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Media Advisory

Lawmakers to Introduce Bipartisan Legislation to Bring Missing-in-Action Service Members Home

On Thursday, a bipartisan group of legislators will introduce a bill to help find and repatriate the remains of the more than 1,500 Wisconsin Service Members still Missing-in-Action since World War II.

The bill ensures that as many Wisconsinites as possible are reunited with their loved ones by providing new funds to the UW Missing-in-Action Recovery and Identification Project (UW MIARIP) to assist with the recovery, identification, and repatriation specifically of Wisconsin MIA Service Members.

Since Pearl Harbor, approximately 80,000 U.S. Service Members across the globe, including more than 1,500 from Wisconsin, are still reported as MIA. With a multi-year backlog in locating the remains of these MIAs, and many WWII, Korean, and Vietnam-era family members advancing in age, time is of the essence.

Credentialed members of the media are invited to attend.

Event details:

Milwaukee County War Memorial Center
750 N. Lincoln Memorial Drive
Milwaukee
Thursday, Sept. 5
10:30 a.m.

Co-authors include:

Rep. Ken Skowronski (R-Franklin)
Rep. Christine Sinicki (D-Milwaukee)
Sen. Roger Roth (R-Appleton)
Sen. Dale Kooyenga (R-Brookfield)
Sen. Fred Risser (D-Madison)
Sen. Mark Miller (D-Monona)

Also in attendance will be: the Department of Veterans Affairs; Veterans Afield UA; Wisconsin Hero Outdoors; Dr. Gregg Jamison, UW MIARIP primary investigator and lead archaeologist; and Dr. Chris Bradfield, director of the UW Biotechnology Center.

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