



Senator Herb Kohl

United States Senator for Wisconsin



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This Monday, across Wisconsin, cities will stage parades and small towns will host services. American flags will be flown from porches and red poppies will decorate lapels. War widows and families will tell stories and visit cemetery sites. Friends and comrades will lay flowers and mementos. Others will take time alone to reflect on memories they have of earlier and happier times with their loved ones who honorably served our country.

Memorial Day is a time for people across the United States to remember our fallen heroes who died in service to our country. According to the Veterans Administration, “the National Moment of Remembrance encourages all Americans to pause wherever they are at 3 p.m. local time on Memorial Day for a minute of silence to remember and honor those who have died in service to the nation.”

The loss of a loved one in battle is heartbreaking and shocking, and the news sends a shock wave throughout the community. Memorial Day is a time when the entire nation comes together to remember the sacrifice these men and women made to our country and offer support and comfort to family members and friends.

I am going to spend Memorial Day reflecting on their sacrifice and my gratitude to all of our nation’s deceased veterans. Our nation has known loss of service members since the Revolutionary War and we have a long history of selfless military service members willing to risk their lives to protect ours. The Army is coming up on their 237th birthday and I recently participated in a [video](#) to be shown to our troops overseas letting them know that they have not been forgotten. I hope we can all take this day to show our appreciation of their service and remember the sacrifice made by those who didn’t return home.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Herb Kohl".

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