

PROCLAMATION

Office of the Mayor



City of Oneida, County of Madison, New York State

WHEREAS, so many of our men and women in uniform are spending the holidays far from home, away from their loved ones, **and**

WHEREAS, two Oneida natives, Chief Electrician's Mate Mark G. Marzella and Electrician's Mate 2nd Class Lance D. Gormley, are serving their country in the Persian Gulf aboard the USS Makin Island, the Command Ship of the Amphibious Squadron 5 of the United States Navy and the 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit, **and**

WHEREAS, these dedicated men and women willingly serve their country, at times enduring the most difficult of conditions to protect America and our freedoms, **and**

WHEREAS, those two young men and their comrades over there are making it possible for us to be home, over here, celebrating the holidays in safety, **now therefore**

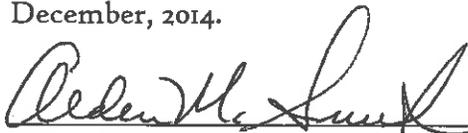
I, **Alden M. Smith**, Mayor of the City of Oneida, on behalf of the residents of this community, do hereby wish everyone onboard the USS Makin Island a very

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

And say thank you to all the brave men and women who are giving up so much to serve our country. We are humbled by your sacrifices and dedication. May each of you be safe and come home to your families soon.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereby set my hand and place the official seal of the City of Oneida on this 1st day of December, 2014.


ALDEN M. SMITH, MAYOR