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RECOGNIZING FRANK CORNELIUS FOR HIS SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY

MR. RIBBLE, of Wisconsin, Mr. Speaker, I recently had the opportunity to visit "Frank and Nancy's Marine Corps Museum" in De Pere, Wisconsin.

At the museum, I met Frank Cornelius, a 22-year Marine Corps veteran who seemed to do everything in twos. Frank was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant two times: First, in 1953 during Korea, and again in 1962 during Vietnam. He served two terms as a Drill Instructor: First, in San Diego, CA, and then in Parris Island, SC. Frank served two wars: First, in Korea and then, in Vietnam. He served in two different units, the infantry for the first 10 years and the air wing for the second. Frank was also an instructor two times: First in Division School in Camp Pendleton, CA, and second in electronics at the Naval Air Technical Training Center in Memphis, TN.

Frank Cornelius has won many awards in recognition of his outstanding achievements. He received 2nd place in the West Coast Regional Technique of Instruction Competition in 1958 in the "Sergeant and Below" category. More recently, he was named a National Heritage Fellow on September 17, 2008 by the National Endowment for the Arts.

I urge anyone who comes to the area to visit Frank and his wife, Nancy, at their museum for a personal tour. There, you will find a patriotic veteran's personal contribution to his community and a very interesting story of the past.