

# Rep. Hebl: Our actions are how we honor veterans

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Veterans Day provides an opportunity for American to express our gratitude and to honor the men and women who have served in the United States Armed Forces, defending our country at home and abroad.

Honoring veterans should mean more than just saying “thank you” on a couple of holidays each year. We honor veterans by providing them and their families with the necessary programs and assistance to make sure that they can more successfully transition to civilian life. We have too many veterans who do not have access to support services, leaving them unemployed or even homeless. For the richest country in the world, this is unacceptable. We must do more for people who voluntarily put their lives on the line for their country. They make sacrifices for their country; their country should make sacrifices for them.

I have introduced legislation that would increase the number of veterans who would qualify for additional retirement credits under the Wisconsin Retirement System. This session we passed a bipartisan bill that would ensure that National Guard members will be reimbursed the full cost of tuition under the Wisconsin National Guard Tuition Grant program.

I will continue to work with veteran’s organizations, constituents, and my legislative colleagues to ensure we have the psychological, emotional, and financial resources available so our women and men returning from combat have the ability to find the assistance and support they deserve.

I encourage everyone to take an active approach and to find opportunities to volunteer for organizations serving veterans. Please visit [volunteermatch.com](https://volunteermatch.com) to find various ways you can help. Finding a more active way to express our gratitude is something for which we should all strive.