

Democratic Radio - "Commemorating Memorial Day"

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MADISON – Senator Tim Carpenter offered the following Democratic Weekly Radio address today commemorating Memorial Day.

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The audio file of this week's address can be found here:

<http://media2.legis.wisconsin.gov/multimedia/Sen03/carpenterradio5.26.16.mp3>

A written transcript of the address is below:



"Hi, this is State Senator Tim Carpenter. This coming Monday, May 30th we observe Memorial Day. Its history began after the Civil War in 1868 - then known as Decoration Day - to decorate the graves of the war dead with flowers.

"Since the Civil War, approximately 1.4 million Americans have been killed serving their country in defending our personal freedom and liberties. Three months ago, I paid my respects to the 9,387 heroes buried at American Soldier's Cemetery in Normandy, France. It's a haunting feeling standing on the sands of Omaha Beach, where the D-Day landing took place, contemplating what those courageous American Soldiers suffered for us."

"As the ranking member of the Senate Committee on Veteran's Affairs, I firmly believe we can't turn our backs on our veterans after all the sacrifices they and their families have endured. Please, take a moment this Memorial Day to remember those veterans who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our country. Fly an American flag, decorate a veteran's grave or say a prayer for our service men and women.

"And every day remember to thank and shake the hand of every veteran you meet!"