



# JOHN GARSKE CONGRESS

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## Wisconsin Roots

Hello,

I wanted to share a bit about myself, my roots, and the connection I have with our area that has led me to seek your support in my congressional campaign.

I can track my Wisconsin family roots back to 1870. My Dad's Great-Grandfather immigrated to East Farmington, Wisconsin in 1870. He was sworn to citizenship in the Polk County Circuit Court on Nov 10, 1870.

On my Mom's side of the family my Grandfather immigrated to Sparta, Wisconsin in 1943. He was sworn to citizenship in Monroe County Circuit Court on Mar 15, 1943. Both my Mom and Dad's families were farmers, which is where they learned a great work ethic, and love of the land, two traits they passed down to me.

Mom and Dad met at Fort McCoy while Dad was in Army training, and they were married in the City of Sparta, in Monroe County on March 15, 1952. When I was very young my family lived in Hudson, WI; where my Aunt and Uncle still live today. After my family moved across the river I grew up in St. Paul, where I graduated from High School before joining the Army where I served for 20 years and retired as a Chief Helicopter Pilot. Upon retirement from active duty in 2002, I moved back to Wisconsin and bought a home in Hudson so I could be close to my parents who were living in Emerald, Wisconsin.

In 2009, I graduated from the University of Wisconsin- Stout with a Masters in Vocational Rehabilitation Counseling. I chose this degree to learn how to help veterans transition from military service to civilian work. Since graduation I have built my business Garske's Veteran Services, located in Eau Claire where we do exactly that, help veterans make the often difficult transition from military service back to civilian life. I currently reside in River Falls with my incredible wife Galina and our son.