

Thoughts on the Cheshire Fire Department and remembering those who have given their all to protect our freedoms.

The Cheshire Fire Department

As April and National Volunteer Month winds down, I wanted to take a moment to thank the Cheshire Volunteer Fire Department for their continued service to the Town of Canandaigua. The Cheshire Fire Department stands as a pillar in our community. They answer each and every call without hesitation, putting their lives on the line to protect ours. Their commitment to safeguarding our homes, businesses, and most importantly, our lives, is truly commendable.

Beyond their role as first responders, the members of the Cheshire Fire Department are integral parts of our community. I often say that they are the greatest representation of what our community is. They are our neighbors, friends, and fellow citizens who embody the values of compassion, sacrifice, and duty. Their presence in our town not only ensures our safety but also fosters a sense of belonging as they teach, train and serve. Their professionalism, expertise, and unwavering commitment to serving the greater good is an example to us all. Day or night, rain or shine, they are there. We would be hard pressed to find anyone in our town who has not been helped by brave volunteers of the Cheshire Fire Department.

In light of National Volunteer Month, it is fitting that we take this opportunity to express our heartfelt appreciation to these volunteers. Their willingness to sacrifice their time and talents is a testament to the power of service and the profound impact it can have on the lives of others.

Thank you to those who have given their all to protect our freedoms.

As we approach Memorial Day, we are reminded of the profound debt of gratitude we owe to the brave men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice in service to our nation. As we prepare to remember on Memorial Day, let's take a moment to pause, reflect, and to give thanks. The sacrifices made by our fallen heroes extend far beyond their own lives; they span generations, touching the lives of their families, friends, and communities. Behind every name engraved on a plaque, behind every memorial marker, lies a story of courage, valor, and selflessness. The story of someone who answered the call when our nation asked, and gave everything they had. For every story of courage and valor there is someone left behind, someone who is left with a hole to fill, someone who is left to mourn and to remember.

As we pause to reflect on the countless sacrifices made by our fallen heroes, we remember the moments of bravery on the battlefield, and acts of heroism in the face of adversity. We honor their memory not only with words but with deeds, by striving to uphold the ideals for which they fought and by cherishing the freedoms they so valiantly defended. As we honor their memory, it is our duty to keep their spirit alive, to act in a way that would make them proud, and to take every opportunity to tell their story. By doing this, their legacies will be remembered for generations to come.

I would like to encourage everyone who reads this message to make a conscious effort to remember our fallen heroes. Take a moment to visit one of our local cemeteries or memorials. As you do, study the names of those who have fallen in our nation's service. Pause for a moment to give thanks, and to thank them silently for what they have done.

We are blessed to live in such a wonderful community. A community that is filled with amazing volunteers and a community that carries a rich history of service. Thank you to each and every one of you who makes the Town of Canandaigua an amazing place.