



CONNECTICUT VETERANS HALL OF FAME 2012 INDUCTION CLASS

November 28, 2012

Dear Veterans, Families and Friends:

I am privileged to represent the great state of Connecticut tonight as we honor the 2012 Induction Class of the Connecticut Veterans Hall of Fame.

These twelve special patriots, like all previous inductees, not only stepped up to defend our nation in uniform, but remained fully committed to improving the lives of others when they returned home. Every one of these men and women is a selfless leader and role model whose service should inspire all of us.

I thank all of tonight's inductees for your dedication to our country, our state, and to your communities. I know I speak for all Connecticut residents when I say you have earned our utmost respect and admiration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nancy Wyman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "N" and "W".

Nancy Wyman
Lieutenant Governor

CONNECTICUT VETERANS HALL OF FAME

History

The Connecticut Veterans Hall of Fame was established to increase the awareness of the lifetime contributions of veterans after completion of honorable military service. The Connecticut Veterans Hall of Fame is not a military hall of fame. Those selected for the honor of induction are veterans who honorably served their country through military service and who continue to serve and inspire their fellow man with their deeds and accomplishments throughout their lifetime.

Each year the committee will select at least 10 inductees from applications received from across the state and nation. These veterans will be leaders in a variety of areas, such as arts, education, public service, volunteer activities, and community and business leadership to name a few. Most importantly, they will have made significant impacts on the lives of others and their communities.

To be eligible for the Connecticut Veterans Hall of Fame, the nominee must have served their country honorably in a branch of military service and continued to serve their communities, state and nation after discharge. Because so many of America's veterans continue to give to their communities, state and nation after honorable military service, the Connecticut Veterans Hall of Fame seeks to recognize them for their countless contributions to society.

The Connecticut Veterans Hall of Fame is administered and sponsored by the Connecticut Department of Veterans' Affairs and the Connecticut Military Department on behalf of the Office of the Governor.

The first class of the Connecticut Veterans Hall of Fame was inducted in November 2005 and includes the 41st President of the United States, George Herbert Walker Bush.



FATHER THOMAS E. BERBERICH
Kent, CT
US Army Captain, Brigadier General (ret.)

VIETNAM WAR SERVICE

Father Berberich of Kent, has been Assistant Pastor at Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Washington, CT since 1959. He was an Army Chaplain and served in Vietnam and was a recipient of three Bronze Stars for courage and bravery in combat during the Tet Offensive of 1968. Upon return to Connecticut he served 24 years as Chaplain of the Veterans Home and Hospital at Rocky Hill, where he began a much needed alcohol rehabilitation program. He also served for 40 years as Chaplain of the Connecticut State Firefighters Association and was selected for the Connecticut Firefighters Hall of Fame in 2012.

In addition, he has the distinction of serving as the State Area Command Chaplain of the Connecticut National Guard. In the Town of Kent, he has served as a member of the Social Services Task Force, Advisory Board of Kent Affordable Housing, the Veterans Memorial Committee and as a trustee of the Kent Historical Society. He was recalled to Active Duty in 1990 and was stationed at Fort Bragg in support of Operation Desert Storm/Shield. He has also devoted his time to serve on the Board of Incorporators of Friendship House, a home dedicated to alcohol rehabilitation in New Britain, Commission for Justice and Peace and the Priests' Retirement Board. Father is a life member of both the VFW and the American Legion.

Throughout his 80 years of life and 53 years in the priesthood, his guidance, counsel, advice and prayers have helped countless soldiers, veterans, first responders, their families and the community.



MANUEL MICHAEL CARDOZA, JR.
Preston, CT
U.S. Army
Kore Corporal Medical Tech

KOREAN WAR SERVICE

Manuel Cardoza, of Preston, has been actively involved in veterans' organizations for over 55 years. He is past Commander of Preston VFW 9452 and American Legion Post 4. Manuel is a member of the Marching Color Guard. However, it has been his dedication to preventive health and improving the quality of life in his community that has distinguished his accomplishments and lifelong service.

By utilizing the knowledge of medical processing that he acquired in the U.S. Army along with his Laboratory Technician skills, he organized a series of multi-phasic health screening days which were held in conjunction with the Connecticut State Health Department for towns and cities throughout New London County and adjacent areas. As President of the Board of Directors of the Westside Community Action Committee, he was a driving force for the acquisition and establishment of the Community Action Center, which offered many programs to assist area youth of all ages. He is a past President of Connecticut Sickle Cell Disease Research Foundation and organized a program to institute testing of children at risk for Sickle Cell Anemia in schools throughout the very rural New London County. He also worked with Yale Medical Center to bring testing for this genetic-based and often misdiagnosed condition to broaden and increase the testing opportunities and counseling for children and families found to have the traits suggestive of this disease.

This dedication and focus to early detection has been a lifelong endeavor for Mr. Cardoza and has literally saved lives. In 2008 he was recognized for Meritorious and Distinguished service by the VFW. He is also a member of the Polish League of American Veterans.



PAUL F. DILLON
Gales Ferry, CT
U.S. Navy
Vietnam Master Chief Radioman

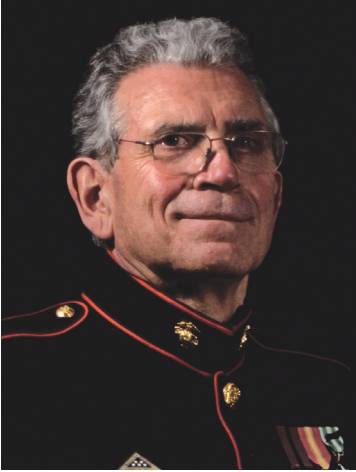
VIETNAM WAR SERVICE

Paul Dillon has dedicated his entire life to serving this country, our service men and women, our veterans and their families. His legacy of service in uniform and to those service members and veterans has extended to his family life as well.

Two of his sons have followed in his footsteps and are serving in the Marine Corps as career officers. Paul's commitment to veterans led to his 14 years of volunteer work at the Retired Activities Office on the Submarine Base in Groton, CT. He is a vital part of the yearly briefings for Retirees of all Military Services throughout the New England states which helps to keep them informed about changes in services available to them and their families. In his capacity as the Northeast Regional Vice President and local chapter President of the National Association of Uniformed Services of America, a military and veteran organization with over 200,000 members, he is responsible for activities and advocacy for military and veterans benefits and services throughout New England.

He has served on the Veterans Advisory Councils of both U.S. Representatives Joe Courtney and Rob Simmons. He is Secretary of the USS Oklahoma City Association, with over 1100 members, and was successful in getting his former ship acknowledged by the U.S. Navy as a source of exposure to Agent Orange for VA benefits and services.

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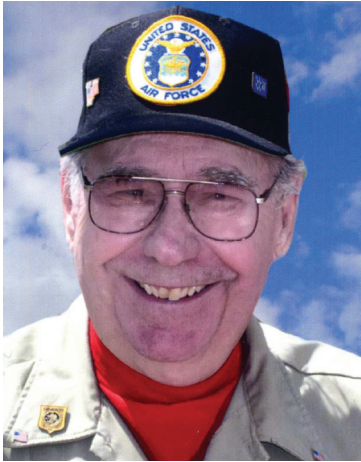
PETER GALGANO, JR.
Bristol/East Berlin, CT
U.S. Marine Corps
Vietnam Sgt. E-5

VIETNAM WAR SERVICE

Peter Galgano has extensive involvement with the Marine Corps League's Military Funeral Honors detail and participates often in the Marine Corps Wake Service.

Peter is the Veterans Outreach Coordinator at Middlesex Community College, where he works tirelessly with state agencies and military support groups in order to provide counseling and guidance to all servicemen and women. He has used his talents and expertise to create a DVD that was given to 300 funeral directors in Connecticut to assure families of veterans were apprised of the services and benefits earned by their veteran. He also organized a PTSD and Military Cultural Competency Workshop for all faculty and staff at Middlesex. He was well known as the webmaster and Public Relations Chairman for the Connecticut Trees of Honor Memorial, and recently compiled a memorial video for the 63 Gold Star Families of Connecticut troops lost in the Iraq and Afghanistan conflicts.

When Charlie Company, 1st Battalion, 25th Marines in Plainville, CT, returned from Fallujah, Iraq, the Marines of Charlie Company named him the *"2006 Marine Corps Veteran of the Year"*. He received this honor for establishing a website for Marines in Iraq to see and communicate with their families in Connecticut. He is also a recipient of the *"William J. Pomfret Veteran Community Service Award"* presented by the Middlesex County Chamber of Commerce for distinguished service to the citizens of Connecticut and selfless devotion to the ideal of commitment to public service.



WILLIAM GEORGE GODBURN
Meriden, CT
U.S. Army
WW II Corporal

VIETNAM WAR SERVICE

William became a member of the Meriden Fire Department in 1954, serving first as a substitute firefighter and then as a regular at Engine Company #3. In 1960 he was promoted to the position of Fire Marshal and also headed the Bureau of Fire Prevention for 22 years until he retired in 1982.

He helped to start the Meriden YMCA Men's Club and served as the president of the Tri-Town Golden "K" Kiwanis Club. William served on the School Building Committee, the Public Utilities Committee and also served on the Board of Directors of the Kuhn Center the Conservation Commission. He is a member of the VFW. William compiled "*A Catalogue to Honor All Veterans*", a photo album containing a representation of all those from Meriden who served their country, their state and their city in time of war, including WWI, WWII, the Korean War and the Vietnam War.

He has been an active contributor to his community, assisting with the American Warrior Trip for World War II veterans which organizes visits to the memorials in Washington, DC. He participates in the Military Honors Unit of the Antique Veterans and serves as a Eucharistic Minister at Holy Angels Church.



NORMAN HANENBAUM
Farmington, CT
US Marine Corps

WORLD WAR II CORPORAL

Norman Hanenbaum is a member of Silver City Detachment, Department of Connecticut Marine Corps League and Commander of the General Maurice Post 51 of the Jewish War Veterans of Connecticut. He spent most of his life as a Special Education Teacher and has the distinction of being one of 15 founders of Special Olympics of Connecticut in 1968. He continues his involvement and support for this important program and was recognized as a member of the Connecticut Special Olympics "*Champion Society*."

Norman plays keyboard in a trio and is well-known for combining his musical talents with his dedication to people with special needs. He served as the Musical Director for several productions which featured the performances of several special education teachers and their students. Eventually this involvement led to the creation of the "Alleluia Players" a group of the most talented performers who perfected their singing, dancing and performance skills into a traveling musical troupe that held performances at Goodspeed Opera House in East Haddam, CT, Kennedy Center in Washington and on three occasions at the World Special Olympics in the US and Canada. His significant civic, personal and professional contributions as well as his advocacy and compassion have enriched so many lives that might not have had these opportunities.

For all of his life, Norman has been faithful to his country, to its special needs, young people and their supporters, to his community and in his later years with ceaseless vigor to its veterans, including the departed, the homeless, the ill and the disabled.



ALAN JEPSON
Milford, CT
US Navy

WORLD WAR II
SEAMAN SECOND CLASS

Alan Jepson began his life of service to his country during World War II. He served in the U.S. Navy, Pacific Theatre aboard the Destroyer USS Collett which earned eight Battle Stars in the Pacific Theater. However, this was only the beginning of his contributions to his community and to Connecticut.

He served as Connecticut's State Auditor of Public Accounts, three terms as Mayor and nine terms as City Clerk and Registrar of Vital Statistics in Milford. He also served as Milford's Deputy Director of the Department of Community Development. Alan is an active member of the WWII Veteran's Memorial Committee, the VFW Post 7788 and the American Legion Post 196. Another small example of his dedication to his job is the taking of thousands of marriage license oaths for soon to be newlyweds, each oath ceremoniously given as if it were his first.

Alan has received numerous awards during his lifetime, a consummate gentleman with a reputation beyond reproach. The hours of time, more accurately years, spent on civic activities and the profound effect that time has had on the citizens and families of Milford during his lifetime are immeasurable. For his devotion to duty and his community the Junior Woman's Club named him as one of Milford's "*Living Treasures.*"



CONNECTICUT VETERANS HALL OF FAME
INDUCTION PROGRAM

NOVEMBER 28, 2012

PRELUDE

1st Company Governor's Foot Guard Band Ensemble

INTRODUCTION OF THE CLASS OF 2012
AND

ENTRANCE OF THE OFFICIAL PARTY

Master of Ceremonies

Gil Simmons - USMC Veteran 1990-1996

Morning Meteorologist WTNH/News 8

NATIONAL ANTHEM

1st Company Governor's Foot Guard Band Ensemble

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND
MOMENT OF SILENCE

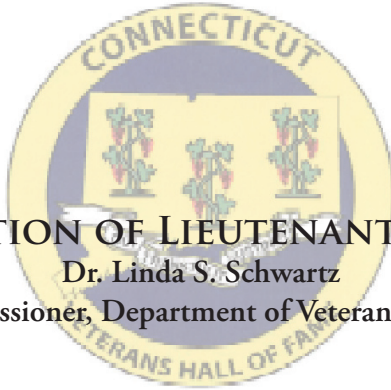
Senator Carlo Leone

Representative John Hennessy

INVOCATION

Father Kevin Cavanaugh

Saint James Church, Manchester, CT



INTRODUCTION OF LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

Dr. Linda S. Schwartz

Commissioner, Department of Veterans' Affairs

REMARKS

Honorable Nancy Wyman

Lieutenant Governor

INDUCTION - CLASS OF 2012

Lieutenant Governor Nancy Wyman

CLOSING MUSICAL SELECTION

1st Company Governor's Foot Guard Band Ensemble

*Reception for Inductees and their guests
immediately following the program at the
Officer's Club, Broad Street, Hartford, Connecticut
Thank you and Good Evening*

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CHARLES RICHARD MORRISSEY, SR.
North Haven, CT
US Army

VIETNAM 2ND LIEUTENANT

Charles Morrissey served as a Junior Officer in the US Army and was stationed in Ohio. Later, he joined the US Army active reserve in New Haven and was promoted to Captain and was active until 1976. Upon his return to New Haven, he took a position as a public elementary school teacher, and continued as an educator until 2001. He joined the State of Connecticut Military Department 2nd Company Governor's Foot Guard in 1995 as a private rising to the rank of Major and retired in 2007. He is a member of the American Legion.

He was awarded the Phi Delta Kappa International Service Key, in recognition of outstanding contributions to public education. He was elected Department Commander of the American Legion 2009-2010 and directed all the aspects for the Department of Connecticut American Legion composed of 25,000 members in 152 posts across Connecticut. He revitalized the Post #76 observance of the "Four Chaplain's Memorial Program" in 2009. He was the State of Connecticut Coordinator for seven years of "*Walkathons*" for the Children's Medical Center in Hartford. Charlie and his team raised about \$16,000 each year for an approximate total of \$112,000. He served on the Special Olympic committee programs in the Greater New Haven Area and participated in running the information and hospitality facilities at Southern Connecticut State University.



HERBERT THOMAS SCHACHT
Quaker Hill, CT
US Army

WWII PFC-TEC 5

Herbert Schacht was discharged from the Army in 1946 where he had served as a Medical/Surgical Tech for three years. His parents were the owners of a residential treatment center for emotionally disturbed and multi-handicapped children which became known as the Waterford Country School. Upon discharge, his parents asked him to step in while they looked for someone to fill the position of Director at the School. While he agreed to stay a few months, he spent the remainder of his life serving the children and impacting the world around him in ways he had never imagined.

His volunteer work as a SCORE (Senior Corps of Retired Executives) Counselor extended beyond U.S. borders to an AIDS project in Africa and an adoption service in Guatemala. Through the years, Herb has been recognized and honored by many organizations and state legislators for his commitment to service. His life of selfless service has been an inspiration to many and at age 90 he continues to touch the lives of former students from the Waterford Country School.

He has never sought personal attention for his years of service because his focus has always been to promote the welfare of others. His gifts to others will continue to impact lives for generations to come.



THOMAS SHERIDAN
(POSTHUMOUSLY)
East Hartford and Glastonbury, CT
US Army

VIETNAM SP5 INTEL ANALYST

Thomas Sheridan, formerly of East Hartford and Glastonbury, entered the Army in 1968 and served in Vietnam. He was discharged in 1971 as an Intelligence Analyst.

Tom was awarded several medals and citations for his Army service, the Bronze Star, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal and Vietnam Campaign Medal. With degrees from Amherst College, Tom went on to study law at Boston's Suffolk University and earned his Juris Doctor in 1978. He became a partner in the law firm of Dwyer and Sheridan and soon became a trusted and proficient attorney in Glastonbury. In 1981, Tom was appointed by the Speaker to be the Clerk of the Connecticut House of Representatives. His expertise was recognized by members of the Senate and he was soon appointed as Clerk of the Senate, serving from 1987 until his untimely passing in 2011. He is believed to be the longest serving Senate Clerk in state history.

He was a master of the Rules to Regulate the Proceedings of the Senate and guided many legislators through the process and procedures of crafting Connecticut's laws. He also shared his time with many academic sports programs and served on the Manchester Community College Regional Advisory Board. He was recognized for his contributions by the National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame.



JAMES H. THROWE
South Windsor, CT
US Army

KOREA, MAJOR GENERAL (CT)
RETIRED

James Throwe has dedicated over 60 years of his life to support both the military and civilian communities in and out of uniform. He enlisted in the US Army during the Korean War and served as a Battalion Sergeant Major. Probably his greatest military achievement was his service in the Connecticut Army National Guard rising from the rank of Private to General Officer. He wrote and secured the enactment of the Connecticut State Code of Military Justice in 1967. He is a recipient of the Legion of Merit. He served as Town Councilman and Mayor of South Windsor and has served on that community's Patriotic Commission since 1998. He was a partner in the law firm of Leone, Throwe, Teller & Nagle for over 50 years with a practice in East Hartford. He retired in 1999, a senior partner, having practiced before state and federal courts and Appellate and Connecticut Supreme Court.

One of the highlights of his career was an appointment to act as legal advisor to Channel 30 covering the Taborsky & Coulombe (mad dog killers) murder trial. He spent six weeks covering the trial and wrote the story of each day's proceedings for the TV anchor, Barry Barents. General Throwe is a tireless worker with integrity and heartfelt compassion for serving others. He is a recipient of Rotary International's Paul Harris Award which is their highest honor.

He has been a volunteer manager of the Officers Club at the Armory for 10 years and has put much time and effort into serving military, veteran and family events. He used his military service and experiences as a springboard to help others. His volunteer efforts are done without fanfare and are given unselfishly to the young, elderly and disadvantaged. His charitable endeavors have helped veterans and military families throughout the State of Connecticut.



CARMINE JOSEPH VACCARO
Stamford, CT
US Navy

KOREAN HOSPITAL CORPSMAN

Carmine Vaccaro was an educator in the City of Stamford for 36 years. He truly is the spirit of service to his community.

He is well-known as a volunteer at the Holy Spirit Church choir for over 45 years and is very active in the Knights of Columbus and American Legion. His other volunteer efforts include the Food Bank, New Covenant House of Hospitality, Toys for Tots, and Always Reach for Independence (ARI) Walk for Independence and Golf Tournament and many more charitable organizations. Whether it is his role in the Knights of Columbus, ARI, or other activities he takes part in, Carmine is dependable, kind and always a gentleman. He has won a number of awards for his contributions to the community, including but not limited to: Sir Knight of the Year, Knights of Columbus and Veteran of the Year for the City of Stamford. He was also honored by the Stamford Old Timers, Darien Old Timers Honoree, Good Guy Award (CT Sports Writer Association), Grand Marshal (Veterans' Day Parade), Honorary Deputy Police Chief (Stamford, CT), Community Leader Award (Stamford Advocate) and many more.

He has made significant contributions to the lives of many people and organizations in his community. His lifetime of service makes him a worthy role model for young and old alike



DR. MADELON BARANOSKI
Meriden, CT
U.S. Army Nurse Corps

VIETNAM WAR SERVICE

Dr. Baranoski was a member of the Army Nurse Corp and served as a surgical nurse and nurse supervisor at Army Hospitals in Nha Trang and Cu Chi Vietnam. She was awarded the Bronze Star for her service in combat areas as well as the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, the Vietnam Campaign Medal and the Vietnam Gallantry Cross. She has been on the faculty at Yale University, since 1982, at both the School of Nursing where she served as Chairman of the Pediatric Nurse Practitioner Program and the School of Medicine, Department of Psychiatry. She is considered a pioneer in identifying and treating Post Traumatic Stress Disorders.

Presently, she is the Associate Clinical Professor in the Law and Psychiatry, and Director of the New Haven Jail Diversion Program where she specializes in forensic psychology and law enforcement issues which involve individuals with mental illness. As part of her professional duties as a clinical psychologist for the Connecticut Mental Health Center, Dr. Baranoski evaluates approximately 200 defendants in an average year to determine whether they are competent to stand trial.

She has frequently said “It was Vietnam that got me into psychology.”

CT VETERANS HALL OF FAME PAST INDUCTEES

CLASS of 2005

*Nathan George Agostinelli
George Herbert Walker Bush
William Thomas Coffey, Sr.
Dr. Randall Howard Collins
Bruce Hults Ey
Joseph G. Lombardo
Giacomo "Jack" Mordente II
Lt. James Sedalia Peters II
Ernest Virgil Plantz
Norman Warren VanCor*

CLASS of 2006

*Douglas A. Bora
Robert A. Janicki
Franklin E. Johnson, Sr.
William J. JohnstonEvans
Edward Kerrigan
Peter Robert Pardo
Anthony Vito Savino
James S. Tierney
Carl Roderick Venditto
Edward Washburn Whitaker*

CLASS of 2007

*Michael J. Daly
Alfred Faticoni
Dr. George G. Gentile
Elwood A.D. Lechause
Anthony Mammola
Alfred A. Meadows
Robert J. Nearine
Col. Robert B. Nett
Tony Paul Pia
Darrell D. Stark*

CLASS of 2008

*Evans H. Daniels, Jr
Valentine David Galasyn
John L. Levitow
Howard Louis Luppi
Barbara Ellen Miller
H. Richard Newell, Jr.
William Atchinson O'Neill
Roger Gene Paulmeno
Frederick Gates Reincke
Robert Rudolph Ritz*

CT VETERANS HALL OF FAME PAST INDUCTEES

CLASS of 2009

*Richard O. Belden
John "Jack" Dougherty
Robert L. Genovese
Dr. Harvey James Grinsell, Jr.
Brig. Gen. John J. King
Rev. William David McGee
Brig. Gen. Daniel J. McHale
Theodore J. Plamondon, Jr.
Alphonse N. Sabetta
Daniel A. Vece, Jr.
Homer L. Wise*

CLASS of 2011

*Madelon Baranoski
Samuel K. Beamon, Sr.
George Kenneth Carpenter
Ronald Catania
John Gregory Chiarella
Harold B. Farrington, Jr.
Phillip R. Kraft
Ronald Roland
PerryRichard
Alan Rampone
Burke T. Ross*

CLASS of 2010

*Edmund J. Burke
Thomas J. Burke
John J. Carcioppolo
Robert C. Hunt, Jr.
Doris Troth Lippman
William J. McGurk
Robert C. Moeller
Abner Oakes III
Edward V. Sabotka
Robert R. Simmons
Stanley F. Zebzda*

