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Rep. Skowronski Highlights Success of Honor Flights

MADISON... Today, Representative Ken Skowronski (R-Franklin), Chairman of the Assembly Committee on Veterans and Military Affairs joined a group of legislators, volunteers from Badger Honor Flights, Vietnam veterans, and the Secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs to highlight the tremendous success that Honor Flights has had for veterans in Wisconsin.

Skowronski was joined by legislators, Secretary Daniel Zimmerman of the Wisconsin department of Veterans Affairs and Vietnam War veterans. Recently, all 6 regions of Wisconsin Honor Flights began flying Vietnam Era veterans to the war memorial in Washington D.C.

"As Memorial Day approaches, this is a great opportunity to highlight the amazing success the Honor Flight program has been in helping our veterans experience the memorials that have been erected in their honor at our nation's Capital," Skowronski said. "These flights provide a once in a life time opportunity for our veteran as well as helps highlight the sacrifice of these brave men and women.

"I'm proud to have been a volunteer honor guard for the honor flights and joined thousands of other individuals in send offs and welcome home events."

Today Badger Honor Flights, which serves veterans in the Madison Area have flown 2,285 veterans to DC. Milwaukee area Stars and Stripes Honor Flights has flown 4,907 local veterans to Washington D.C. since 2008.

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More information about Badger Honor Flights can be found on <u>their website</u>

Video of the event can be found on Rep. Skowronski's Facebook Page