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A Day To Honor Those Who Served

Happy Fall Everyone,

This past week we commemorated **Veterans Day** on November 11th, as well as the 246th birthday of the **Marine Corps** on November 10th! Since 1775, Marines have been at the forefront of protecting our democracy and our freedoms. I am a proud Marine (as many of you already know), and my husband served in the Army and my son is currently serving in the Navy. My eternal gratitude to my fellow Veterans and to those who continue to serve in our Armed Forces today.

This year, The City of Aurora celebrated and honored our Veterans with a special ceremony inside of City Hall. As a women Veteran, and the only Marine Veteran in the Illinois General Assembly, I was a part of the group of extraordinary women Veterans whose service to this nation is not always fully well known. Women Veterans from all branches of the military were able to share their stories and experiences about their time serving our country. This year marks the 35th anniversary of the bill signed in DC that created the National Women's Veterans Memorial.

I was incredibly humbled to stand by Ms. Celcilia Lopez Layva, the mother of fallen U.S. Marine Cpl Sara Medina, as she represented her daughter with the other women Veterans in the grand march group this year. Cpl Medina was killed in 2015 while on duty in Nepal, India. We must always remember our Gold Star families everyday and the ultimate sacrifice so many have given for our country.

I also continue to urge Congress to support the General Assembly's resolution (SJR34) calling for Veterans of the Korean War to be eligible for Congressional medals as well as other heroes. Though it has become known as the forgotten war, there are many Veterans who deserved to be recognized for their service during that conflict. We haven't forgotten nor will we ever forget about their sacrifices to our state and country.

And as the month goes on let's not forget that it's National Veterans and Military Families Month! We are a proud military family. This month the Defense Department recognizes that military families have important roles to play in supporting a strong and ready force.

I can't believe we're already almost halfway done with November! Pretty soon, we'll be seeing blankets of snow and colder temperatures arrive. If you or a neighbor are having issues with obtaining heat, do not hesitate to call my district office and we will be able to assist you.

Lastly, I want to thank all the local high school students for donating Veterans Day cards to my district office. In total we had well over 250 cards! These cards are a reminder to our amazing vets that they have not been forgotten and that their sacrifices and service are appreciated and celebrated by our youth.

I hope you all had a wonderful first couple weeks of November. Turkey day is right around the corner! This year Thanksgiving falls on **Thursday, November 25th**. No matter what is going on in your life, there is always something to be thankful for.

Best Regards and stay safe,

Stephani



P.S. Dont forget to drop off a new, unwrapped toy for Toy's for Tots at my office. We had an overflowing box last year, and this year they dropped off two boxes. Let's fill them to the brim. Our office is at 1677 Montgomery Road - between the dentist and the florist.

Thank you so much!!

Veto Session

At the end of October, legislators were in Springfield during Veto Session. It was a group effort to pass important legislation. I am particularly proud of **HB 0359**. I was the primary sponsor and It passed in both chambers. The bill requires the Department of Veterans' Affairs to create a Veterans' Accountability Unit. This unit will be responsible to ensure the highest and best care is given to our Veterans in our Veteran's Homes and also being served by our state of Illinois Veteran Service Officers.

This was our first veto session under the leadership of Speaker Chris Welch. The 102nd General Assembly worked bi-partisan to pass important legislation for the citizens of Illinois. On a previous Monday morning Facebook Live I talked about veto session as well as other things going on in our district. For a recap [CLICK HERE](#).



Covid-19



I'm excited COVID-19 booster shots are becoming more and more available with holiday travel upon us. Thank you for doing your part in getting the vaccine or a booster, wearing a mask when needed, hand sanitizing, and keeping your distance to stop the spread.

Don't forget to visit [IDPH](#) for information on boosters shot and travel guidance for the upcoming holiday season!

Facebook Live

I continue to host Monday Morning Coffee live via Facebook at 9:00am-10:00am where you can post your comments and questions.

I realize not everyone has Facebook. The good news is that you can still participate. If you would like to join us on Monday mornings, you can join in via ZOOM! Once connected via ZOOM, you'll be able to interact just as if you were on Facebook. Don't worry you will not be on live - your video feed and mic will be muted.

The ZOOM link will be emailed to everyone separately for Monday morning participation.

If you would like to join us, please email Michelle@ILDistrict84.com or call the office at 630.585.1308



**MONDAY MORNING
COFFEE WITH
REPRESENTATIVE KIFOWIT**
9:00am



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We are accepting Toys for Tots until Dec 9th

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DECEMBER 9TH

Donate new, unwrapped toy for
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(no stuffed animals)

Monday - Friday
8am to 4pm

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