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Joanne Galvin and State Sen. Pam Helming place the memorial wreath in front of the 9/11 monument at Long Pier during Wednesday's ceremony. Galvin designed the blue-and-blue memorial flag seen at the top of the flagpole.

City remembers those who died on 9/11 and those who responded

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GENEVA — Many of the nation's young people don't have a recollection of the terror attacks on Sept. 11, 2001 that led to the deaths of nearly 3,000 people, along with countless more who developed deadly illnesses from the toxins that filled the Manhattan air in the aftermath of the collapse of the World Trade Center's Twin Towers.

But for those of a certain age, it was a seminal moment when in the worst of times, the best was brought out in America.
 State Assemblyman Brian

Kolb said remembering those who were lost and honoring those who responded in its aftermath "is something we need to do, have to do ... to never forget."

Kolb has attended all 17 of Geneva's 9/11 ceremonies held near Long Pier at Lakefront Park, including the latest one Wednesday morning. He called the event "a real testimony to Geneva, to the entire community" that the city — hundreds of miles from New York City — holds the ceremony each Sept. 11.

Kolb was one of several dignitaries on hand to commemorate

the solemn day. He and others also took time to honor one of the ceremony's key boosters, late City Councilor John Greco.

"John Greco would be very proud, because I think the crowds are getting bigger every year," Kolb said.

Lucile Mallard, who traditionally has sung the National Anthem at the event, said she had been considering dropping out of the role but decided to do it this year "for my good friend and in memory of John Greco."

Geneva Assistant Chief Kevin Powers, one of the event

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