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Milton Veteran, Activist to be Named Assembly ‘Hometown Hero’

MADISON – The Wisconsin State Assembly will recognize Kimberly Graff from Milton, WI as a “Hometown Hero” at the upcoming Assembly session on May 15th.

Graff, who served in Australia and the South Pacific as a chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear defense specialist in the U.S. Marine Corps, was nominated by her State Representative, Don Vruwink (D-Milton), for her continued service to her country and community. Her time in the military earned her the title of 2018 Wisconsin Woman Veteran of the Year. Graff now serves as a member of the National Guard.

When both Graff and her husband served as Marines, she saw firsthand the shortcomings in child placement and visitation laws when a parent is deployed to active duty. Seeing this, she formed an advocacy group called “Protecting Military Families in Wisconsin,” which aims to educate and assist military families in their unique challenges.

“Kimberly is an inspiring member of her community and a fantastic role model,” said Assembly Majority Leader Jim Steineke (R-Kaukauna), who selected Graff to receive the award. “I am proud to have her continued service – both to our nation and to military families throughout Wisconsin – be recognized by the Assembly.”

The Wisconsin State Assembly sees giving back to the community as one of the most valuable characteristics one can have. The Assembly Hometown Heroes program seeks to identify and recognize individuals from around the state who give of themselves to make a difference in our communities and in the lives of those around them. Hometown Hero Award winners are invited and introduced as a special guest at an Assembly floor session and given the opportunity to speak.

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