Memorial Park, Johnson Creek, WI
Veterans Memorial Park, Oconomowoc, WI
Veterans Monument, City Park, Lake Mills, WI
Veterans Park, Hartford, WI
Vietnam Veterans Memorial, Main & W. Wisconsin, Hartford, WI
Waterloo Veterans Memorial, Downtown Waterloo, WI
Watertown Veterans Memorial, Municipal Building, Watertown, WI
World War II Veterans Stone Plaque, Oakhill Cemetery, Horicon, WI

Find the closest site to you and plan your weekend trip with an interactive map of all of these sites on my website: www.senatorfitzgerald.com/press-releases/memorialday/
For those residing outside the 13th Senate District, the Wisconsin Veterans Museum has a comprehensive list of over 200 memorial locations statewide.

No matter how you choose to celebrate this Memorial Day, don't forget to remember those who have served.

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