

U.S. Rep. Richard Hanna, R-Barneveld, participated in several ceremonies to mark the observance of Veterans Day. He released this statement:

"Today, we pause to honor the commitment made by so many American men and women – throughout history – to serve this nation in the Armed Forces. To serve one's country is among the most noble and selfless acts available to man, particularly during times of war.

"As a nation, we should feel pride today. Pride in knowing our sons and daughters have celebrated in victory and at times suffered in great tragedy all in the name of safety and freedom for the United States of America. From the shores of Normandy to the beaches of Iwo Jima; the jungles of Vietnam to the mountains of Afghanistan; in times of war and periods of peace Americans have served admirably in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force and Coast Guard. We are grateful for your service, proud of your tradition and humbled by the heroism you've displayed. Freedom, justice and liberty are not free. We pay a great deal for our liberties and the debt is owed to our men and women in the Armed Services.

"Thank you for your commitment and strength to preserving the ideals of this nation. You do your family, your community and this country proud. God bless you and God bless the United States of America."