



# THE Hundred Call

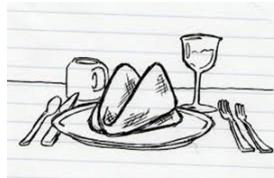
***"The Club  
with a Heart"***

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## **58th Annual Meeting and Luncheon – October 8, 2025**



The 58th Annual Meeting and Luncheon of The Hundred Club of Connecticut was held on October 8, 2025, at the Aqua Turf Club in Southington CT. The Aqua Turf offered a welcoming and aesthetically pleasing atmosphere—perfectly complementing the tone of the event, for the 265 guests that attended, inclusive of 15 fallen hero families.

The Annual Meeting and Luncheon of The Hundred Club of Connecticut serves as a cornerstone event to honor the organization's mission and celebrate its impact, most notably honoring our fallen heroes by paying tribute to Connecticut's Police Officers, Firefighters, and Correction Officers who have died in the line of duty. It also reinforces the Club's commitment of supporting our fallen heroes families by easing the financial and emotional burdens of surviving spouses and children.

Since the Club's founding in 1967, the Annual Meeting and Luncheon provides time for attendees to reflect on the Club's accomplishments as well as a chance for members and their guests to connect, share stories, and renew their dedication to the cause. The luncheon is both a solemn remembrance and a celebration of service, unity, and compassion. A special highlight was the presence of Mr. Ustjanauskas' family, whose participation added emotional resonance to the gathering.



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Following an opening ceremony featuring the Connecticut State Police Honor Guard Unit, the Connecticut Statewide Fire Honor Guard, Connecticut Department of Corrections Honor Guard Unit, and the Middletown PBA Pipes & Drums, guests enjoyed a plated meal service, which was delivered with care and professionalism by the Aqua Turf staff.

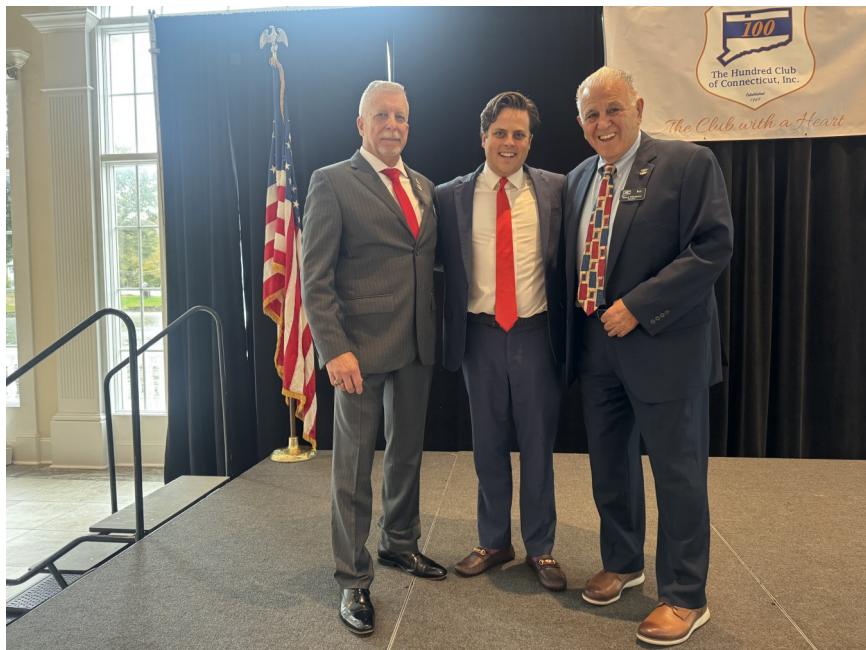


We are grateful to our event sponsor, The Aegis Group with Morgan Stanley, whose generous and continued support made it possible to extend a warm welcome to all in attendance.



## **58<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting and Luncheon**

Our sincere appreciation goes to our Master of Ceremonies, WFSB reporter Roger Susanin who is a staunch supporter of "The Club with a Heart" and did an amazing job coordinating the event.



*Mr. Gary Sharkevich*

*A Solumn Tribute . . . In Loving Memory of our Fallen Heroes*

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Additionally, we would like to thank the Chaplain of the Hundred Club, Reverend Michael Dolan; and our keynote speakers, Chief Tim Wall of the Wallingford North Farms VFD, and Ret. Asst. Chief Tim Pelton of the Cheshire VFD.

Both Chief Wall and Ret. Asst. Chief Pelton engaged the audience with their decades of fire service experience and provided inspiring and insightful speeches that highlighted the important contributions of the Fire Service to the State of Connecticut while underscoring the mission and values of The Hundred Club of Connecticut.



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From a Club leadership and visionary perspective, this year we celebrated the transition of Club Presidents, effective January 1, 2026, from that of Robert J. O'Shaughnessy to Jason E. Leavitt.

Outgoing President O'Shaughnessy reflected on the past two years of achievements, all of which were focused on supporting the families of our fallen heroes.

Incoming President Leavitt honored past achievements and notable club members who exemplify the generosity and commitment to serving others, which is the lifeblood of The Hundred Club of Connecticut.

President Leavitt also highlighted ongoing initiatives and strategic goals for the future, inclusive of his commitment to provide continuous, unconditional care to the families of our fallen firefighters, police officers and correctional officers, with a goal of growing our membership "through the most powerful force we have: word of mouth recruitment."



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Mr. Peter Guerra, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, announced the Officers for 2026:

President,	Jason E. Leavitt
1st Vice President,	Gregory L. Hancock
2nd Vice President,	George F. Battle
3rd Vice President,	Mark E. Roberts
Secretary,	Melinda E. Carlisle
Treasurer,	David C. Monaco
Assistant Treasurer,	Dave DelVecchia

New members of the Board of Directors were announced, as follows:

### **Class of 2028 Directors**

Joy Drisdelle, Esq.	John (Jack) A. Leonard
William (Bill) Warner	Tim Pelton
Leonard (Len) A. Oberg	

### **Class of 2026 Director**

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The following members of the Board of Directors have concluded their terms of service, and we would like to genuinely thank them for their dedication to The Hundred Club of Connecticut and encourage their ongoing involvement in the organization:

Edward F. Pickett Jr.,      Peter A. Heard,      Elizabeth Mulcahy

*Thank you!*

## **58<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting and Luncheon**



The Annual Meeting Committee, Chaired by Mark Roberts, would like to thank the Managing Director, Dale Hourigan, and Assistant to the Managing Director, Alba Hanson, for their dedication and attention to detail throughout the planning and execution process of this year's meeting and luncheon.

Their efforts ensured a seamless and meaningful experience for all attendees and were instrumental in the success of this year's Annual Meeting and Luncheon.

*"The success of this year's Annual Meeting and Luncheon stands as a testament to the collaborative spirit of our Board, the dedication of our staff, and the generosity of our guests, donors, sponsors and speakers. Together, we created an experience that not only celebrated our mission but also deepened our connection to the Fire Service and the families we serve."*

*"Thank you once again to everyone who played a part in making this year's Annual Meeting and Luncheon meaningful and memorable."*

Respectfully Submitted,  
Mark E. Roberts

## **Annual Holiday Outreach & Giving**

Each year, The Hundred Club of Connecticut continues its unwavering commitment to the families of our fallen police officers, firefighters, and correction officers. As part of this mission, the Club provides meaningful holiday remembrances to surviving families — a gesture that ensures they feel supported, honored, and remembered during a season that can be especially difficult.

These holiday efforts are one component of the Club's broader year round support, which includes immediate financial assistance, catastrophic injury aid, educational scholarships, technology support for students, summer camp opportunities, and birthday gifts for children. Together, these programs reflect the Club's core purpose: standing beside the families of Connecticut's heroes long after the headlines fade.

The holiday season is a powerful reminder of why this work matters. Through the generosity of our members, The Hundred Club continues to bring comfort, connection, and hope to those who have sacrificed so much.

Over the course of two days on November 21st and 22nd, "Special Elf's" from the Club delivered 78 holiday gifts throughout Connecticut. The Club also supported an additional 22 families currently residing out of state.



We would like to thank all who participated in this most meaningful initiative with special thanks to Board Member and Chair of the Special Assistance Committee, Molly Devaney, whose countless hours of dedication and planning brought all of this to fruition.



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The mission continues ...



... and why this work matters!!





## A Message from President Jason E. Leavitt



### ***A Legacy of the Heart***

My connection to The Hundred Club of Connecticut began in 1999, as a young man just beginning his journey. I received a private history lesson from a business acquaintance of my father's—a story not of charity, but of a sacred promise. He spoke of an unbreakable vow to remember and care for the families of heroes, long after the headlines have faded to silence. It was a story that ignited a profound passion within me, and I was compelled to join.

For a quarter-century, that very promise has been the bedrock of my commitment to this organization. It has been my honor to serve on the board of directors since 2007, and it was my profound privilege to help navigate the club through a season of trials. Working alongside our new managing director, Dale Hourigan, we reinforced the foundation to ensure our legacy would endure.

We are The Hundred Club of Connecticut. We are the club with a heart. We are the only organization in this state that provides continuous, unconditional care to the families of our fallen firefighters, police officers, and correction officers. We remember the birthdays. We remember the holidays. We remember the college years. We are the eternal memory, ensuring they are never forgotten.

As I humbly accept the honor of serving as your next president, I do so with a clear and resolute vision. Our mission is built on stories, and our strength is built on people. That is why my biggest goal is to grow our membership, one story at a time, through the most powerful force we have: word-of-mouth recruitment. To our loyal members—your generosity and commitment are the lifeblood of this organization. I ask you to carry our story to every corner of our community. Share the heart of what we do. Let us ensure that our legacy of care is a promise that echoes not only for generations to come but for every family in need.



## From the Desk of the Managing Director

I would like to congratulate the new Hundred Club Slate of Officers and Directors while thanking those who have served and completed their terms. I want to extend to our members a joyous, happy, and safe holiday season. Please join me in remembering Connecticut's Fallen Heroes who have made the supreme sacrifice in the performance of their duties to include their precious families who will forever endure the tragic loss of loved ones.

It's membership renewal time, as noted in earlier editions, this is the last year you will receive a mailed invoice. Please return the bottom portion of your invoice to the office along with your payment and retain the top portion for your records. All future invoices and late notices will be emailed. Should you prefer a hard copy invoice please call the office to make those arrangements. The Club will save several thousands of dollars on postage, stationery, and labor costs by migrating to emailed invoices, members will benefit by eliminating lapses in membership affecting future life membership application, eliminate lost mail complaints, change in address delays, in addition to providing the office with a record acknowledging receipt of your renewal notice.

Credit Card Fees will be waved for all members who choose to enroll in automatic yearly membership renewals. To select this option please contact Mrs. Alba Hanson.

Replacement vehicle shields now cost \$40 each plus shipping. Credit Card Fees are no longer applicable.

**Life Memberships.** To be eligible for a Life Membership you are required to have uninterrupted membership for 15 years, be 75 years of age and make a donation of \$500. Details can be found on our Club webpage. Many Life Members, as their situation allows, may make donations in support of our mission. On behalf of the Board of Directors we wish to thank these members for their continued generosity and support. Remember we are a 501c3 all donations received are tax deductible.

**This year to date your membership dues have supported the following benefits to our Fallen Hero Families:**

**\$25,000 in Line of Duty Death Assistance.** **\$272,766.47 in scholarships.**

\$129,378.86 for birthday remembrance, holidays, and special assistance.

Please check our website [www.hundredclubofct.org](http://www.hundredclubofct.org) and Facebook page for important club information and Hundred Club apparel purchases.

Members interested in serving a volunteer three-year term as a director are encouraged to submit a letter to the Managing Director. Appointments to the Board of Directors are made every Fall. The Office Team stands by to assist with membership and Fallen Hero Family needs. Our winter hours are posted online, Monday - Friday. The Office is closed on all federally recognized holidays.

Sincerely,

Managing Director Dale P. Hourigan



*"The Club with a Heart"*

**The Hundred Club of Connecticut  
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## Reminder ...

### SAVE THE DATE

#### **Golf Tournament @ Tunxis Plantation—June 24, 2026**

The tournament sells out every year so be sure to register your foursome early!!

#### **Annual Meeting and Luncheon @ The Aqua Turf Club—October 28, 2026**

Thank you,

Dale P. Hourigan - Managing Director

