



OUR GRAND MARSHAL

William H. Harris

This one page is not enough to share all there is to know about this year's Grand Marshal. William Harris is an exceptional member of our village who proudly holds many titles: U.S. Army Veteran, Professor, Volunteer Fireman, Entertainer, Storyteller and golfer. He and his wife Karen have lived in Fayetteville since 1966 and have two children, Alyse and Sean and four grandchildren.

Bill is a professional trombonist who recently retired from Onondaga Community College as Professor Emeritus (Low Brass: Trombone, Euphonium & Tuba) and from Syracuse University Setnor School of Music as Artist Affiliate in Trombone. Bill taught Trombone and Low Brass for more than 54 years and was considered as a "patient, enthusiastic and motivational teacher."

Bill was also a charter member of the Syracuse Symphony Orchestra, serving as Principal Trombone for 49 years; he said that Arthur Fiedler gave him a thumbs up after a particular jazz solo that remains a highlight of that time. A charter and former member of the CNY Jazz Ensemble, Bill performs now with the "Bare Bones" Trombone Quartet and conducts the 25-piece Bones East Trombone Ensemble. Bill had the pleasure of working with Nat "King" Cole and his daughter Natalie, Tony Bennett, Sammy Davis Jr, Bobby Darin, the Temptations, 5th Dimension, the Stan Collela Orchestra, and subbed with the Jimmy Dorsey and Glen Miller Bands, to name a few.

Bill serves as Vice President of Local 78 American Federation of Musicians, served in the Fayetteville Fire Dept. for 30 years (Fire Police Captain), and was President of the Onondaga County Volunteer Fire Police Association for 3 yrs.

More notably, Bill is a U.S. Army veteran, having proudly served in the U.S. Military Academy Band at West Point, N.Y. from 1963 to 1966.

Equally notable is Bill's passion for golf, amassing 4 holes in one!

Some other proud highlights for Bill were performing the World Premier of Dexter Morrill's Trombone Concerto in 2000; the 2009 Annual Fayetteville Mayor's Award; Onondaga County Sheriff's Award for Public Service; Summers in Hancock, New York playing in the Fireman's band as a youngster; receiving SU's Orange Key Award (Jr. Men's Honorary) with football great Ernie Davis in 1962; being awarded the Civic Morning Musicals Award for Excellence; and especially honored to earn the Medal of Honor from Bulgaria's Pancho Vladigerov Conservatory of Music; Nottingham High School "Wall of Fame".

There is a well-written article by Rob Enslin [linked on the village website] that best outlines Bill's story and who noted that Bill Harris is "a storyteller of the highest degree, a humorist with a self-described streak of Irish diplomacy".

"All I've ever wanted to do is help," Bill was quoted as saying. And this he certainly has done, by sharing his love of music with his students and others, his talents as an entertainer, his time by volunteering countless hours with the fire department, and by serving in the Military. We salute you, Bill, and on behalf of us all, we thank you for helping us to appreciate the joys of music and of life!



MEMORIAL DAY

MAY 29, 2023

HONORING THOSE FALLEN MEMBERS OF AMERICA'S ARMED FORCES

FAYETTEVILLE-MANLIUS MIDDLE SCHOOL
MARCHING BAND

Eric Lutters, Director, Wellwood
John Rossi, Director, Eagle Hill

Performing:
"You're A Grand Old Flag" arranged by Alan Beyel

FAYETTEVILLE-MANLIUS HIGH SCHOOL
MARCHING BAND

Rebecca Bizup, Director
Jennifer Greene, Assistant Director

Drum Majors: Connor Ball,
Xavier Greene,
Anna Sereluca

Performing: "Veteran's Salute"
Composer: J. Dawson

TAPS.....Performed by Ethan Batick



Welcome

Parade Chairperson

FMHS Band / Wellwood Band

Taps

Military Salute

Invocation

By Rabbi Moshe Saks

National Anthem

By Donna Colton

Fallen Heroes of Fayetteville Fire Dept.

Benjamin Proper (1953)

Myron Hickok Sr. (1957)

Timothy (TJ) Lynch (2002)

John (Gino) Ginanchetti (2002)

Parade Marshal

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Memorial Day Address/Closing Remarks