

U.S. Rep. Kind: Celebrates Flag Day by honoring life of World War II veteran

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Prescott – Today, U.S. Rep Ron Kind celebrated Flag Day by presenting the family of the late Bob Garber with a flag flown over the United States Capitol, in honor of Bob’s life and service to our country.

Bob Garber was born in Trempealeau, Wisc., and served in World War II. He was stationed in Oak Ridge Tennessee, and was an engineer on the Manhattan Project team, helping to produce the first nuclear weapons. Rep. Kind met with Bob at his home in Prescott in 2011 to interview him for the Veterans History Project at the Library of Congress, and learned more about his time serving and the challenges he faced while working on the historic Manhattan Project. He passed away in January of this year.

“Bob’s smile and smarts are missed, but his legacy of service lives on,” said Rep. Ron Kind. “I am thankful that I had the opportunity to meet Bob and interview him for the Veteran’s History Project, and am honored to present this flag to the Garber family in his memory. I hope that every time someone sees this flag, they think of Bob and his dedication to Wisconsin and our great country.”

In 2000, Rep. Kind authored, and Congress unanimously passed, legislation creating the Veterans History Project, which has since allowed 100,000 veterans to record their stories and preserve them in the Library of Congress for future generations. To

learn more about the project or the American Folklife Center/Veterans History Project, visit: www.loc.gov/vets.

Rep. Kind's office is available to help facilitate the purchase of an American flag. The flags can include a dedicated message and be flown over the U.S. Capitol. More information can be found by visiting his website: www.kind.house.gov.