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HEBL DELIVERS STATE & AMERICAN FLAGS TO KOREAN WAR VETERAN AND SUN PRAIRIE GOLF COURSE OWNER FOR 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE COURSE'S OPENING

MADISON - State Representative Gary Hebl (D-Sun Prairie) delivered a State and American flag that were flown over the Wisconsin State Capitol Monday to Sun Prairie native, Korean War Veteran and owner of Sun Prairie Golf Course Leon Veith in honor of the 25th anniversary of the Golf Course's opening.

"Leon Veith has served our country and our community for many decades," Hebl said on delivering the flags. "I am proud to honor Leon as a community leader and so pleased that the Sun Prairie Golf Course has thrived for 25 years."

After graduating from Sun Prairie High School in 1948, Veith went to UW-Platteville for school and to play football. But the Cold War had other plans for him.

While he said he could have received a deferment from service as a result of his involvement in athletics, Veith said he decided to go into service after his number came up in the draft in 1950. He was in Korea until only 3 or 4 days after the war ended, and then returned home to Sun Prairie.

Veith served in the Army's 15th Heavy Tank Battalion, which is a part of the 3rd Infantry Division in the Korean War.

"We were the mainline of resistance for 11 months," Veith said of his service. "We got shot at just about every night."

Veith said the flags really means something to him not only because of his service in the military, but because "the American flag is an important symbol of our country."

"It should mean a lot to everyone who lives in this country," said Veith, who plans to fly the flags at the Sun Prairie Golf Course this summer.

After returning home from Korea, Veith said he worked as a dairy farmer and then began selling insurance. Then in December of 1982, Veith bought Sun Prairie Golf

Course, and opened for business in the spring of 1983. He and his wife Dawn, who are celebrating their 54th wedding anniversary this month, have three sons, all of whom are involved in the business: David, Steven and Mark.

Veith said that he was grateful to have the opportunity to return home after his experience in Korea.

"I love Sun Prairie," he said. "I am always glad to come back to Wisconsin and all my ties are here. ... I've been in Sun Prairie all my life and if I can do business with someone in Sun Prairie I do it here. I don't know of any place that I'd rather be."

American Flags and Wisconsin State Flags may be purchased from the Assembly Chief Clerk's Office. To contact the Clerk's office about purchasing a flag, please call (608) 266-1501.

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