



# MILWAUKEE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

## Supervisor Sky Z. Capriolo – District 15

**FOR PLANNING PURPOSES:** Saturday, May 30, 2026

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**\*\*\*Media Advisory\*\*\***

## Supervisor Capriolo to Serve as Guardian on Upcoming Honor Flight Featuring 8 Women Veterans

MILWAUKEE - Milwaukee County Supervisor Sky Z. Capriolo will serve as a guardian on an upcoming Stars and Stripes Honor Flight, accompanying a local female Vietnam veteran on a meaningful journey to Washington, D.C. Mission 86 has 54 veterans scheduled, ranging in age from 69 to 99. It includes veterans who served during WWII, the Korean War and the Vietnam War.

Stars and Stripes Honor Flight is a fully volunteer-based organization that flies WWII, Korean, Vietnam, and terminally ill veterans to Washington, D.C. for the day to visit memorials dedicated to their service. This impactful opportunity gives these veterans a respect-filled day of reflection and gratitude for their contributions to the nation. The flight and subsequent homecoming celebration at Milwaukee Mitchell International Airport is especially emotional for Vietnam vets who came back home to anti-war protests rather than any signs of appreciation.

Guardians play an important role in supporting veterans throughout the trip and ensuring a safe and memorable experience. Most often, Guardians are family members or close friends, but when that isn't possible, a volunteer Guardian is assigned. Supervisor Sky is filling that role for an Army Vietnam Vet, new to Wisconsin.

*"I am really honored to serve as a Guardian to one of the 8 women scheduled for this flight. It's truly a privilege to help recognize the sacrifices they made and ensure they feel the respect and gratitude they deserved all along,"* said Supervisor Sky. *"My dad was in the Air Force during the Vietnam War. He passed away more than 30 years ago, but I think he would've enjoyed this experience. I'll keep his spirit close as I walk with my assigned veteran throughout the D.C. memorials."*

Supervisor Sky has organized the County Board, the Youth Commission, and other County leaders to attend a Welcome Home Celebration at the airport for the last two years. She is especially grateful to the Stars and Stripes Honor Flight Board for the invitation to be a Guardian. She's already connected with her veteran several times and thinks they'll have a great experience together on May 30.

Members of the media are welcome to cover the event.

Community members interested in learning more, supporting the program, or volunteering can visit:

<https://www.starsandstripeshonorflight.org/>

### **Event Details:**

**WHAT:** Stars and Stripes Honor Flight Departure & Arrival

**WHO:** Supervisor Sky Z. Capriolo, participating veterans, Honor Flight Guardians, and volunteers

**WHEN:** Saturday, May 30, 2026, Departure time: 5am check-in, 8pm return and parade

**WHERE:** Milwaukee Mitchell International Airport, 5300 S Howell Ave Milwaukee, WI 53207

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