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A Statement from Bob Abboud, 16th District Congressional Candidate, on the Occasion of Memorial Day

ROCKFORD – Bob Abboud, congressional candidate in Illinois' 16th district, released this statement Monday, honoring the sacrifice of all American service men and women, but taking the opportunity to also remind people of those individuals who still remain at war.

The Abboud family has a long history of military and public service. Abboud's grandfathers served in World War I and II, and his father is a decorated veteran of the Korean War, earning the bronze star for bravery under fire. Bob Abboud was accepted into the US Navy Submarine Nuclear Weapons Program after graduating from Purdue University. Prior to his commission Bob chose to serve his country by working at the Argonne National Laboratory in order to support alternative energy/advanced nuclear reactor development. However, during his time as an engineer and scientist, Bob's work has directly contributed to the modernizing of the American military.

"Today is a solemn moment to truly honor the sacrifice the men and women of our Armed Services have given our nation with their great service. They and their families have our deepest gratitude and sympathies on this day of mourning and remembrance. As we honor those who have fallen, let us not forget those who remain in harms way today, and remember that it is our duty to equip them while the fight continues to be waged and support them when god willing, they return home. I believe this is something many of our current leaders have neglected to remember. And if it is not corrected it is their failure as leaders and our failure as a nation."

Abboud will be available throughout the day for question and comment.