

## Democratic Radio - "Commemorating Memorial Day"

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MADISON – Senator Tim Carpenter offered the following Democratic Weekly Radio address today commemorating Memorial Day.

**"As the ranking member of the Senate Committee on Veteran's Affairs, I firmly believe we can't turn our backs on our veterans after all the sacrifices they and their families have endured. Please, take a moment this Memorial Day to remember those veterans who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our country." - Sen. Tim Carpenter**

The audio file of this week's address can be found here:

<http://media2.legis.wisconsin.gov/multimedia/Sen03/carpenterradio5.26.16.mp3>

A written transcript of the address is below:



*"Hi, this is State Senator Tim Carpenter. This coming Monday, May 30th we observe Memorial Day. Its history began after the Civil War in 1868 - then known as Decoration Day - to decorate the graves of the war dead with flowers.*

*"Since the Civil War, approximately 1.4 million Americans have been killed serving their country in defending our personal freedom and liberties. Three months ago, I paid my respects to the 9,387 heroes buried at American Soldier's Cemetery in Normandy, France. It's a haunting feeling standing on the sands of Omaha Beach, where the D-Day landing took place, contemplating what those courageous American Soldiers suffered for us."*

*"As the ranking member of the Senate Committee on Veteran's Affairs, I firmly believe we can't turn our backs on our veterans after all the sacrifices they and their families have endured. Please, take a moment this Memorial Day to remember those veterans who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our country. Fly an American flag, decorate a veteran's grave or say a prayer for our service men and women.*

*"And every day remember to thank and shake the hand of every veteran you meet!"*