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Dear Senator:

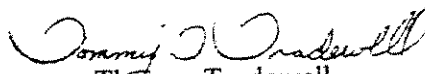
As the state commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, I am writing you on behalf of our members to ask for your support for a bill in the State Legislature that would establish a Military Funeral Honors Program.

In the next 10 years, there will be approximately 12,000 veterans' deaths annually in Wisconsin. Although veterans have earned a final tribute at their funerals, the resources of state veterans' organizations and military units in Wisconsin are not able to meet the increased demand for military burial honors.

Legislative initiative (SB 258) would establish a Military Funeral Honors Program, which is modeled after a very successful program in Missouri. If enacted, then legislation will give the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs the authority to coordinate a program that uses National Guard members and local units of state veterans' organizations to provide military honors at veterans' funerals. The State Adjutant General will have the authority to activate Guard members to provide military honors at funerals, and the WDVA will reimburse the local veterans' groups up to \$50 per funeral.

I urge you and your colleagues to support this important legislation for veterans. Your continued support of veterans is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully,


Thomas Tradewell
State Commander
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