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Approaching Summer

During the first national celebration of Memorial Day on May 30, 1868 at Arlington National Cemetery, then-Congressman and future president James A. Garfield spoke these poignant words: “If silence is ever golden, it must be here beside the graves of 15,000 men, whose lives were more significant than speech, and whose death was a poem, the music of which can never be sung ... For love of country they accepted death, and thus resolved all doubts, and made immortal their patriotism and their virtue.”



Five years later, in 1873, New York was the first state to make Memorial Day a holiday. Today, it is still celebrated at Arlington National Cemetery, with a small American flag placed on each soldier’s grave and a wreath laid at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. But as we partake in our own celebrations here at home, attending barbecues with family and friends and lining up on the sidewalk for local parades, we must not forget what the holiday actually represents or overlook the hard-fought battles that helped secure this nation’s principles. From our early foundations to the present, servicemen and servicewomen work day in and day out to protect our rights, values and the American way of life.

Here in New York State, there are over 800,000 veterans who served as far back as World War II. While these brave men and women survived the harrowing circumstances of war and service, they had to leave behind fellow soldiers lost on the battlefield whose families sadly never got the chance to welcome them home. Memorial Day honors those courageous fallen soldiers and the immeasurable sacrifices they made to keep us safe.

Memorial Day is more than a chance to get outside and celebrate the coming summer – it’s a time to acknowledge the heroes who sacrificed their lives for their love of this country.

For more information or questions about this or any community issue, please feel free to contact me by calling 315-428-9651 or via email at: magnarw@nyassembly.gov.

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Paper Shredding Event a Success

Save the Date for Next One on September 10



The recent paper shredding event held at the NYS Fairgrounds, sponsored by Assemblyman Magnarelli, collected 31,890 pounds of paper, said Rob Shauger, Director of Sales & Development at ConfiData/SMR Fibre (Division’s of Empire Recycling). The paper is shredded, treated, and then used to make recycled products such as napkins and paper towels. Students from Solvay High School Athletics volunteered to unload trunks at the event. A special thank you to the NYS Fairgrounds, ConfiData and OCRRA for their partnership and assistance at the event. The next shredding event will be September 10. Information regarding pre-registration will be available on Assemblyman Magnarelli’s facebook page.



New York State Assembly Passes Legislation to Create Commemorative Medals for Korean and Vietnam War Veterans

Assemblyman Magnarelli sponsored legislation creating commemorative medals for Vietnam and Korean War veterans. The New York State Assembly passed the legislation on May 11.

“Vietnam and Korean War veterans served with uncommon valor and courage,” said Assemblyman Magnarelli. “They did not receive the proper respect or recognition for their honorable service upon their return home. The New York State commemorative medals would offer a form of recognition and appreciation to those who served in these wars.”

The New York State Vietnam War Commemorative Medal (**A.357-A**) would be available to military veterans who served in Vietnam, Thailand, Laos, Cambodia, or in the contiguous waters or air space during the period from November 1, 1952 through May 7, 1975.

The New York State Korean War Commemorative Medal (**A.1310-B**) would be available to military veterans who served on the Korean peninsula, its contiguous waters, or its airspace in the Korean War during the period from June 27, 1950 through January 3, 1955.

Both bills require the veterans to be or have been residents of New York State, and honorably discharged from military service. If the recipient is deceased, the commemorative medal may be presented to a designated representative.

“Our veterans deserve recognition for their courageous service and sacrifice. In many cases, their reception upon return home was muted, insufficient, and in some unfortunate cases, outright hostile. They deserve proper respect and recognition of their honorable service,” said Assemblyman Magnarelli.

The legislation awaits the Senate and Governor’s approval.

Transportation Workers

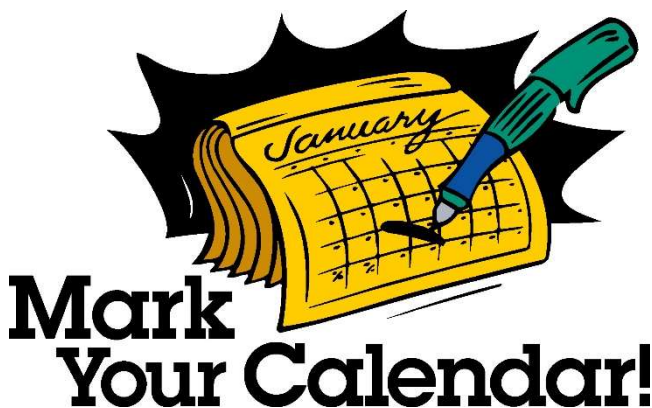
Memorial Ceremony

Assemblyman Magnarelli joined the Department of Transportation at the Workers Memorial (as part of National Work Zone Safety Awareness Week) in honor of the employees who have lost their lives on the job. Work Zone safety continues to be a priority for Assemblyman Magnarelli as Chair of the Transportation Committee. Last year, Assemblyman Magnarelli sponsored legislation that was signed into law creating a pilot program for the use of speed cameras in work zones. There is no excuse for speeding and reckless driving in work zones. Workers deserve a safe working environment and to go home to their families at the end of the shift.



COVID Test Distribution

Assemblyman Magnarelli’s office distributed 9,000 COVID tests to local organizations - including 360 to McMahon Ryan Child Advocacy Center as pictured with John Ferguson, constituent liaison. Other organizations which received tests and masks: Catholic Charities of Onondaga County, Joseph’s House for Women, Magnarelli Center, CNY Rise Center, Basilica of Sacred Heart Food Pantry, Rescue Mission Alliance, Meals on Wheels of Syracuse, County West Peace - Food Distribution Center, Baldwinsville Meals On Wheels, Van Buren Town Hall, Canton Woods Senior Citizen, Blessed Sacrament Food Pantry, Saint Lucy’s Food Pantry, The Samaritan Center, Gethsemane Church, Interreligious Food Consortium, and Our Lady of Pompei School.



September 10- Shredding Event- 9 a.m. to Noon at NYS Fairgrounds Orange Lot. Registration to be released soon.

October 29- E-Recycling Event- time and location to be determined

November 5 – CNY Veterans Parade and Expo at the NYS Fairgrounds and Center of Progress Building. Information at CNYVeteransParade.org

About New York State Assemblyman William B. Magnarelli

Assemblyman William Magnarelli represents the 129th Assembly District, which includes the Northside, Westside, Eastwood Valley and Downtown areas of the City of Syracuse, Syracuse University area, Outer Comstock, as well as the towns of Geddes and Van Buren. He first won election in 1998 for an open Assembly seat and has been reelected since then. During his 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>.