

## Honoring Our Aging Veterans

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***Sen. Kathleen Vinehout writes about the importance of honoring Wisconsin veterans by providing quality care at our state veterans' homes and the work the LAB did to investigate staffing problems and maintenance issues at the King Veteran home in Waupaca.***

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ALMA, WI - "How are things at our veterans' homes?" the Korean War vet asked me at a forum on veterans' issues. The man was particularly concerned about what he heard about care at our Veterans Homes.

Veterans issues are personal for so many, including my family. Both my parents were veterans. My nephew serves now. My dad was a medic who flew rescue missions into Korea. Like so many, his experiences haunted him. He never talked about the trauma until he was dying.

On July 27th, we will celebrate the 65th anniversary of Korean War Armistice Day. Wisconsin is required by law to issue a proclamation for the observation of this day, asking the public to contemplate the sacrifices members of the U.S. Armed Forces made during the Korean War.

This commemoration, and a similar recognition for Vietnam Veterans Day on March 29th, exists because of the efforts of Alan Wright and many others who worked with me in 2009 to establish these important commemorations.

