

# THE Hundred Call

*"The Club  
with a Heart"*

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## 37TH CT Law Enforcement Memorial Service – May 22, 2025

Trooper killed during traffic stop among fallen law enforcement honored: 'We'll never forget'

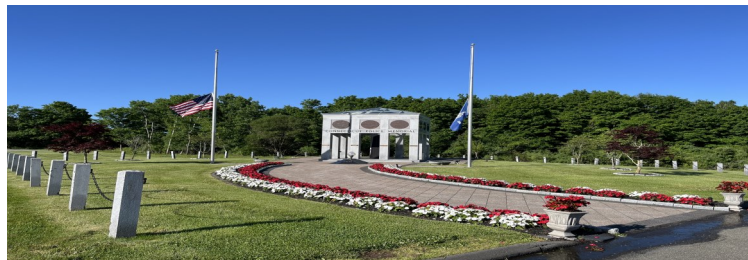
**MERIDEN**— The late Trooper First Class Aaron Pelletier, a Southington native who died in the line of duty after being struck by a pickup truck while conducting a traffic stop on May 30, 2024, was among those honored at the 37th Annual Police Memorial Service.

Also honored by the Connecticut Police Chiefs' Law-Enforcement Memorial Foundation were the late Det. Sgt. John Bonin and the late Lt. Otto Ernest Dobratz, both of the Meriden Police Department.

Bonin, a member of the Meriden Police Department for over 21 years, died while pursuing suspects in June of 1922. While chasing them through the woods he suffered a fatal heart attack.

Dobratz, was a member of the Meriden Police Department for over 25 years. He died while responding to a report of a shooting in July of 1953. He was investigating a fatal accidental shooting and collapsed while attempting to radio other officers.

Officers from around the state gathered at the Connecticut Police Academy in Meriden along with state representatives and families to honor the three men and 152 other fallen law enforcement officers in the state. The names of the fallen have been engrained in the granite of the Memorial, which was erected in 1989.



## From the Desk of the Managing Director

Since January 1, 2025, we have welcomed eighty-seven (87) new members to our organization. Membership continues to be our strength, and your yearly dues support each of our Fallen Hero Families.

Unfortunately, 240 past members failed to renew and have been classified as inactive, should these members wish to be reinstated they must reapply for consideration.

Since our last Hundred Call Edition (Spring 2025), the following benefits have been distributed:

\$70,000 in scholarships

\$7,070.00 for Holiday and Birthday remembrance gifts

\$4,600 Summer Camp

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

The Office Team stands by to assist with membership and Fallen Hero Family needs!

Our summer hours are Monday - Thursday.

## Quarterly Club Activities

**April 17, 2025:**

Representatives from The Hundred Club participated in the (CPCA) Connecticut Police Chiefs Association EXPO held at The Aqua Turf in Southington. The Hundred Club Booth was staffed with President Robert J. O'Shaughnessy, Director Neville A. Brooks, and Managing Director, Dale P. Hourigan. Hundreds of CT Police Officers and Troopers attended the event which was filled with vendors supporting law enforcement missions with new technology, safety equipment, and vehicles along with many support agencies, groups, and businesses. We were proud to represent The Hundred Club and educate Connecticut's Law Enforcement of our mission to support Fallen Hero Families. Many police officers and troopers are unaware of our mission and the support provided to the widows and children of the Fallen. This was our second year participating in this event thanks to the generosity and support of CPCA Executive Director, Pamela D. Hayes. We are looking forward to being a participant in next years Expo.



**April 14, 2025 from the Office of Governor Ned Lamont**

**Governor Lamont, Comptroller Scanlon Announce Enhanced Cancer Screenings for Firefighters**

(HARTFORD, CT) – Governor Ned Lamont and Comptroller Sean Scanlon today announced that effective May 1, 2025, the State of Connecticut is expanding the benefits it provides to firefighters to include free, enhanced cancer screenings.

This new benefit comes in response to evidence that firefighters, due to their repeated exposure to smoke, toxic chemicals, and carcinogens in the line of duty, have a greater prevalence of cancer diagnoses and cancer-related deaths than the general population.

More than 900 firefighters enrolled in the state employee health plan and Partnership Plan, both of

which Comptroller Scanlon oversees, will now have free access to a comprehensive, full-body scan once every two years. The screenings are designed to detect cancers early – often before symptoms appear – when treatment is more effective, and outcomes are significantly better.

While expected to cost the state about \$150,000 annually, the costs associated with later-stage cancers are far greater – not to mention the hardship placed on firefighters, their families, and their departments.

“Firefighters have high-risk jobs and in the course of their duties are exposed to toxins that can wreak havoc on their health and put them at risk for cancer,” Governor Lamont said. “Expanding the state health plan to provide all firefighters with regular cancer screenings is essential because early detection is key to successful treatment outcomes. I appreciate Comptroller Scanlon for working with our administration to enact this change to the state health plan and provide this benefit for Connecticut’s firefighters.”

“When they’re putting their lives on the line every day, the last thing our firefighters should have to worry about is navigating their healthcare,” Comptroller Scanlon said. “That’s why I’m proud that the state health plan I run will now provide our members with the best preventative care and early screenings. Through better early detection, we can keep the men and women who serve our communities healthy and their minds at ease. I’ve been honored to work with the Uniformed Professional Fire Fighters Association of Connecticut and Governor Lamont to bring this initiative to fruition.”

“Firefighters are an essential part of keeping all Connecticut residents safe,” Connecticut Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection (DESPP) Commissioner Ronnell A. Higgins said. “At DESPP, where we are training and recruiting the firefighters of the future, we stand behind the continuing efforts by Governor Lamont and Comptroller Scanlon to keep the men and women of the fire service healthy.”

“Unfortunately, there is growing prevalence of cancer in firefighters, but early detection saves lives, and it saves our families – by blood and by profession – immense grief and hardship,” Peter Brown, president of the Uniformed Professional Fire Fighters Association of Connecticut, said. “This new healthcare offering is a critical step forward in securing firefighter health and wellbeing. UPFFA is grateful for our continued partnership with Comptroller Scanlon and Governor Lamont.”

Any firefighter enrolled on the state employee health plan or Partnership Plan who is seeking more information can visit [carecompass.ct.gov](https://carecompass.ct.gov) to connect with a representative, schedule an appointment, and find providers in their area.



## **In Loving Memory...**

### **Joel E. Janenda 1942-2025**

Attorney Joel E. Janenda joined The Hundred Club of Connecticut on August 15, 1996, and was nominated to serve as a member of the Board of Directors on September 11, 1997. He rose through the organization, becoming President in 2003.

Joel served the Hundred Club with distinction and honor providing legal guidance while serving on many club committees to include: The Executive Committee, Finance, Bylaw, formulating the Articles of Corporation, Catastrophic Injury, and many more through his 29 years of exemplary service.

Joel became a Lifetime Member in 2015. His smile, humor, friendship, and guidance will indeed be missed by all!

### **Joel Janenda Obituary**

Joel E. Janenda passed away Monday, June 9, 2025, from a sudden heart attack. He had been healthy and having a great week including playing 108 holes of golf, visiting with some of his oldest, closest friends, and surrounded by and laughing with friends and neighbors while enjoying a weekly Monday night social outing.

Joel was born to John E. and Anita Beermann Janenda in DeBry, Connecticut February 20, 1942. He and his younger sister Veronica grew up in Seymour and Orange, CT. He graduated from Notre Dame High School in West Haven. At a young age, the family also lived in Portland, Maine while his father served in the Navy protecting U.S. shipping and supply lanes during World War II. Joel's father went on to become a Connecticut Hall of Fame football, baseball, and basketball coach and their lives were full of young people who remained lifelong friends to the Janenda family.

Joel attended the University of Connecticut where he earned his undergraduate and law degrees. As Joel would tell anyone, his whole life changed when he walked into a UConn undergraduate classroom and saw Rebecca Jane Drew from Maine. He described it as "getting struck by lightning." He found a way to ask Becky out – and she said no, she was seeing someone. He never gave up. Becky eventually agreed to a date. They fell in love, were married June 27, 1964. They loved each other as equal partners in life for 53 years until September 4, 2017 when Becky lost her battle with lung cancer.

As a law school graduate and young newlyweds, Joel and Becky decided to begin their life together and become involved in a new community in Connecticut. His law school friend Bill Broneill suggested they look at Manchester. Joel began his law career working for his mentor, attorney, and later Judge Eugene T. Kelly. Joel and Becky were lifelong friends with Kelly, his wife Virginia, and the Kelly family.

Joel and Becky were loving, supportive parents to two sons, John and Tom. Joel loved his sons, never gave up making efforts to be part of their lives and was always there for them as kids and adults. He almost never missed one of his son's games or events. On the family front, "Uncle Joel" was also a favorite friend to nieces, nephews, and young kids in his network of friends. He loved playing and just being silly with younger kids. They loved him too and he was often surrounded by laughing kids at family events.

Joel was an exceptional, hardworking lawyer who cared about helping his clients get into their first home, deal with

the loss of a family member, and became an expert in land use, zoning, and many other areas of law.

Outside of work and family, Joel and Becky built a huge network of friends across Manchester and the area. They were both incredibly involved in the Manchester community, giving time in a variety of ways over decades. Joel served as Chair of the Manchester Parks and Recreation Committee for more than 20 years. For many years, Joel taught CCD classes at St. James Catholic Church and volunteered and did overnight shifts at the homeless shelter. He served and was still serving as Chair of Trustees for the Manchester Community Y Recreation Center. Joel was a proud, involved Democrat and volunteered as an Election Monitor. For many years, He volunteered Thanksgiving morning for the Manchester Road Race. Joel was a longtime board member and past President of The 100 Club of Connecticut which works to ease the financial burdens of surviving spouses and children of Police Officers, Firefighters, and Corrections Officers who have given their lives in the performance of their duties.

Joel loved and nurtured relationships with friends old and new. He was always ready with a smile and warm greeting or to help anyone who needed support at a tough moment. He had many friends across different age groups whether from the neighborhood, at the gym, at his breakfast group, or his various golf groups and volunteer organizations. Joel loved all his nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts, and uncles across both the Janenda and Wooster (Becky's) sides of the family. He treasured his time on Taunton Bay in Franklin, Maine which was filled with peace, quiet and natural beauty – and sometimes with loud, laughing, card playing relatives. He also loved to tell stories. Sometimes they had been heard before. Sometimes they went around two to three barns, but they were always kind-hearted and positive.

Joel worked hard into his early seventies but enjoyed his retirement. He missed Becky terribly after her passing but enjoyed and was sustained and grateful for the longstanding connections and relationships across the Manchester community. Joel and Becky were both lifelong UConn fans- especially UConn Women's Basketball. They attended and followed "their women" over 40 years and attended four Final Four tournaments. Joel was famous for being very upset at the "blind" referees missing calls during many games – even when the UConn women were up by 20-30 points. He would say it was "still too close." Joel was thrilled this past March to cheer the woman on to their 12th National Championship in Tampa, Florida.

Joel loved Becky, his sons, family, friends, and community and will be missed by all. He is survived by his son Tom and partner Monica Castellanos; his son John and wife Lisa, grandson Mason, granddaughter Avery; Michael Lata, who he loved like a son; his sister Veronica Janenda; and over 100 family members on both the Janenda and Wooster sides of the family.

In lieu of flowers or in remembrance, please consider supporting one of the following organizations that were important to Joel: The 100 Club of Connecticut, [Hundredclubofct.org](http://Hundredclubofct.org), 119 Oakwood Drive, Glastonbury, CT 06033 or Friends of Taunton Bay, [Friendsoftauntonbay.org](http://Friendsoftauntonbay.org), P.O. Box 411, Hancock, Maine 04640.

Family and friends may call at the John F. Tierney Funeral Home, 219 W. Center Street in Manchester on Monday, June 16th, 2025, from 4-7 p.m. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Tuesday, June 17th, at 10:00 a.m. at St. James Church, 896 Main Street, Manchester CT.





## **In Loving Memory...**

**James "Skip" Michael Thomas**

**1947-2025**

James M. (Skip) Thomas joined The Hundred Club on May 13, 2020, and was nominated to serve as a member of the Board of Directors on January 1, 2010. He rose through the chairs to become President in 2016 and 2017. Skip served the Hundred Club with incredible distinction, demonstrating his passion to honor and serve the Fallen Hero Families of Connecticut. Skip served on many Club Committees to include becoming the fourth Managing Director in the Club's history from May 2, 2021 to October 21, 2022. Skip leaves a legacy of caring, compassion, honor and service.

### **James "Skip" Michael Thomas Obituary**

James "Skip" Michael Thomas, 78, of Glastonbury, passed away peacefully on July 24, 2025, with his family by his side. Born in Hartford, CT on April 17, 1947, he was the son of the late Elizabeth (Donovan) and Frank Thomas. Besides his parents he was predeceased by his brothers John DiLorenzo and David Thomas, sister Nancy Ricci, and stepfathers Carl DiLorenzo and Parker Searle. Skip grew up in Glastonbury and remained a lifelong resident. He leaves his loving wife who he adored for 54 years, Jane Chapman Thomas and his devoted daughters Joanne (Brad) Wheatley and Jenna (Christopher) Amirault. He was the proud grandfather of Tyler and Hayley Wheatley, and James and Kyle Amirault. He also leaves his brothers Brian and Carl DiLorenzo and sisters Diedre Blitz and Jennifer Talbott and many members of the Chapman family.

Skip was a scholar through and through. After graduating from East Catholic High School in 1965, he went on to study at St. Louis University, graduating in 1969. He graduated with a master's degree in criminal justice from University of New Haven in 1974. He was a proud graduate of the FBI National Academy in 1976. He had a successful career in law enforcement. He was the first full time Youth Officer in Glastonbury. He quickly rose to the rank of Lieutenant. In 1985 he became Chief of Police in Vernon, CT. There he helped form the Tri-Town Narcotic Task Force (South Windsor, Manchester and Vernon). He returned to Glastonbury as Chief in 1987 where he stayed until his retirement in 1999. The Glastonbury Police Department remained a constant in his life. Every Monday for the past few years, he was in a coffee klatch with many of his former co-workers and dear friends. As Chief in Glastonbury, he started The Citizen Police Academy. He was also President of Capitol Region and Connecticut Police Chiefs Association. He was nominated to attend the FBI Executive Leadership Program (one of 30 chiefs chosen in the United States). Skip was a driving force in The Connecticut Law Enforcement Memorial project

beginning in 1985. He worked to raise the funds for the architectural plans that led to its construction and dedication in 1989. Following his retirement from the Glastonbury Police, he became the Director of Justice Planning for State of Connecticut. He was then appointed by Governor Rell as the Commissioner of Department of Emergency Management & Homeland Security for the State of Connecticut. He was later appointed Commissioner of the Connecticut State Police. There he found a brotherhood with the Connecticut State Police that remained strong until his last days. The culmination of his career was the Managing Director of The Hundred Club of Connecticut, where he helped care for the family members of fallen first responders. There he worked directly with their survivors. He made many friendships and was grateful to all the men and women he met while working at The Hundred Club. Skip was an active member at SS. Isidore and Maria Parish, currently serving on the Finance Council. Skip loved his family and thoroughly enjoyed every summer at the cottage in Westerly, RI. His grandchildren were the light of his life and he loved watching them grow up on the beach in Westerly. He loved traveling with his wife Jane. They were able to go to Italy, Ireland, St. John, USVI, and many other places in the Caribbean-many of those trips with the best of friends. They also took many trips to the Bahamas and Disney with his daughters and their families. In his life he received many honors. A distinguished award he cherished was the Saint Edmund's Medal of Honor at Enders Island. Also in 2024, Skip was inducted to the East Catholic Hall of Fame. Skip will be remembered for many wonderful different things but most importantly for helping others and treating everyone with respect, a legacy he has passed on to his children and grandchildren and everyone who knew him.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated on Thursday, July 31, 2025 at 10:00 am at SS. Isidore and Maria Parish, 2577 Main St., Glastonbury. Burial will be in Holy Cross Cemetery. Friends may call on Wednesday, July 30, 2025 from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm at Mulryan Funeral Home, 725 Hebron Ave., Glastonbury.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to: The Hundred Club of Connecticut, 119 Oakwood Drive, Glastonbury, CT 06033 or to The Connecticut Law Enforcement Memorial Foundation: The Connecticut Police Chiefs Law Memorial Foundation (CLEM), PO Box 4082, Meriden, CT 06451.

# Golf Tournament

On Wednesday, June 25, the Tunxis Country Club in Farmington, once again, hosted the Hundred Club's annual Edward J. Funk Memorial Golf Tournament. More than 100 golfers registered for the outing, while additional guests joined the group for the buffet dinner that followed.

Golfers began arriving at 8:00 am, when registration opened, and continued to filter in right up until tee time and the shotgun start at 10:00 am.

Foursomes assembled on the patio outside the Pro Shop to enjoy coffee and breakfast pastries. This year's Breakfast Sponsor was Highland Park Market.

The event was planned by the Golf Committee, consisting of Club President Bob O'Shaughnessy, as well as Directors Paul Young, Dave Monaco and Dave Delvecchia, Neville Brooks, Alba Hanson and Managing Director Dale Hourigan.

Alba Hanson and Samantha Leavitt confirmed participants registration. Each golfer received an over the shoulder cooler and personalized bottle opener.

The contestants played the White Course, an 18 hole, par 72 course featuring several island greens that require accurate approach shots. Measuring 6,638 yards from the back tees, the White Course has been given a slope rating of 121 and course rating of 71.3, offering a great combination of challenge and playability.

The snack bar, located after the 5th and 14th tees, offered lunch and beverages throughout the day. As the players made their way around the course, each group was able to stop and enjoy a sandwich at the concession stand. In addition to the freshly cooked hotdogs, hamburgers and sausage sandwiches, water, soft drinks and beer were available. Beverages were also made available on the course. Once their rounds were over, the foursomes found their way to the banquet facility, where they reported their scores to the club pro and enjoyed cocktails and hors d'oeuvres before a buffet dinner. Raffle prizes were drawn and Tournament winners were recognized.

## Thank You to our Sponsors:

**Titanium:** Donnie Bidwell

**Golf Cart Sponsor:** Stephen AutoMall Centre

**Breakfast Sponsor:** Highland Park Market

**Gold Sponsors:** Monaco Ford, Liberty Bank

**Silver Sponsors:** Morgan Stanley, Hancock Pharmacy, Social Lounge, Net Source, The Tomasso Family

## Tee Sign Sponsors:

Waterbury Fireman's Aid Association - Giovanni's Brick Oven Pizza - Revolution Basketball - Compass Enterprises - Family of Firefighter Patrick Brooks - Lamore's Service Center - KMR Landscaping Inc - Melinda Carlisle - Net Source - President Robert J. O'Shaughnessy - CBT - Hayes Developers - Glastonbury Oil - The Cloud Company - Cofiell's Sport & Power Equipment - T2 Consulting LLC - CLEM - Wood & Tap - LAZ Parking - Andre Charbonneau - Andre Charbonneau & Sons - Andre Charbonneau Furniture - The W.I Clark Company - L&M Paving - Paul Young - Cashman & Katz LLC - Uconn - Gaffney, Bennett & Associates - Friends of Firefighter Dan Nolan - All Waste - Lexington Partners LLC - Venora Electric, Inc. - Defibtech - Bouvier Insurance - Magee Company - The Catania Law Enforcement Family



## **A Hundred Club Family Spotlight**

The Guerra Family's support of The Hundred Club of Connecticut spans generations!

While Peter and Barbara Guerra have been proud members of The Hundred Club of Connecticut for over thirty years, their love and admiration for the organization and its commitment to supporting the families of fallen law enforcement officers, correction officers, and firefighters has now transcended three generations.

Peter served as President of The Hundred Club of Connecticut in 1997 and remains actively involved in the organization, currently serving as the Chairman of the Nominating Committee.

Similarly, Peter & Barbara's daughter, Aline, and son, Tom, have been members of the club for many years, and like father, like son, Tom also served as President of The Hundred Club in 2009.

Today, Peter and Barbara's grandchildren are also members of the Hundred Club of Connecticut! Their granddaughter, Joy, and grandson, Daniel, are the third generation of the Guerra family committed to "The Club with a Heart" and, like their parents and grandparents, Joy and Daniel remain dedicated easing the financial burdens of the surviving spouse and children of our public safety officials who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the performance of their duties!

We thank all of the Guerra's for their dedication, commitment and generosity to The Hundred Club of Connecticut and look forward to future generations of the family continuing this honorable legacy!



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## Mark the Calendar

**October 8th, 2025**

Annual Luncheon

Aqua Turf Club—Plantsville

12:00

### INVOICE NOTICE

To reduce operating costs, this is the last year you will receive a mailed invoice. Due to increases in US Postage, all future invoices will be emailed to you. Should you not use email, please contact the Office to make other arrangements. Effective immediately, all late payment notices will be sent electronically to your email address on file.

Thank you,

Dale P. Hourigan - Managing Director



Limerick Ireland Pipe Band welcomes the Middletown Pipe and Drum Band at St. Mary's Cathedral in Englishtown, Limerick under the Direction of Pipe Major Kenneth Barber, Director of the Hundred Club, along with Managing Director Dale Hourigan