



NEWS From Bill Magnarelli

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Thanking Our Veterans

This newsletter is dedicated to our Veterans. I am pleased to host the CNY Veterans Parade and Expo held at the New York State Fairgrounds. Each year, this event gets bigger and better and this year was no exception. Fair officials estimated that over 8,000 spectators and participants came through the gates to salute and honor the extraordinary service that our Central New York men and women in uniform have contributed to defending America's freedoms. I cannot adequately express my honor and pride in coordinating this event each year for Veteran's Day. However, I must acknowledge that the year-long project is done entirely by my staff, especially Parade and Expo Director, Diana Abdella. Kudos must also be given to the Board of Directors of the CNY Parade & Expo who assist Diana in this truly outstanding effort. But all of this would not be possible without the support of our many sponsors. They provide the much-needed resources and in-kind services and volunteers that keep the Parade and Expo functioning flawlessly throughout the day. If you did not get a chance to enjoy this year's parade, I encourage you to plan on attending next year. The New York State Fairgrounds is a wonderful venue providing a central location, convenient amenities for our seniors and for families with children, and free admission and parking. But most of all, next year's event already scheduled for November 7, 2015, will give you the opportunity to show your appreciation and devotion for the men and women of our Armed Forces, past and present. We hope you enjoy this pictorial review of the 2014 CNY Veterans Parade & Expo.

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Navy Northeast Marching Band



American Legion color guard



Grand Marshals John R. Paddock Jr. and Ed Zaluski



Cherie Phillips during the "Honor Our Heroes. Share Your Stories" ceremony, accepting on behalf of her son SSGT. Frankie Phillips IV killed in Afghanistan in 2013.



10th Mountain Division, Fort Drum



VFW 153 Baldwinsville



Baldwinsville Community Band



City of Syracuse Highland Pipe Band



New Army Soldier Swear-in



North Syracuse Central Schools' Military Support Club



Chittenango High School Dixieland Band



174th Attack Wing, Hancock Air Force Base



David Ragonese receives his citation as part of "Honor Our Heroes. Share Your Stories."



Darlene Spivey receives her citation as part of "Honor Our Heroes. Share Your Stories."



Mattydale American Legion Post 1832



Company E, 4th LAR Battalion, Marines



Wounded Warriors Foundation



Syracuse VA Medical Center



Syracuse Scottish Pipe Band



12th US Co A Civil War Reenacting Group



Baldwinsville Marching Band

Ghost Army Exhibit



Members of Disabled American Veterans wave as they ride the tram.

Cpt. Kyle Schneider Foundation



Henninger High School Marching Band

Photos by Herm Card



Historical Display by Robert Good

About New York State Assemblyman William B. Magnarelli

Assemblyman William Magnarelli represents the 129th Assembly District, which includes the Northside, Westside, Eastwood and Valley areas of the City of Syracuse, as well as the towns of Geddes and Van Buren. He first won election in 1998 for an open Assembly seat and was reelected in 2000, 2002, 2004, 2006, 2008, 2010, 2012 and 2014. During his previous six terms in office, Assemblyman Magnarelli has focused his efforts on bringing more jobs to Central New York, lowering taxes, providing our children a better education at every level, improving our healthcare and keeping our families safe. For more information, contact Assemblyman Magnarelli's District Office at (315) 428-9651 or visit <http://www.assembly.state.ny.us/magnarelli>.