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Honoring the Lives Lost Defending Our Country

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.”

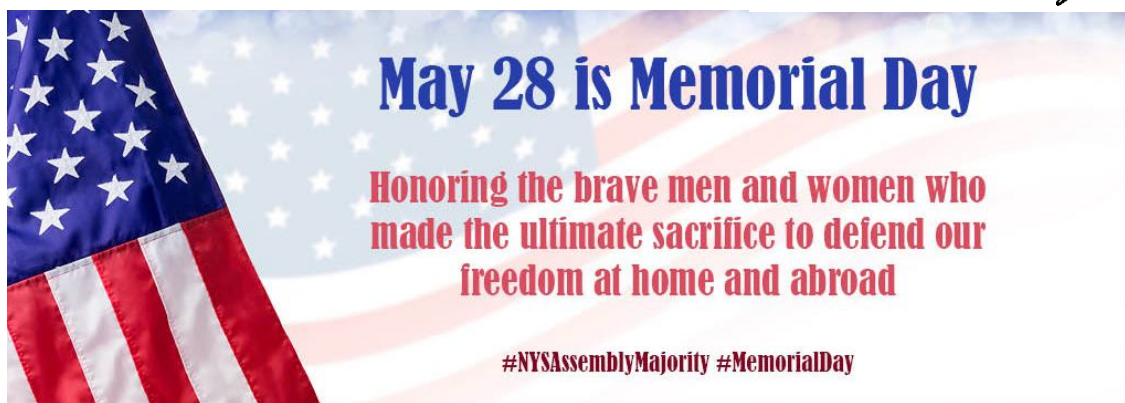
Five years later, in 1873, New York was the first state to make Memorial Day a holiday. Today, it is still celebrated at Arlington National Cemetery, with a small American flag placed on each soldier’s grave and a wreath laid at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. But as we partake in our own celebrations 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.

I hope you’ll join me in paying tribute to the brave souls we’ve lost in our own community. Further, I encourage everyone to attend the Memorial Day Watchfire on May 27 at the NYS Fairgrounds, and the Baldwinsville Memorial Day Parade on May 30. I also ask that you join me in taking a moment of silence as part of the National Moment of Remembrance at 3 p.m. on May 28.

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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Save the Date

Residential Paper Shredding

Saturday, June 2

NYS Fairgrounds

Assemblyman Magnarelli is co-sponsoring another opportunity for residents to shred sensitive paperwork containing personal important information. Along with the Onondaga County Resource Recovery Agency (OCRRA), Assemblyman Magnarelli and his staff will be working to assist people at the upcoming residential paper shredding event in June. Often, people are unsure how to properly dispose of documents and paperwork without risking identity theft. This event will provide an opportunity to discard up to five boxes of paper materials.



Successful Shredding Event

Shredding documents that have sensitive personal information is of the utmost importance when trying to protect your credit and identity from being stolen. Hundreds of cars came through the Shredding Event sponsored by AARP and Assemblyman Magnarelli in the parking lots of DestinyUSA on April 20. The next shredding event will be held June 2 at the New York State Fairgrounds in the Brown Parking Lot.

A View from the Top of the State Tower Building

Assemblyman Magnarelli recently toured the newly renovated State Tower Building in Syracuse. This iconic building was built in 1927 and was recently renovated by the Pioneer Companies under the direction of COO Melissa Zell, also an architect.

Assemblyman Magnarelli looks over Syracuse with Pioneer Companies COO Melissa Zell.



League of Women Voters Legislative Breakfast

Assemblyman Magnarelli attended the annual Legislative Breakfast for the CNY Chapter of the League of Women Voters. This annual gathering gives League members and their supporters a chance to hear from legislators about what bills and policies are pending in Albany that impact elections, voter access and voter turnout. Participants are also able to ask questions of their State representatives on these and other important issues being debated in the Capitol.

Assemblyman Stirpe and Assemblywomen Hunter join Assemblyman Magnarelli at the League of Women Voters Breakfast.

State Grant for ACR Health's Q Center

ACR Health's Q Center recently held a ribbon cutting ceremony unveiling a washer and dryer for their facilities purchased with an \$8,000 grant secured by Assemblyman Magnarelli. The washer and dryer fill a gap in personal care access for many of the youths that are homeless and seek the assistance of ACR.

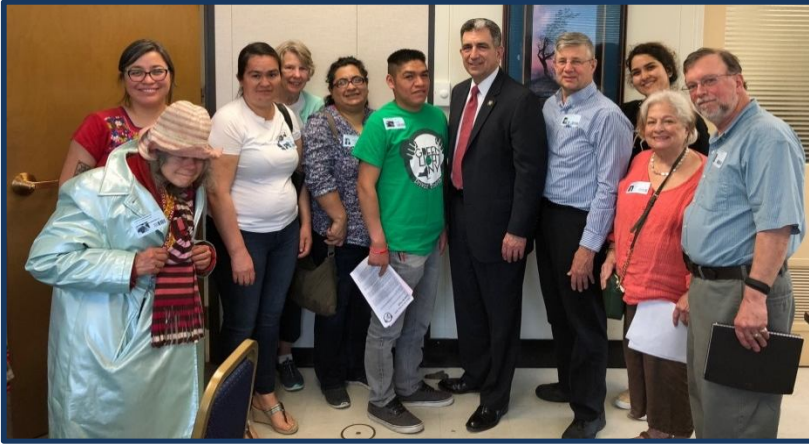
"ACR Health's Q Center provides a safe place where LGBTQ homeless youth can go to seek assistance," Assemblyman Magnarelli said. "For their self-confidence, and to enhance their ability to successfully apply for jobs or get accepted in college, providing access to something as simple as these appliances is essential."

The grant also paid for upgrades to the plumbing and electrical systems to accommodate the new fixtures.



Assemblyman Magnarelli with ACR Executive Director Will Murtaugh.

Advocating for “Green Light New York”



Supporters of “Green Light NY” (A.10273) met with Assemblyman Magnarelli in his Syracuse Office. This legislation would allow all residents of NY, including the undocumented, to apply for a driver’s license. Assemblyman Magnarelli is a “multi-sponsor” of this bill as a matter of public safety and believes it will help to ensure all motorists on NY roads are properly licensed and insured. Currently, one must possess a Social Security number to apply for a driver’s license. Twelve other states have passed similar measures.

West Genesee High School Students Visit the Capitol

West Genesee students studying in the Syracuse University Public Affairs program met with Assemblyman Magnarelli during a recent visit to Albany. The students were there to learn about state government and to discuss issues pending before the Legislature.



Assemblyman Magnarelli with West Genesee students.

Meeting with Advocates for Suicide Prevention

Assemblyman Magnarelli met in Albany with local advocates representing the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. Pictured with the Assemblyman are Angela Marotta and Debra Graham. They were advocating for legislation to increase mental health education in schools and prevent suicide in adolescents. Suicide is the 2nd leading cause of death for those ages 15-34.



CNY Chapter of the American Institute of Architects Meets with Lawmakers



Architects from CNY met with Assemblyman Magnarelli in Albany on their annual lobby day. They thanked him for supporting the restoration of the State Historic Tax Credit in the 2018 State Budget. Additionally, they discussed several pieces of legislation important to the profession. Architects from CNY including: Kirk Narbaugh of King & King, Joseph Piraino of Dalpos, Michael Frisina and Nicole Schuster of Ashley McGraw, and James Williams of Holmes King & Kallquist met with Assemblyman Magnarelli.



Assemblyman Magnarelli presents a proclamation to Paul Joslyn, AccessCNY Executive Director.

Celebrating 30 Years of Service

Provisions Bakery recently celebrated its 30th Anniversary. Provisions Bakery has the second longest serving restaurant in Armory Square, serving breakfast and lunch, and is known for being a “scratch bakery” offering exceptional baked goods and deserts. Provisions Bakery is a non-profit bakery and restaurant supported by AccessCNY, and has an established work program which supports people learning to live with mental health issues by providing a path to recovery through a positive and supportive work environment. Provisions Bakery has supported and changed over 1,000 lives, helping Central New Yorkers to achieve greater independence.

High School Student Visits Assemblyman's Office



During the recent spring break, Brenden Reilly, a 15-year-old high school student at Syracuse Academy of Science, visited Assemblyman Magnarelli's Syracuse office and spoke to staff about their interest in government and interviewed Assemblyman Magnarelli about his career in public service.

LeMoyne College Intern



Tyler McIntosh, a LeMoyne College Senior, completed his required 30-hour Internship at Assemblyman Magnarelli's office. Tyler is planning to attend law school this fall.

Spending Time in the Classroom

Assemblyman Magnarelli recently visited classrooms to talk about his experience as an elected official. He spent time in Professor Grant Reeher's class at the Maxwell School at Syracuse University and in senior social studies classes at Henninger High School and Solvay High School. During his presentation, Assemblyman Magnarelli expressed his view about the importance of voting in our democratic system. He also encouraged the students to read a variety of publications as frequently as possible to stay informed on current events.



Assemblyman Magnarelli visited the Maxwell School at Syracuse University.



Assemblyman Magnarelli speaking to students at Solvay High School.



Henninger High School students listen to Assemblyman Magnarelli.

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 was reelected in 2000, 2002, 2004, 2006, 2008, 2010, 2012, 2014 and 2016. 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>.