Veterans Day dinner

Legislation introduced to keep historic military vehicles on road

Representative Ted Zigmunt (D-Francis Creek) announced last week that he has introduced legislation based on the recommendations of a local vehicle collector, Jeff Rowsam from the Second Assembly District. The legislation would ensure that privately owned historic military vehicles, many of which are owned by veterans, could still be driven in important public events like Memorial Day, Veterans Day and Fourth of July parades.

"Jeff brought to my attention new state regulations that threaten the ability of military vehicle collectors, many of whom are veterans, to register and drive their historic vehicles," Zigmunt said. "This is clearly an issue that is very important to many collectors like Jeff and other enthusiasts across the state."

For private collectors, veterans and their families, the preservation, restoration, and public display of historic military vehicles is not just a hobby, but an obligation to share living history.

With increasing numbers of many types of off-road recreational vehicles, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation has taken steps to restrict the registration of "non-standard" vehicles operating on public highways. This threatens the ability of historic military vehicle enthusiasts to share their historic equipment with the public. Zigmunt's legislation would allow historic military vehicles to be licensed similarly to other antique vehicles, allowing them in parades and special public events.

"This is the first time that I've made a request to a legislator, and working together, it resulted in needed legislation being introduced," Rowsam said. "It has been a great experience working with Rep. Zigmunt on this issue. We really can work for change. Citizens and their legislators can make a difference".

"Listening to the residents of the Second Assembly District is the most important part of my job," Zigmunt said. "Jeff's efforts prove that some of the best ideas come from listening to citizens."

Happy Thanksgiving.

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