



# NEWS

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### A Month of Gratitude

November is a month traditionally associated with being “Thankful”. In addition to the Thanksgiving holiday, I was reminded of how much we should be grateful for as I watched the men and women of our Armed Forces during the CNY Veterans Parade and Expo. The strength, courage and sacrifice selflessly shown by the men and women of our Armed Forces throughout our nation’s history is the price paid for the freedoms we enjoy every day. We are grateful for all those who served.

The 12<sup>th</sup> Annual CNY Veterans Parade and Expo was held on Nov. 9 at the NYS Fairgrounds. Thousands of members of the Central New York community attended the event to say “Thank You” to our service members and to learn about various resources in the community. More than 80 local organizations – including veterans’ organizations, active and reserve military, and high school marching bands – made up the hour-long parade. More than 100 organizations participated in the Expo, which offered displays of historical military items, organizations that serve veterans, and a children’s area. This year we featured the Navy Band Northeast, the West Point Drill Team and the WWI Mobile Museum.

As a nation, we will soon celebrate Thanksgiving and move into the holiday season. My hope is that at a time when our community, and communities across the county, are experiencing unacceptable incidents of bigotry and hate, we continue to stand together and work toward the eradication of this behavior.

*Bill Magnarelli*



Motorcyclists with the Patriot Guard pause during the parade.



Veterans watch from the sidelines as the parade passes.



Honor Flight participants ride through the parade on a NTS truck bed.

### Honored for Supporting Veterans



On Veterans Day, I was humbled and honored to be recognized as the *Supporter of Veterans* by the Onondaga County Veterans Association at its ceremony at the War Memorial. In presenting the Award, the Onondaga County Veterans Association mentioned the numerous pieces of legislation benefiting veterans I sponsored, including distinctive license plates for Desert Storm Veterans, the Veterans Mental Health and Chemical Dependency Act, to name a few - as well as hosting the annual CNY Veterans Parade since 2008. I am truly grateful for this Award.

**Assemblyman Magnarelli accepting the *Supporter of Veterans* Award at the ceremony at the War Memorial on Veterans Day.**

## Grant Used For Scenic Overlook in Baldwinsville

A scenic overlook on the Seneca River was built by the Village of Baldwinsville Department of Public Works with a \$6,000 state grant Assemblyman Magnarelli secured. The overlook is now part of the South Shore East Trail, which runs from the parking lot at the north end of Grove Street to Community Park. To make the platform most accessible to those with mobility issues, it includes a brick and paved path, and has benches placed on it.

**Deputy Mayor Bruce Stebbins, Assemblyman Magnarelli, Mayor Dick Clark, and Village Engineer Steve Darcangelo took part in the ribbon cutting on Nov. 4**



## Honored for School Bus Stop Sign Cameras Legislation

Brad Gertsman on behalf of the NY School Bus Contractors Association presented Assemblyman Magnarelli with its *Legislator of the Year Award*. The award was in recognition of Assemblyman Magnarelli sponsoring legislation signed into law this year authorizing the use of cameras on school buses to fine motorists who illegally pass stopped buses. Assemblyman Magnarelli first introduced the legislation regarding “Stop-Arm” Cameras on school buses in 2013 after being made aware that approximately 50,000 illegal passes happen each school day in New York State.



## 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of La Liga

The Spanish Action League (La Liga) held their 50th Anniversary Gala to celebrate a half-century of serving the local community. The organization offers a variety of programs that help those in the Latino Community overcome barriers by bridging cultural and experiential gaps. Bea Gonzalez, Vice President for Community Engagement at Syracuse University, received the *Juan Gonzalez Legacy Award*.

**Bea Gonzalez poses with Assemblyman Magnarelli at the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala of La Liga.**



## Attending to Infrastructure Funding

The Assemblyman joined leaders from labor, town highway departments and the Syracuse community supporting the Rebuild NY Now Coalition advocating for increased transportation infrastructure funding in the NY Department of Transportation's new 5-year capital plan due for approval in 2020. Rebuild NY Now is a coalition of organizations from across NY that advocate for funding and State policies to promote safe roads, bridges, schools, hospitals, and other vital infrastructure.



## Recognizing 20 years of Health and Fitness

Assemblyman Magnarelli presented a NYS Assembly Citation to Trillium Sports & Fitness in honor of its 20th Anniversary. Trillium is a 18,000 sq. ft. facility on Erie Boulevard in Syracuse featuring the latest equipment, fitness rooms and smart technology throughout its facility.

**Cathy Boyle, Manager and healthcare educator at Trillium, accepts the Citation from Assemblyman Magnarelli.**



# CNY Veterans Parade and Expo



Navy Band Northeast leads the 12<sup>th</sup> annual parade.

Despite the cold weather, thousands went to the CNY Veterans Parade and Expo on Nov. 9 at the NYS Fairgrounds to say “Thank You” to the men and women



who have served our country through military service. The 12<sup>th</sup> Annual event hosted by Assemblyman Magnarelli highlighted the Navy Band Northeast, the West Point Drill Team, and an exhibit on WWI. The Parade, which proceeds around Chevy Court, included about 80 veteran organizations, high school marching bands and active military units. The Expo was held in the Center of Progress Building and included local organizations that serve veterans, displays of military artifacts, a children’s area, and a breakfast by the Valley American Legion.



Students in the VADM Stockdale Division, US Naval Sea Cadets Corps Program at the Expo.



West Point Drill Team during their performance in the Expo.



Baldwinsville Marching Band performs in the parade.



Marines from the 4<sup>th</sup> Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion at the Expo.



Members of the 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division Color Guard in the parade.



Members of the Mattydale American Legion Post 1832 carry the colors through the parade.



Members of the Onondaga Community College's Choir and Brass Ensemble played patriotic songs at the Expo. They also performed *Here Rests in Honored Glory*, the state's hymn of remembrance for all veterans, written by OCC Professor Emeritus Donald Miller.



Military members thrill the crowds in their armored vehicles in the parade.



The Henninger High School Marching Band in the parade.



Grand Marshal Elton Fairbank -WWII Veteran – enjoys his ride through the parade route in an antique military vehicle.



The 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division from Fort Drum's Marching Band performs in the parade.



Part of the WWI Mobile Museum presented in the Expo.



American Red Cross Volunteers marching in the parade.

Veterans from the Coonley-Nojaim Chapter 30 ride on a tram through the parade.



**About New York State Assemblyman William B. Magnarelli**

Assemblyman William Magnarelli represents the 129<sup>th</sup> 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>.