



Senator David Johnson, Veterans Day Speaker

West Branch, Iowa – The Herbert Hoover Presidential Library-Museum is honored to host Iowa Senator David Johnson on Veterans Day, November 11, 2016. Senator Johnson will give the talk, "A Common Soldier's Uncommon Story" at 2:00 p.m. in the Figge Auditorium.

Senator David Johnson was born and raised in West Branch, Iowa. His father, Donald E. Johnson, was a veteran of World War II. The talk, "A Common Soldier's Uncommon Story," focuses on his father's steps in World War II with the U.S. Army's 89th Infantry, which was among the first to liberate a concentration camp in Germany.

After graduating from West Branch High School, Senator Johnson received a B.A. in history from Beloit College in Wisconsin. He later was camp manager on three scientific expeditions to Antarctica and the Arctic. Returning to Iowa, he became a newspaper publisher and editor, winning numerous state and national awards for journalistic excellence. He helped lead local historic preservation and economic development efforts, and served several years as Chamber of Commerce president.

Currently Senator Johnson is the Iowa State Senator from the 1st District. A former Republican and currently independent, he has served in the Iowa Senate since 2003 and served in the Iowa House of Representatives from 1999–2003.

The Herbert Hoover Presidential Library-Museum will honor military members and their families on Veterans Day by offering free admission to all active-duty, retirees, veterans, Reservists, National Guard, and Coast Guard members as well as their families.

The talk is free with paid admission to the Museum. The Museum is open daily from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. and located ¼ mile off Interstate 80 at Exit 254 in West Branch, Iowa. Visit the website at www.hoover.archives.gov or call 319-643-5301 for more information.