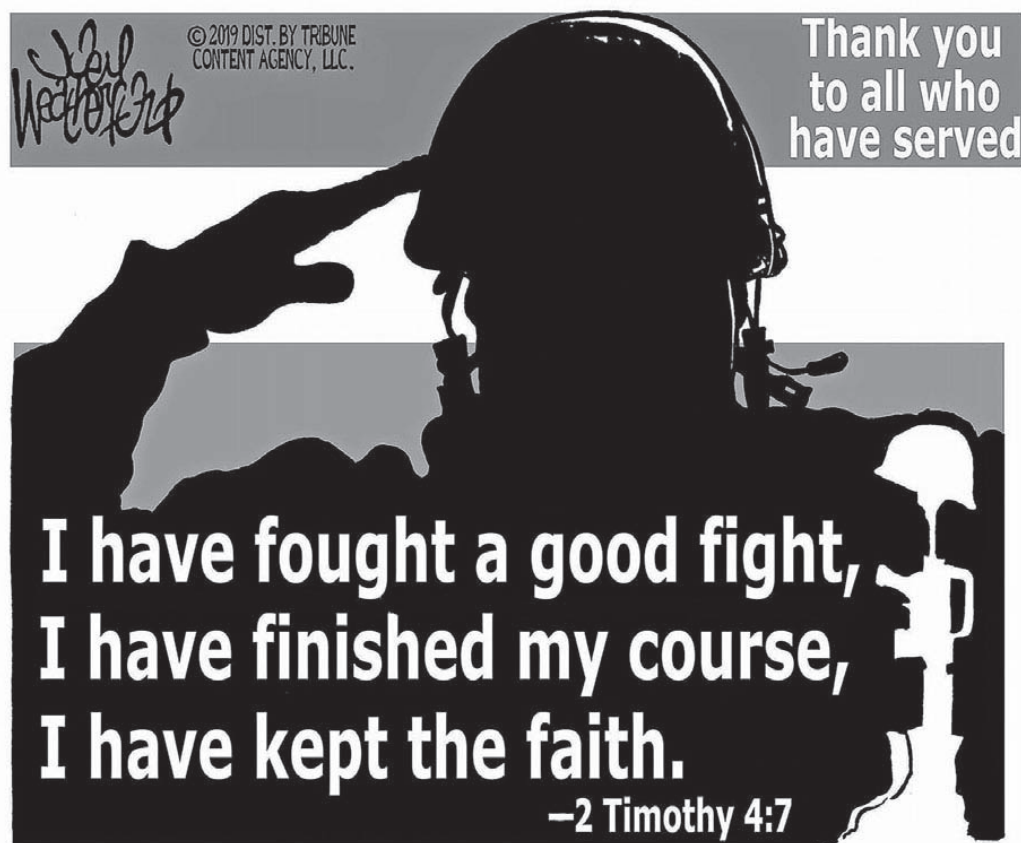


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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Hoping more people will participate in Prattsburgh meetings

To the Editor,  
 The 2019 General Election has come to a close and the results are in. I am honored to have been elected to the Prattsburgh Town Board for a four-year term. Every Town Board is tasked at a minimum with being good stewards of taxpayer dollars, providing necessary services to residents and pursuing new economic opportunities to maintain a town's health. Prattsburgh is no different.

In addition to the day to day business, our current and future board will soon be fully engrossed in projects that will have a major impact on our town – a new sewer project for the business district and a proposed industrial wind project.

Coming out to vote on Election Day is critical to the success of the town, and our Republic in general. But it is not enough to devote just one day to your town's future.

Since completing my previous council term at

the end of 2015, I have been attending Town Board meetings faithfully. Almost always, it is the same few familiar faces in attendance.

As a (former) board and audience member, it is frustrating to see how few people attend and participate in these meetings. I hope that in 2020 when I am again seated at the table, I will see more and new faces attending our town's board meetings to see how the Prattsburgh Town Board is serving its residents.

Only by participating in your town's governance can you make an informed judgment as to how we are doing.

**Angela Einwachter**  
 Prattsburgh

### Thank you for your support

To the Editor,  
 20% for the Green Party. That's unheard of. So, yay, Corning. We're on the right track.

Thank you so much to the 332 people who care enough about the environment to vote for me. If you would like to take an active role in cooling the planet, please get in

touch with me through my website, which is just my name (dot) com.

You could also try to attend a presentation I am giving at the Library at noon on the 21st as part of the global 24 Hours of Reality project spear-headed by Al Gore. My topic will be the Road to Zero Waste.

Thank you, too, to my small team of supporters who helped me distribute literature and signs. And to those from outside the city, who donated in lieu of voting. I appreciate all your efforts.

Here's to a greener future.

**Elizabeth Whitehouse**  
 Corning

### Reed: What are you doing?

To the Editor,  
 Congressman Reed - Congratulations and thank you.

I saw you quoted on "Meet the Press" saying that you did not like the decision by President Trump to hold the G-7 meeting at his Doral property because of personal profit.

All of us know that Trump chooses to ignore the constitutional emolument provision.

Our celebrity president is a master of being in the spotlight for most of news cycles.

In fact, a friend calls him "Orange Julius". Narcissistic revels aside, our chief executive is successfully changing our nation for the worse, for decades to come.

His rejection of realities of climate change have already changed our entire world in ways predicted.

Let's hope that reason will prevail before it's too late for the human species to survive studied ignorance.

Frighteningly things, brought on by this administration, usually escape notice unless there is question of money to be made. Greed has no GOP limits.

Recently, serious news reporting outlined the very real potential for 10,000 annual deaths in America because of relaxed EPA regulations.

Today, under a heading "global health", it's reported that the Trump administration closed down a program that can identify deadly animal viruses that might predict the next ebola. Cancer causing pesticides are again legal. School lunches for a million kids are at risk.

Congressman Reed, given other insidious actions, with far reaching effects, what are you doing?

**Bill Gilmore**  
 Lansing

endurance as the world's leading democracy.

Perhaps most powerfully, however, on Veterans Day every year we are drawn to the cemeteries, monuments, and memorials that rise up to honor those who have served and sacrificed, as well as to salute those who still do. We gather throughout the Southern Tier and Finger Lakes regions to honor the sacrifices and the victories of our soldiers – past, present, and future. By doing so, we reaffirm our pride in this nation's servicemen and servicewomen and, of course, we turn our thoughts and prayers to all of the soldiers whom we have lost from here at home.

Since the tragic unfolding of September 11, 2001, this generation has realized, all too painfully, that our homeland's freedom, peace, and safety can be threatened at any moment. We realize, as well, that our troops always stand ready. The freedoms we cherish have been hard-won by the soldiers of previous generations and by those of this generation who have continued to serve and make the ultimate sacrifice. They are true American heroes. We are grateful to each one of them and, as President Bush once said, we can never tire in honoring their service.

Sacrifice is the fundamental truth of Veterans Day, and it inspires our deepest gratitude and respect.

The echoes of former Presidents remain fitting – and poignant – to hear again on Veterans Day, when we indeed live in a time of great obligation and opportunity. We continue to gather in common purpose to remember. We continue to salute the contributions and the sacrifices of our military men and women, living and deceased, past and present. We never fail to honor their heroism.

On Veterans Day, we carry on this essential observance.

TOM O'MARA | 58TH DISTRICT

# Never tire in honoring heroes

The first Veterans Day was observed on November 11, 1919. Then-President Woodrow Wilson said that it should be a day "filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country's service and with gratitude for the victory."

Across the generations ever since, American Presidents have spoken eloquently on the importance of this day of remembrance and other days saluting America's veterans.

We have heard President Dwight D. Eisenhower say, "In order to insure proper and widespread observance of this anniversary, all veterans, all veterans' organizations, and the entire citizenry will wish to join hands in the common purpose."

On November 11, 1961, at Arlington National Cemetery, President John F. Kennedy said that "these quiet grounds, this Cemetery and others like it all around the world, remind us with pride of our obligation and our opportunity."

President Ronald Reagan, offering words to commemorate the 40th anniversary of D-Day on June 6, 1984, said, "We will always remember. We will always be proud. We will always be prepared, so we may always be free."

Moreover, from President George W. Bush, "We will not tire. We will not falter. We will not fail."

A reaffirmation of these sentiments occurs throughout this region's communities on Veterans Day. It is striking to reflect on the common landmarks standing as everyday reminders of the guiding principles and underlying strengths of our nation: city, town and village halls, county courthouses, churches, schools, volunteer fire departments, local public libraries. These fundamental American places still speak to the guiding lights of our nation and her

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## CIRG Meeting

**Wed., November 13th • 10:00**

The November CIRG meeting is scheduled for November 13th at 10:00 at the Corning Riverfront Cafe. The speaker will be Dan Keys, Manager Retirement Programs at Corning who will discuss both the Pension & Investment programs at Corning. There will be time for questions. If you plan to attend call Linda McDonald at 607-368-2244 by November 12th. If Corning schools are either cancelled or on a 2 hour delay because of weather, the meeting will be cancelled.

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