

# *Connecticut Veterans Hall of Fame*

CLASS OF 2021  
INDUCTION CEREMONY



*December 3, 2021*



## CONNECTICUT VETERANS HALL OF FAME 2021 INDUCTION CLASS

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Dear Veterans, families, and friends:



I am honored to join you tonight to recognize the Connecticut residents whose outstanding achievements have inspired us and left a lasting legacy of service for generations to come.

These 2021 Connecticut Veterans Hall of Fame inductees served their state and their country honorably in the Armed Forces, and then went on to do the same in cities and towns across the state. They have dedicated themselves to building thriving communities and a stronger Connecticut.

We are grateful to the Class of 2021 and all of the members of the Connecticut Veterans Hall of Fame for their brave and patriotic service, leadership and commitment to improving the lives of others.

Sincerely,



Susan Bysiewicz  
Lieutenant Governor



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Dear Veterans, families, and friends:



I am honored to join with Lt. Governor Susan Bysiewicz and the CT National Guard Adjutant General, Fran Evon, to induct the members of CT Veterans Hall of Fame, Class of 2021. The CT Veterans Hall of Fame recognizes the positive impact that a Veteran has had in the community after their military service.

The class of 2021 inductees served for decades in the U.S. military in wars, conflicts, stability and humanitarian operations across dozens of countries and multiple continents. Their commitment and honor demonstrated through their military service set the foundation for their continued contributions and achievements throughout their post military lives – we honor them tonight for their military service and for their continued contributions achieved for others –their neighbors, their fellow Veterans, and for a multitude of communities, causes and countless residents across this state.

My sincere thanks to the Class of 2021, true patriots who epitomize service to country and to community.

Sincerely,

Thomas J. Saadi  
Commissioner

# 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 selects 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 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.

In 2015, a plaque was unveiled and placed in the Legislative Office Building with the names of all inductees of the Connecticut Veterans Hall of Fame since 2005. Each future class of inductees will be named on this plaque.



GERALD AUGUSTINE  
*Middletown*

U.S. ARMY

Jerry Augustine is a native of Middletown, CT. He graduated from high school in 1963 and then went to study at CCSU and UCONN before being drafted into the U.S. Army where he served from 1965 to 1967. Jerry trained with the 196th Light Infantry Brigade in basic training, Advanced Infantry Training and Advanced Unit training for ten months at Fort Devens, MA, Camp Drum, NY, and Camp Edwards on Cape Cod. He was awarded two letters of commendation for his proficiency and the right to be deployed with the advanced party of his unit to war zone "C" in Vietnam. He achieved the rank of Specialist 4th Class and was presented with the Combat Infantryman's Badge. His division received a Unit Citation for their service in Vietnam. Upon his return to the U.S., Jerry graduated from the Programming & Systems Institute in 1968 and was employed for five years with Pratt & Whitney's engineering dept. He then went on to have a very successful 45-year career as proprietor of the No Leak Roofing Co. Beyond his honorable military career and impressive professional career, Jerry is committed to Veteran and Community Service. He has been Commander & Chaplain of VVA and Sr. Vice Commander & Chaplain of Catholic War Veterans Post 1166. He has been Chaplain of VFW Post 1840, was Chaplain of the American Legion Post 75 and is presently Commander and Chaplain of DAV Chapter 7. Jerry is a board member of the Greater Middletown Military Museum and a member of Elk's 771 in Middletown. He has helped found the Elk's Veterans Kayaking Program which provides a better lifestyle for disabled Veterans and their families. In addition to his service to country and community, Jerry is also an accomplished athlete. He was inducted into the Middletown Sports Hall of Fame, competed in the Empire State Building Run Up for eight years and won the 50 and over division in 2001. In September of this year, Jerry was the eldest of participants to complete the "22K" or 14-mile force march for the prevention of suicides among our Veterans.



PAUL BARRY  
*East Hartford*

U.S. MARINE CORPS

CPL. Paul Francis Barry, Jr., a Vietnam Veteran, served honorably in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1966 to 1972. As a former Veterans Service Office, Paul coordinated burials for three Connecticut state veteran's cemeteries and dedicated 30+ years servicing veterans and communities. In 2019, Paul and the Military Advisory Council worked hard and tirelessly in terms of funding, designing and the development of what is now known as the Falling Star Memorial with three bronze statues paying homage to veterans and Gold Star Families. Paul's commitment to veterans is evident based on the number of Veterans Boards, Councils, and Commissions he's seated on including the 1st Congressional District Veterans and Military Advisory Committee, Vietnam Veterans of America East Hartford Chapter, CT Fallen Star Memorial Steering Committee, and the CT Department of Veterans Affairs Board of Trustees. Paul is also the Honorary Captain of the 1st Governor's Foot Guard and Delegate to 12 Vietnam Veterans of America National Conventions. In March 2019, Paul hosted the Vietnam Veteran Lapel Pinning Ceremony at the CT State Armory. His commitment to his brothers and sisters in arms is unwavering. The ceremony acknowledged and welcomed Vietnam Veterans who when returning home did not receive a warm welcome. The ceremony had a profound impact on every veteran in attendance and Paul pinned and saluted each veteran. Paul's civic contributions include advocacy for policies that assist veterans and their families. This advocacy brings the issues to the table and has helped with the implementation of the expansion of the Educational Benefits for Post 9/11 Veterans and the Cares Act which provided funding to expand telemedicine, deploy mobile treatment centers and make improvements to VA facilities and state-run veterans homes to address the needs of veterans being treated for Covid-19. Paul's moral compass is guided by the U.S. Marine Corps motto "Ductus Example"; lead by example and behave in a manner that inspires others.



MONSIGNOR JOHN BEVINS  
*Waterbury*

U.S. NAVY

Monsignor John Bevins was commissioned in April 1967 as a Lt. Junior Grade (0-2). His first service was at Mobile Support Unit, Detachment Charlie, Yokosuka, Japan, part of the Fleet Marine Force Pacific, 1st Marine Division. From February 1969 to February 1970, he served with the Marine Corps in 1 Corp, South Vietnam. He was assigned to "Charlie Med," 1st Medical Battalion, Mobile Hospital, Da Nang. Later, he served as part of the U.S. Navy Fleet Support Office, Athens, Greece, then at the Navy Submarine base, Groton, CT. He retired from the U.S. Navy on July 9, 1990, with the rank of Captain after 23 years of service. Soon after, Monsignor Bevins took the reigns of the now Basilica of the Immaculate Conception in 1991. For over 20 years, he has provided countless Invocations and Benedictions for the Waterbury Veterans Memorial Committee's annual patriotic events. In 2005, the City of Waterbury and Waterbury Veterans Memorial Committee, at its first annual citywide Memorial Day Dinner, honored Monsignor Bevins for his years of service to the city, state, and nation. In March 2013, he asked the Waterbury Veterans Memorial Committee to begin the process of finding a way to honor WWII Lt. (Rev.) Thomas M. Conway, Chaplain, USS Indianapolis, Waterbury's heroic priest, who gave his life for shipmates on August 2, 1945. That effort reached a successful conclusion on January 8, 2021, when the Secretary of the Navy Kenneth Braithwaite came to the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception and presented the Navy Cross posthumously to Lt. (Rev.) Thomas M. Conway. The Navy Cross award was made to Monsignor Bevins and is now on display at the Rectory of the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception. In June 2014, Monsignor Bevins presided over the dedication and blessing of the gravestone of Medal of Honor recipient U.S. Navy Ordinary Seaman Richard Ryan. The WVMS discovered that Seaman Ryan who was awarded the MOH for action on March 4, 1876, and died December 16, 1933, was buried in an unmarked grave in Waterbury. A gravestone was purchased and dedicated on June 20, 2014.





STANLEY BORUSEWICZ.  
*Naugatuck*

U.S. MARINE CORPS

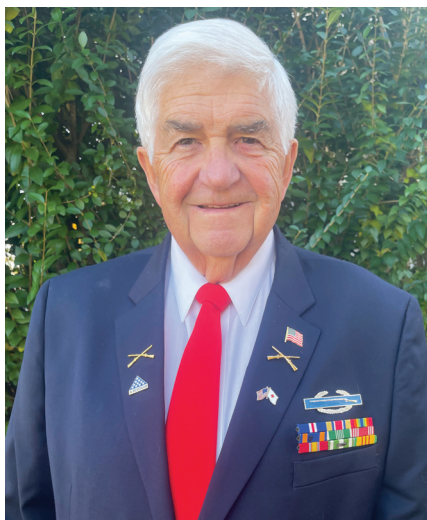
Stanley Borusewicz, Jr. has been involved in helping veterans starting at an early age, when he belonged to the Sons of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, joining under his father's service in the Korean War. Stan learned from the WWI, WWII, and Korean veterans the importance of our military and why we need to honor and take care of our veterans. Stan joined the Marine Corps while he was still in high school and left for boot camp the day after he graduated. He served overseas in Okinawa and Korea. After his discharge as a Corporal from the Marines, he moved back to CT. He, along with a partner, opened Avenue Auto Body in Naugatuck. They have been a staple in the community since 1988. They have worked with the police department in re-furbishing vehicles for the DARE program. Stan also volunteered with the fire department to put on the Soap Box Derby for several years. Stan has served as Post Commander for VFW Crusader Post 1946 in Naugatuck seven times. He's held other offices in the post including Post Quartermaster for eleven years, a position which he still holds. He has served the VFW on a district, state and national level. Stan also serves on the Veterans Council for the Town of Naugatuck and oversees the parades and patriotic holidays in town. He is responsible for organizing all the Veterans groups in town to change cemetery flags, annually. Stan has been known to leave his home in the middle of the night to help a fellow veteran who may be suffering due to a troubling war anniversary date and often spends his weekends going out to visit past and current VFW members who have not been seen or heard from in a while to assure they are doing alright. He continues to use his own funds to do wellness checks, spending countless hours listening to veterans who may want to talk and/or get them in contact with Veteran Service Officers or other appropriate services who can assist. He's received countless awards and recognition over the years and is proud to be a citizen of Naugatuck and friend to so many.



CARLITA COTTON  
*Mansfield*

U.S. AIR FORCE

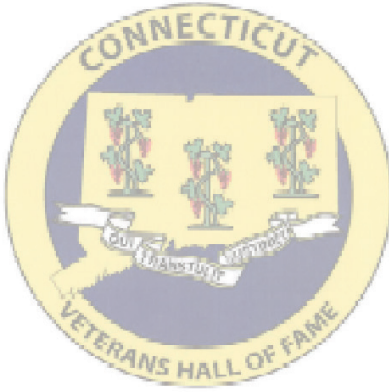
During her military career, Carlita Cotton served in the U.S. Air Force as a Human Resources Intelligence Strategic Debriefing/Interrogator and as a Supervisor/Educator. In addition to this experience, she also served as a Russian Language Analyst and Supervisor/Joint Military Awards director. She received numerous military awards and citations such as the Joint Service Meritorious Service, Joint Service Achievement, Air Force Achievement and Director of the National Agency's personal recognition. After she retired from the Air Force, she continued her studies at Howard University and began teaching 8th grade in Maryland. During that time, she had the realization that students in her special education class were exceptionally gifted and talented. Although she made a push for them to be moved to regular classes, she was unable to persuade the school because the students were involved in gangs. She decided to pursue her Ph.D. at UCONN to prove that these students needed a chance to learn and excel, regardless of their backgrounds. As part of her Ph.D. studies, she conducted research with vulnerable youth in urban environments to help these students, and her research proved that her work intervention decreased the number of incidents with these youth. Carlita began teaching at the University of New Haven and currently teaches at Charter Oak State College and Goodwin University as a psychology professor. In her role, she has helped aspiring psychologists learn about human emotions, personalities, and cultural impacts on human behavior. Carlita is involved in her church and is a pastor counselor at several community churches. She is also a member of several local and national veterans' organizations. She is a Permanent listing/Charter member of The Women in Military Service Monument, Arlington, VA, a lifetime member of the DAV, founding and lifetime member of the Berlin GE Chapter of The American Legion and lifetime member of AMVETS.



WILLIAM CURRLIN  
*U.S. Army*

MIDDLEFIELD

Bill Currlin graduated in 1963 from Woodrow Wilson High School in Middletown lettering in football, swimming and track. After attending the University of Bridgeport, Bill was drafted/enlisted in the U.S. Army attaining the rank of Sergeant. He enrolled in Infantry Officers' Candidate School graduating as a 2LT. After Ranger training and Jungle School in Panama, then was posted to Vietnam. As a 1LT, Bill served as a platoon leader with the 101st Airborne Division. At 22 years old, his assignment in Vietnam was to lead 44 men patrols in search and destroy missions along the DMZ, Khe Sanh, and through the A Shau Valley. After almost a year of patrolling throughout the Quang Province, Bill was promoted to several battalion level positions. Returning home, Bill was promoted to Captain and Commander of the 1205th Rail Company in Middletown. He commanded and oversaw the completion of the rail for the Essex Valley Railroad. Capt. Currlin went on to accept a position and a promotion to Major with the Military Intelligence unit in East Windsor, CT. Bill's involvement in the local community has been exemplary. He was elected to the Board of Education for Regional School District from 1993-2011. He served as the Chair of the ACES Board of Governors during that same period. He was a co-founder of Project Graduation, an initiative that promotes a safe and healthy graduation experience for high school students that is alcohol and drug-free. He's been a Justice of the Peace for over 42 years and has married over 431 couples. Bill is a 30+ year volunteer at the Durham Fair. He has been the emcee for the Durham Fair Talent Show for over 15 years is a co-founder and partner of the Town Times which is a weekly newspaper that covers the towns of Middlefield and Durham. Bill continues to dedicate most of his time to veterans. He's served as Chair of the Board of Directors for the St. Lukes Eldercare for Vets program. He's a lifelong member of the DAV Chapter 7, a member and treasurer for the American Legion Post 75, life member of the VFW Middlefield and a life member of the VVA. Bill is a Veteran Hospice Companion for Middlesex Health. He is committed to supporting local Veterans organizations hosting Coffee, Danish and Bingo monthly for veterans both at the Rocky Hill and Newington locations. He was also instrumental in creating the annual Naturalization program focusing on new veteran citizens in the community.



## CONNECTICUT VETERANS HALL OF FAME CLASS OF 2021 INDUCTION CEREMONY

DECEMBER 3, 2021

ENTRANCE OF THE OFFICIAL PARTY

Master of Ceremonies

USMC Veteran Gil Simmons

Morning Meteorologist WTNH/NEWS8

NATIONAL ANTHEM

CT National Guard

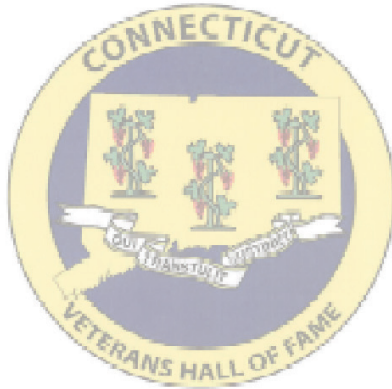
Specialist Alexis Faceto

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND

MOMENT OF SILENCE

INVOCATION

Air Force Chaplain Lt Col Eric Wismar



REMARKS AND INTRODUCTION OF THE  
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

Thomas J. Saadi

Commissioner, Department of Veterans Affairs

REMARKS

The Honorable Susan Bysiewicz

Lieutenant Governor

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Commissioner Thomas J. Saadi

Major General Francis Evon

BENEDICTION

Air Force Chaplain Lt Col Eric Wismar

*VIP Reception for Inductees and their guests  
immediately following the program at the  
Officer's Club at Gov. William A. O'Neill State Armory*



BRIAN OHLER  
*North Canaan*

U.S. ARMY

Brian Ohler enlisted two months prior to September 11, 2001, when America and much of the world was at peace. Upon completing basic training and the Military Police School in June of 2003, Sgt. Ohler returned home to CT with only one thing on his mind. He was adamant about deploying overseas and linking up with the 143rd Military Police, which was only halfway through their year-long deployment in the Middle East. By the time the unit had suffered many casualties and was in dire need of replacements. Sgt. Ohler, along with three other newly minted MPs volunteered to join the unit which was operating in Baghdad, Iraq. This small detachment of volunteers was the very first replacements in the National Guard to be sent forward in a GWOT combat zone. Sgt. Ohler served honorably, filling numerous combat roles that included being a turret gunner and a driver. On the evening of November 27, 2003, Thanksgiving, Sgt. Ohler was wounded in an IED attack while enroute to an Iraqi police station and later awarded his first of three Purple Heart Medals. After 12 years of faithful service to CT and his country, Sgt. Ohler received an honorable discharge in 2013. In addition to his valiant and courageous military career, he is also a profound and steadfast advocate for numerous non-profit and civic organizations in and around the Litchfield Hills. He has served as a Safety Officer for the Town of Litchfield and at Eastern CT State University. For the past 20 years, Sgt. Ohler serves his hometown of North Canaan as a volunteer firefighter, fire service chaplain and an emergency medical technician. He's a board member for Northwest YMCA and a past board member for Troop 22 Boy Scouts of America. A life member of the VFW Post 6851 and was the youngest Post Commander in the history of the CT VFW, at just 21 years of age. He's a life member of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, American Legion, DAV and Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America. In 2016 Sgt. Ohler was elected to CT's House of Representatives, serving the 64th House District. As a lawmaker, Sgt. Ohler worked tirelessly to expand veterans rights and benefits. In July of 2021, he was appointed to the Eligibility Qualifying Review Board by Commissioner Thomas Saadi.



JAMES SHELMERDINE  
*East Hartford*

U.S. ARMY

For James Shelmerdine, Jr., whose grandfather served in the British Army, and whose father served in the Connecticut National Guard (CNG), the death of a friend killed in Korea served as his motivation to join the CNG. James served in the 1st Bn, 224th Infantry Regiment, and 40th Infantry Division, where he was awarded the Combat Infantry Badge, the Korean War Service Medal with two Bronze Stars, and a Purple Heart. Upon discharge, Lt. Colonel Shelmerdine joined the CNG while opting to have his Military Occupational Specialty reduced to the rank of E7 to remain in the CNG. He served in guard reserve units for over 40 years. James' list of organizational memberships and related accomplishments reads like the chapter in a book. In civilian life, after graduating from East Hartford High, he earned a BS at the University of Hartford before working on an MBA at Adelphi University, after which he attended UCONN Law School. Once in the military, he joined its Airborne school, its Command and General Staff School, the National Security Management School, and its U.S. Army War College. A native of East Hartford, James has served as a constable in that community, and served on its Patriotic Commission, Veterans Commission, and Seniors Commission. He oversaw, and later dedicated the Korean War Memorial and managed the town's Memorial Day Parade where he also served as its Marshal. He is a 17-year member of the Connecticut Veterans Day Parade and is also a member of the Connecticut Veterans Memorial Committee. His membership in Veterans' organizations include the American Legion, VFW, and the Korean War Veterans. James also organized the first USO, Final Honors Firing Squad and dedicated the Korean War Memorial Highway. He volunteered his services to the Masonicare Hospice for Veterans.

## CONNECTICUT VETERANS HALL OF FAME



BRENDAN SNIFFIN  
*Danbury*

U.S. AIR FORCE

Brendan Sniffin served in the U.S. Air Force, achieving the rank of Airman First Class. After his discharge, he became active in his community through countless hours of volunteer work for organizations including Boy Scouts of America, the Dorothy Day Hospitality House shelter, Saint James Church, the Greater Danbury Irish Club's annual Festival and the Saint John Paul II Center where he helped the Men's Club's activities and gatherings for over seven years. In addition to his service to local groups, he also remains dedicated to helping fellow veterans through his work for the Catholic War Veteran, the Sampson Air Force Base Veterans Assoc., the Knights of Columbus, and the Danbury Council of Veterans. Brendan and his wife are the proud parents of three children, one of which is special needs. His love for his daughter has evolved into a passion for bringing awareness to the cause of special needs children and adults. Brendan is an active member of the CT Special Olympics which recognized him for his leadership and commitment to the organization with the Outstanding Family Award. He was the coach and driver for the local Special Olympics Tennis Program for fifteen years, as well as the golf program, and he volunteered for the 1995 World Games when the city hosted the event. Brendan's work extends well beyond what is listed above; he is a good neighbor who is always willing to help someone in need. He is a dedicated Eucharistic Minister and Usher for Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, and he is unwavering in his devotion to his family and friends.





## 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. Johnston  
Evans 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. Lechasseur  
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*

### **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 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*



## CT VETERANS HALL OF FAME PAST INDUCTEES

### **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 Perry  
Richard Rampone  
Burke Ross*

### **CLASS of 2012**

*Father Thomas E. Berberich  
Manuel Michael Cardoza, Jr.  
Paul F. Dillon  
Peter Galgano, Jr.  
William George Godburn  
Norman Hanenbaum  
Alan Jepson  
Charles Richard Morrissey, Sr.  
Herbert Thomas Schacht  
Thomas Sheridan  
James H. Throwe  
Carmine Joseph Vaccaro*

### **CLASS OF 2013**

*John H. Bannan (posthumously)  
George H. Breuler  
John (Jack) G. Casey Jr.  
Miguel A. Escalera, Sr.  
Charles P. Gallagher  
Robin L. Montgomery  
James Milford Mosley  
Michael Albert Thomas  
William F. Vornkahl III  
Robert John Young*

### **CLASS OF 2014**

*Edwin Francis Atkins  
Samuel Baez  
Edmond Clark  
Maurice L. Collin  
Theodore Robert Cummings  
Frank Esposito (posthumously)  
David William Gay  
Robert T. Getman (posthumously)  
Richard A. Herman  
Gerald B. Wright*

### **CLASS OF 2015**

*Glenn Arthur  
Peter Beckwith  
John DeBisschop  
Elliott Donn  
Richard Fuller  
Thomas Heath  
Allen Lawton  
PW Louthain  
Dan Riccio, Jr.  
Michael Skelps  
Greg Smith*

### **CLASS OF 2016**

*Robert Burns  
Bradford Davis  
Francis Conahan  
Archie Elam  
Richard Iannuci  
Paul Wm. Orstad  
Linda S. Schwartz  
Salvatore Sena  
Kjell Tollefsen  
Arthur Ward*



## CT VETERANS HALL OF FAME PAST INDUCTEES

### **CLASS OF 2017**

*Alfred Adinolfi  
Robert Bailey  
Philip Cacciola  
Benjamin Cooper  
Dominick Cortese  
Lawrence Herrmann  
Chester Morgan  
Thomas Pandolfi  
Thomas Quinn  
William Sullivan  
John Turk*

### **CLASS OF 2018**

*Frank Alvarado  
Kevin Brown "Red Eagle"  
Daniel Camilliere  
David P. Cole  
Robert J. Froelick  
Donald R. Maranell  
William Charles Mason, Jr.  
Lawrence Isiah Riley  
Anthony J. Sileo*

### **CLASS OF 2019**

*Robert T. Cahill, Sr.  
Alfred H. Comeau  
Richard King Gorman  
Jesse Monroe Harrison  
Lenell Kittlitz  
Leonard Gene Lanza  
Patrick R. Nelligan  
Morton Melvin Pear  
John A. Sarlo  
John "Jack" Shea*

### **CLASS OF 2020**

*Harvey Curtiss Barnum  
Severio "Bob" Fodero  
Theodore "Ted" Graziani  
Edward Robert Karazin  
Kristaps Juris Keggi  
Michael "Mike" Kellett  
Kenneth R. "K. Robert" Lewis  
Stewart Brett McKinney  
Mirca Reyes  
Manuel Rodrigues  
Heather Sandler  
Thomas Eugene Williamson*



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**Gerald Augustine** – U.S. Army - Middletown

**Paul Barry** – U.S. Marine Corps – East Hartford

**John Bevins** – U.S. Navy - Waterbury

**Stanley Borusiewicz** – U.S. Marine Corps - Naugatuck

**Carlita Cotton** – U.S. Air Force - Mansfield

**William Currin** – U.S. Army - Middlefield

**Brian Ohler** – U.S. Army – North Canaan

**James Shelmerdine** – U.S. Army – East Hartford

**Brendan Sniffin** – U.S. Air Force - Danbury



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and individuals who help support the Connecticut Veterans Hall of Fame  
throughout the year and who have made today's  
induction ceremony possible.*



