

U.S. Rep. Kind: Statement on the observation of National Vietnam War Veterans Day

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La Crosse – Tomorrow, the country will come together to observe National Vietnam War Veterans Day. U.S. Rep. Ron Kind released the following statement:

“Today and every day, we honor the service and sacrifice of Wisconsin’s Vietnam War Veterans. Many of our Vietnam Veterans were treated poorly when they returned home, and we need to continue to rectify that,” said Rep. Ron Kind. “All of our Servicemembers and Veterans have earned and deserve our upmost respect. National Vietnam War Veterans Day is another important way to honor the brave men and women who defend our freedoms.”

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

Last week, Rep. Kind sat down with Eugene Brown, a World War II Veteran living in Viroqua, to record his story for the Veteran’s History Project. Recording a story is easy, and can be done with the help of the Library of Congress’s Folklife Center. The center has prepared questions, step-by-step instructions for audio and video-interviews, and more information on submitting original photographs and

documents from the Veteran. Wisconsinites can visit loc.gov/vets or kind.house.gov for more information.

Rep. Kind's office is open and ready to serve those who served. His talented staff of caseworkers can assist Veterans in: accessing education benefits, Veterans health care benefits, replacing lost medals earned, attaining medals earned, obtaining disability compensation, and liaising with the VA, among other issues. Veterans may call 1-888-442-8040, or visit www.kind.house.gov.