**Memorial Day**

The last Monday of May is designated as “Memorial Day” which is a federal holiday where schools, government buildings, and even the mail service are closed as a tribute to our fallen heroes and those we have lost that have impacted our lives. Many may just consider this as a day off work, but there is a much deeper meaning.

As we gather with our loved ones for this year’s Memorial Day Weekend, please remember the meaning of the day. Memorial Day, also known as “Decoration Day,” is a day to commemorate veterans who have made the ultimate sacrifice defending our nation.

Typically there are parades across the nation, grill outs in the warm weather, and boating on the pristine lakes of Wisconsin. While these activities are fun and good, they are not the foundation of why Memorial Day exists. Understanding why the day exists in the first place is mightily important in comprehending the ultimate sacrifice paid for by the bravest men and women in our nation.

There are many things you can do to participate in remembering and honoring our heroes. Many of us will be spending time with our loved ones, however, take some time out of your three day weekend to remember those we have lost. Some things we can still do include writing to those currently serving, cards of thanks and encouragement, taking a moment of silence and teaching our kids the value of our freedom.

Thank you to all the men and women who have given their life to ensure our freedom and to all those who are currently serving in our Armed Forces. Your sacrifices do not go unnoticed and we will be eternally grateful for the preservation of our freedom.

As always, feel free to contact my office with questions, comments, or concerns at Rep.Pronschinske@legis.wi.gov.

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