

THE Hundred Call

*"The Club
with a Heart"*

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38TH CT Law Enforcement Memorial Service – May 21, 2026

MERIDEN — Three names were formally added to the Connecticut Law Enforcement Memorial

Each May, Connecticut pauses to honor the men and women who have given their lives in service to our communities. This year's Law Enforcement Memorial observance, held in Meriden on May 21, 2026, carried a particularly profound sense of reflection as three names were added to the memorial, each representing a story of dedication, sacrifice, and unwavering commitment to public safety.

The ceremony brought together officers from across the state, families of the fallen, dignitaries and community members who gathered to ensure these legacies are never forgotten. The names of **Sgt. Frank Linehan**, **Special Agent Donald Kleber**, and **Officer Gregory Swaintek** were formally etched into Connecticut's collective memory.



Sgt. Frank Linehan of the **New London Police Department**, who died in 1950, was finally recognized more than seven decades later, an emotional reminder that time does not diminish the importance of honoring those who served.



Special Agent Donald Kleber of the **FBI** was remembered for his courage and resilience following his service at Ground Zero after the 9/11 attacks, a sacrifice that ultimately claimed his life in 2024.



Officer Gregory Swaintek of the **Yale University Police Department**, who died in 2025, was honored for his steadfast commitment to protecting the campus community he served with pride.

Earlier in the month, on May 15th, Connecticut observed **Peace Officers Memorial Day**, with flags lowered to half staff statewide. Governor Ned Lamont encouraged residents to join in recognizing the profound contributions of law enforcement officers and the families who support them. Many departments also participated in the **Police Unity Tour**, a 300 mile ride to Washington, D.C., symbolizing the enduring bond among officers nationwide and the shared commitment to remembering the fallen.

This year's memorial events served as a powerful reminder that behind every badge is a story of service, of courage, and of a willingness to step forward when others step back. As new names join the memorial, Connecticut reaffirms its promise: **their sacrifice will never be forgotten, and their legacy will continue to guide those who serve today.**

What Families' Testimonials Mean to The Hundred Club of Connecticut

Serving Connecticut's Fallen Hero Families since 1967

Every letter that arrives at The Hundred Club of Connecticut carries a story of courage, loss, resilience, and profound gratitude. For more than half a century, The Hundred Club has stood beside the families of Connecticut's Fallen Heroes, offering support during their most difficult moments. Yet it is the families themselves who remind us, through their heartfelt words, why this mission matters so deeply.

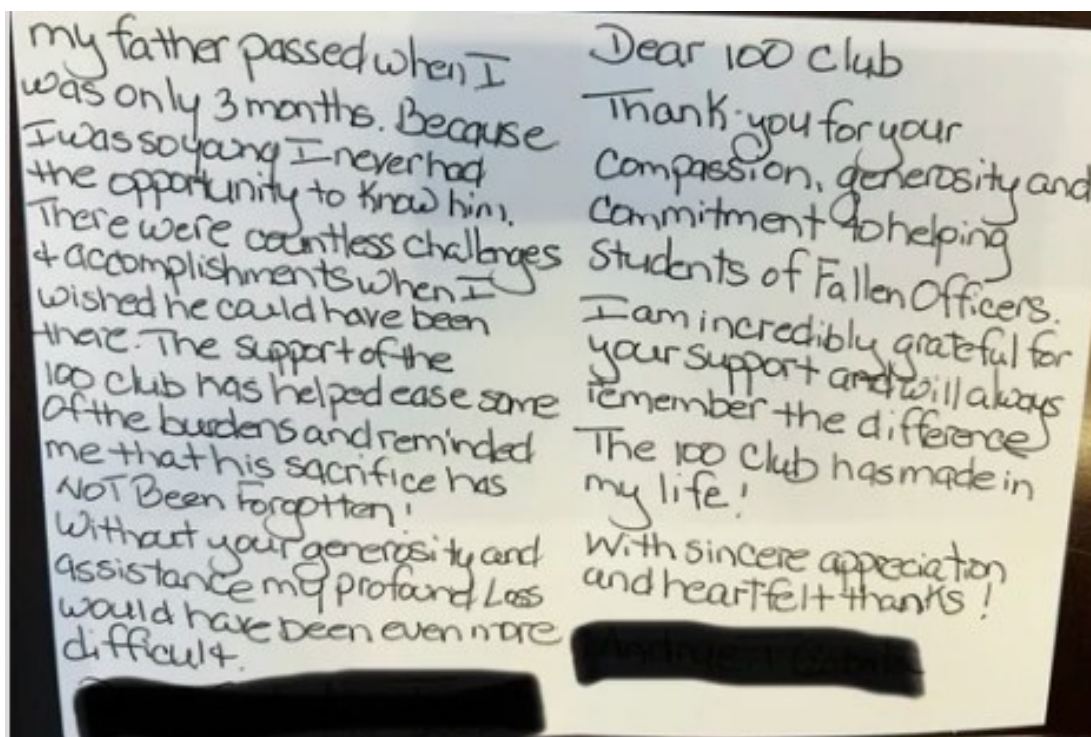
These testimonials often speak to more than financial assistance. They reflect the comfort of knowing that their loved one's sacrifice is remembered, that their family is not alone, and that a community stands ready to lift them up. Many express how the Club's outreach, whether through educational support, compassionate communication, or simply showing up, brings a sense of stability during a time of overwhelming uncertainty.

What resonates most is the recurring theme of connection. Families describe The Hundred Club as a source of strength, a quiet presence that honors their Hero's legacy while helping them navigate the future. Their letters remind us that even small gestures of care can have lasting impact.

As these messages continue to arrive, they serve as powerful affirmations of the Club's purpose. They inspire us to keep expanding our support, strengthening our commitment, and ensuring that every family who loses a loved one in the line of duty feels the unwavering gratitude of the Connecticut community.

The Hundred Club is honored to receive these words and even more honored to serve the families who write them.

Below, is one of many testimonials received at The Hundred Club of Connecticut, reminding us of the importance of all that we do in supporting Connecticut's Fallen Hero families!



For further testimonials, please see ... [Testimonials — The Hundred Club of Connecticut](#)

A Community of Support: Honoring the Businesses Who Stand With Connecticut's Fallen Hero Families

Across Connecticut, businesses large and small continue to demonstrate extraordinary generosity toward The Hundred Club of Connecticut. Their donations often arriving quietly, yet carrying tremendous impact, help to ensure that the families of our Fallen Heroes receive unwavering support long after the headlines fade.

These contributions are more than financial gifts. They are acts of solidarity. Each fundraiser, each check, each initiative, reflects a deep respect for the men and women who gave their lives in service to our state. Local businesses, corporate partners, restaurants, civic groups, and community minded organizations have all stepped forward, united by a shared commitment to honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice.

The funds raised by these entities directly strengthen the Hundred Club's ability to provide educational assistance, financial stability, and compassionate outreach to the families who need it most. Their efforts help preserve legacies, ease burdens, and remind surviving families that Connecticut has not forgotten their Hero.

We are profoundly grateful for every business that chooses to stand with us. Their continued support fuels our mission and reinforces a powerful truth: when a Hero falls, Connecticut rises together.

The Hundred Club extends its heartfelt thanks to all our business partners for their dedication, generosity, and unwavering belief in our work!

Over the past few months the following businesses have held fundraising events specifically in support of The Hundred Club of Connecticut and we'd like to extend a huge heartfelt THANK YOU to each of them!!

Fenn Torin Corporation — East Berlin, CT

Thank you to everyone who attended, sponsored, and donated to, the 4th Annual FENN Charity Golf Tournament on May 19, 2026 at the Robert Trent Jones Course at Lyman Orchards Golf Club, with all proceeds donated to The Hundred Club of Connecticut.

Duffy's Tavern — West Haven, CT

Thank you to their owner, staff, patrons, and the surrounding community for all of their donations in support of Connecticut's First Responders and Correctional Officers over the Memorial Day weekend.

Tilcon Connecticut — New Britain, CT

Thank you to everyone who participated and contributed to the Tilcon Connecticut Annual Golf Tournament at the TPC River Highlands in Cromwell, CT on July 27, 2026, with all proceeds donated to The Hundred Club of Connecticut.

We are profoundly grateful for all of the unwavering generosity, continued support and remarkable contributions that make it possible for us to honor and care for Connecticut's Fallen Hero Families!!

Thank You for the Remarkable Contributions to the Hundred Club!!



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Dear Dale,

Please accept this check on behalf of the staff and patrons of Duffy's Tavern as well as our amazing surrounding community who have so graciously wrapped their arms around [REDACTED] and her three children [REDACTED] after their unimaginable loss. This check is just a small gesture of our appreciation for all that you do for the families of first responders and corrections officers in Connecticut.

I'd like to personally thank you for taking care of a woman and family that mean the absolute world to myself and our staff. [REDACTED] and I have known each other since we were teenagers, and she's been my right hand as general manager at Duffy's for twenty-two years. I've had the pleasure of watching her children grow up to be amazing individuals, all due to [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] parenting. Being a small business owner, I will always do my best to take care of [REDACTED] but the financial burden of this tragedy is so vast that it takes an amazing organization like The Hundred Club to step up and fill in the gaps. That said, there are no words to convey how grateful I am for your compassion and generosity towards the [REDACTED] family. [REDACTED] incredible strength and resiliency will always keep her family close, but your benevolence will allow them to live and pursue their dreams while keeping their loving memories of [REDACTED] alive.

Along with this check, we feel the best way to pay your kindness forward is to raise more awareness of The Hundred Club. Duffy's Tavern is a long-standing Irish pub and restaurant where first responders are respected and feel at home with their families in our warm atmosphere. We've made it a point to speak to and educate all of our patrons (especially first responders) about your organization and mission, and we will continue to do so in the future. Please let us know if there's any other way we can help. Thank you again for being a guiding light for [REDACTED] and her family as they navigate through this immeasurable loss.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chris Walsh', written over a white background.

Chris Walsh

Thank You for the Remarkable Contributions to the Hundred Club!!



A Light That Never Fades: Honoring Connecticut's Fallen Heroes at The Hundred Club of Connecticut

The Hundred Club of Connecticut has added a powerful new tribute within its office ... a beautifully crafted plaque honoring all of Connecticut's Fallen Heroes from law enforcement, fire services, and corrections. This plaque, now illuminated by a light that never turns off, stands as a constant reminder of the courage, sacrifice, and unwavering commitment these Heroes gave to protect our communities.



The ever burning light symbolizes what their families already know in their hearts: their loved ones' legacy does not dim with time. It reflects the Club's promise that these Heroes will always be remembered, always honored, and always present in the work we do each day.

For families who walk through our doors, this tribute offers a moment of reflection and a quiet assurance that their Hero's service continues to shine brightly in their memory.

This addition to our office is more than a display — it is a living symbol of gratitude, respect, and enduring remembrance.





June 11, 2026: Governor Lamont Signs Law Increasing Job Benefits for State and Local Police, Firefighters, Correction Officers, EMS Personnel, and National Guard Members

Governor Ned Lamont signed **Public Act 26-12** in June 2026, a comprehensive law designed to **boost recruitment and retention** of Connecticut's public safety professionals, including **state and local police, firefighters, correction officers, EMS personnel, and National Guard members**.

"Collaboratively written by Governor Lamont and the leadership of the legislature's Public Safety and Security Committee and Labor and Public Employees Committee, the legislation was created with the goal of encouraging more individuals to seek careers in these important public safety fields and help retain those who are already serving".

"Our public safety professionals are integral to the wellbeing of each of our neighborhoods, and it is imperative that we provide them with benefits that ensure we have adequately staffed forces," **Governor Lamont said**. "I am particularly glad that we could enact the provisions waiving higher education tuition and fees and providing mortgage assistance so these public safety officials have the support needed to live in the towns where they work. Moving forward, I want to continue working with my legislative colleagues on how we can enact further provisions supporting these workers. I am especially appreciative of Public Safety co-chairs—Senator Herron Gaston and Representative Pat Boyd—for working with my office to write this bill and advance it through the legislature so that I could sign it into law."

Key Provisions include:

- **College Tuition Waivers**
- **Mortgage Assistance**
- **College Fee Waivers for National Guard**
- **State Employee Health Insurance Plan Coverage for Survivors of Volunteer Firefighters, State Marshals, Correction Officers, and Investigators**
- **Military Department Employment Assistance Program for the National Guard & Annual Job Fair**
- **Legislative Recommendations on Military Employment**
- **Grant Program for Junior Firefighter Programs**
- **UConn Special Police Forces and Fire Department**
- **Health Insurance for Retired Police and Firefighters**
- **State Police Assigned to Highway Construction Projects**
- **Municipal Tax Abatement for Surviving Domestic Partners of First Responders**
- **Working Group on Tax Incentives and Credits for Volunteer Firefighters**
- **Public Safety Personnel Recruitment and Retention Task Force**
- **Police Officer and Firefighter Career Pipeline Program:**

For full details, please see ...

[Governor Lamont Signs Law Increasing Job Benefits for State and Local Police, Firefighters, Correction Officers, EMS Personnel, and National Guard Members](#)



From the Desk of the Managing Director

The Office needs your support and cooperation, we would like to remind you that all renewal invoices will be sent electronically via email, thereby discontinuing the distribution of paper invoices. If you would prefer to receive your invoices through U.S. Mail, please contact Mrs. Alba Hanson at alba@hundredclubofct.org, and she will fulfill your request.

Additionally, if you had previously opted to receive invoices by mail, we kindly ask that you contact us, as a recent upgrade to our system has unfortunately not carried over prior correspondence requests.

We appreciate your continued support and understanding as we transition to this more efficient invoicing method. The preferred method of contacting Hundred Club Office Personnel for all business is through email. Email addresses can be found on our webpage www.hundredclubofct.org

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

\$50,500.00 in Line of Duty Death Benefits.

\$152,675.00 in Scholarships.

\$27,007.00 Birthday Remembrance, Holidays, and Special Assistance.

Save The Dates:

Our **2026 Golf Tournament at Tunxis Plantation** has been moved to **October 14, 2026**.

Our **59th Annual Luncheon Meeting** is scheduled for **October 28, 2026**, to be held at **The Aqua Turf of Southington**. This year we will recognize the Connecticut Department of Correction.

Invitations will be emailed in August via Constant Contact. If you do not see an invitation in your Inbox in the upcoming weeks, please be sure to check your spam or junk files. Additional details will be posted on our webpage beginning in August.

Remember: Every member is a recruiter, help us expand our base by sponsoring a new membership!

Please direct the applicant to our online application form. Simply complete the form and hit the send button, it's that easy and quick. [Membership Application — The Hundred Club of Connecticut](#)
Spread the word and help our hero families!

Our Summer schedule is in effect, for office hours of operation please check our webpage.

Please continue to monitor the webpage, keep up to date on Club news and information and upcoming events.

Sincerely,

Managing Director Dale P. Hourigan



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Reminder ...

Be sure to visit our new website at <https://www.hundredclubofct.org>

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Golf Tournament @ Tunxis Plantation—October 14, 2026

8:30 am Registration Opens ... 10:00 am Shotgun Start

The tournament sells out every year so be sure to register your foursome early, or help support The Hundred Club of Connecticut through a variety of sponsorship opportunities. !!

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

Thank you,

Dale P. Hourigan - Managing Director

