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Commemorating Those Who Have Given Their Life Defending Our Freedom

This Monday, May 27th, 2019 is a day to remember those who have given their life in all branches of the United States Military defending our great nation.

Nobody is completely certain as to where Memorial Day originated, but the holiday dates back all the way to the Civil War era. Memorial Day is a federal holiday held on the last Monday in the month of May. At its beginning, formerly named 'Decoration Day,' was to honor those who lost their life fighting specifically in the American Civil War. But after World War I, the holiday evolved to include all wars that American soldiers have given their life in.

Memorial Day is a day to recognize and remember those who have served our nation protecting our freedoms that we take for granted. It is important to remember that freedom is not free and that we should honor all the men and women who have been laid to rest protecting our liberties.

There is a project that the University of Wisconsin-Madison assists the United States Department of Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency through the Missing in Action (MIA) Recovery and Identification Project. It is a great way for the State of Wisconsin to help find our soldiers. There have been a multitude of success stories due to the outstanding efforts through the MIA Recovery and Identification Project which can be found here:
<https://www.biotech.wisc.edu/missing-in-action>.

Over the years, the tradition of Memorial Day has become more of a three day weekend rather than being a day of remembrance. Even if you are out of town for the long weekend, there are memorials across the state that I encourage you to attend.

I hope that family, friends, and neighbors are able to come together to honor those members of our military who have courageously given their life to protect our great nation. I know that there will be many communities throughout our state hosting parades, events, and individuals visiting cemeteries where soldiers are buried. Thank you to all who have served or are currently serving.

As always, feel free to contact my office with questions, comments, or concerns.

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