VETERANS DAY Honoring All Who Served

Dear Illinois Legionnaires;

The American Legion Illinois veterans deserve our utmost honor, respect, and remembrance. They dedicated their lives to protect our country, freedom, and others around the world. While we can never do enough for these brave men and women, small tokens of appreciation can go a long way in honoring them and showing younger generations the impact our veterans have on the fabric of our country and our lives.

To show our appreciation for our veterans and their sacrifices, the Illinois Senate Republican Caucus is showcasing their legacy of service. This year, we are encouraging everyone across the state to submit a photograph and written story of any veteran, which will be displayed on the Veterans Day "Wall of Honor" in the Capitol Rotunda from November 4 to November 15. With Veterans Day November 11, it's a perfect opportunity to tell the amazing stories of our heroes to those who visit our State Capitol. This is the fourth year this display has been featured in the Capitol. To learn more about the "Wall of Honor" please click on the following video link: <u>https://youtu.be/ovxa810wYYA</u>.

Would you and the American Legion of Illinois be willing to help us publicize this effort by sending the information to your members and encouraging them to submit their name, his/her story, and photograph. We have included a flier below and attached it as well to help you publicize this initiative.

Here are the details:

Please email a photo and written story (max: 250 words) along with the following information: name, military branch (Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marine Corps, National Guard, Navy) and conflict served (Afghanistan, Iraq, September 11, Gulf War, Vietnam, Korea, WWII, WWI, Peacetime, other). Military photos are preferred but not necessary.

Please email submissions to **veteransday@sgop.ilga.gov** by November 3. Submissions can also be mailed to Veterans Day Wall, 309 G Statehouse, Springfield, IL 62706. For questions, please call (217) 782-7330.

A special thanks to you and the American Legion of Illinois for all you do to support veterans. This will be a touching tribute to our veterans and their families.

Thank you for your help!

Drake Claxton

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THANK YOU FOR PARTICIPATING AS WE HONOR OUR BRAVE SERVICE MEMBERS.