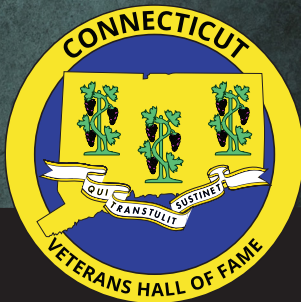


# *Connecticut Veterans Hall of Fame*

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CLASS OF 2024  
INDUCTION CEREMONY

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*January 23, 2025*





## CONNECTICUT VETERANS HALL OF FAME

### CONNECTICUT VETERANS HALL OF FAME 2024 INDUCTION CLASS

**January 23, 2025**

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 2024 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 2024 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Susan Bysiewicz". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Susan Bysiewicz  
Lieutenant Governor



## CONNECTICUT VETERANS HALL OF FAME 2024 INDUCTION CLASS



Dear Service Members, Veterans,  
Families, and Friends:

It is truly my honor to join Governor Ned Lamont, Lt. Governor Susan Bysiewicz, CT National Guard Adjutant General, Fran Evon, and members of the 2024 CT Hall of Fame Executive Committee in congratulating the Class of 2024. This exceptional ceremony will induct 14 distinguished Veterans into the 20th Class of the CT Veterans Hall of Fame.

On behalf of our dedicated staff of professionals at the Connecticut Department of Veteran Affairs we congratulate you on your honorable service and lifelong accomplishments. You made a significant impact during your military service, and then pledged unwavering commitment, service, and volunteerism to our communities, including persistent, compassionate support and advocacy to our Service members, Veterans and Families in our great state of Connecticut and beyond. With gratitude and in celebration, we welcome you into the Class of 2024 of the CT Veterans Hall of Fame!

Very Respectfully,

Ron Welch  
Commissioner,  
Brigadier General, USA (Ret.)

# 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 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.

To date, more than 200 Connecticut Veterans have been inducted into the Connecticut Veterans Hall of Fame.

## CONNECTICUT VETERANS HALL OF FAME



CICERO B. BOOKER, JR.  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

*Waterbury*

Mr. Cicero B. Booker, Jr. has had a distinguished career marked by dedicated service both in the military and in civilian life. After serving three years in the United States Marine Corps from 1955 to 1958, he was honorably discharged with the rank of Corporal.

His post-military career began at the Timex Corporation in Middlebury, Connecticut, where he worked as a Second Chef for four years. Following in the footsteps of his father, Cicero Booker, Sr., who became the first African American Police Officer in the Waterbury Police Department in 1943, Mr. Booker joined the Waterbury Police Department in 1962. Over a remarkable 33-year career, he rose through the ranks to become a Lieutenant, retiring in 1995.

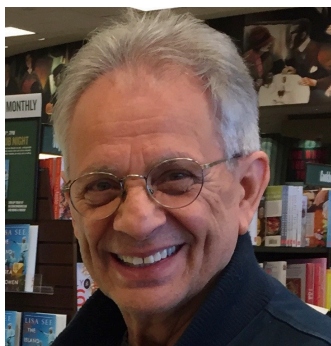
Throughout his life, Mr. Booker has received numerous accolades recognizing his service and dedication. These include the Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal, Marine Corps Marksman Medal, Pearl Street Community Center's Martin Luther King Civil Rights Award, and several others, highlighting his commitment to civil rights, community service, and excellence in his profession.

In addition to his professional achievements, Mr. Booker has been a steadfast advocate for Veterans. His efforts have been multifaceted, focusing on direct assistance to Veterans in need, particularly those struggling with homelessness, healthcare, and reintegration into society. His work extends to his role as a Panel Member of the Connecticut Board of Pardons and Parole, where he has made significant contributions in helping Veterans with bad conduct discharges reintegrate into society and, in many cases, secure pardons.

Currently, Mr. Booker continues to serve his community by working part-time with the Waterbury Adult Education ESL Program, demonstrating his ongoing commitment to education and support for those in need. His life and career stand as testament to his dedication to service, his community, and the well-being of Veterans.



## CONNECTICUT VETERANS HALL OF FAME



RONALD A. FARINA  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

*Vernon*

Former Marine Corps Sergeant, Ron Farina, withdrew from college in December of 1965 and enlisted in the USMC. He served in Vietnam from early autumn 1966 through 1967. After a successful business career, Ron returned to college and in December of 2015, fifty years after leaving college to enlist, he earned the first of two degrees, a BA in Creative Writing from Central Connecticut State University, and later an MFA from Western Connecticut State University.

Ron is the author of four books, “At the Altar of the Past” “Out of the Shadows Voices of American Women Soldiers,” “Who Will Have My Back,” and “Sacrifice, The Final Chapter” released in October of 2024.

His published essays about the human cost of war, “Unsung Heroes”, “Keeping Promises”, and “War Torn”, have appeared in Connecticut Magazine. In 2021 Ron was awarded the AWP Intro Award for fiction for “At the Altar of the Past,” and The Society of Professional Journalists, Connecticut Chapter first place award for general column magazine feature, for the essay “War Torn.”

Ron’s writing has brought attention to wounded women soldiers who served in Iraq and Afghanistan, also to caregivers of catastrophically wounded veterans from those same wars, and to the families of fallen soldiers lost in Iraq and Afghanistan.

In 2024 Ron’s story about Marine Corporal Kelsee Lainhart, wounded at Abbey Gate during America’s withdrawal from Afghanistan and paralyzed from the waist down, prompted the Connecticut based Sticks for Soldiers Foundation to choose Kelsee, their first woman to receive the honor in the 18-year history of the foundation, as the Sticks for Soldiers 2024 honoree, awarding her a life changing financial gift.

Through his writing, Ron has and continues to advocate for veterans and their families, making their stories known to the everyday American. He lives in Connecticut with his wife and two Golden Retrievers, Henry and Preacher.

## CONNECTICUT VETERANS HALL OF FAME



ANTHONY J. GAUNICHAUX, SR.  
UNITED STATES ARMY

*Middletown*

Master Sergeant Anthony J. Gaunichaux Sr. is a distinguished U.S. Army veteran whose 22 years of service, including two tours in Vietnam, reflect his exceptional leadership and dedication. A native of New Orleans, Louisiana, he enlisted in the Army after graduating from Booker T. Washington High School. Throughout his military career, Anthony earned numerous awards, including the Army Commendation Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal with six Campaigns, and the Vietnam Cross of Gallantry. His commitment to excellence was further exemplified by his recognition with the Expert Missileman and Rifleman Badges and the USASCS Zero-Defect Award.

While serving, Anthony also pursued higher education, earning a Master of Social Work from Roosevelt University in Zurich, Switzerland, and a bachelor's degree from Collegiate Institute in London, England. His academic achievements reflect his lifelong commitment to personal and professional growth.

After retiring from the Army in 1975, Anthony made Middletown, Connecticut, his home, where he became a leading figure in local government. As the first Democratic African American member of the Common Council, he broke barriers and served in numerous leadership roles, including Chairman of the Welfare Commission, the Arts and Culture Commission, and the Planning and Zoning Commission. Anthony was also a key figure in veterans' organizations, co-founding American Legion Post 206 and serving as District 7 Commander, as well as being actively involved in the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

In addition to his civic leadership, Anthony worked for 21 years with the Connecticut Department of Youth and Family Services (now Department of Children and Families) where his service furthered his legacy of helping others. He is married to Linette W. Gaunichaux, and together they have one daughter, along with two daughters and two sons from his late wife Delois Gaunichaux.



## CONNECTICUT VETERANS HALL OF FAME



THOMAS L. KANASKY, JR.  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

*Bridgeport*

Thomas L. Kanasky, Jr. was born in Bridgeport. He graduated from Suffern High School in New York. He attended Rockland Community College, and the University of Bridgeport prior to earning his B.S. in physical education from Arnold College in 1969.

In 1969, he entered the United States Marine Corps Reserve and was an honor graduate of Officer Candidate School and Marine Officer Basic School. He completed Army Ranger School. As an infantry officer, he served at numerous duty stations during four years of active duty. Following active duty, he remained in the reserve, retiring in 1996 as a Colonel. His awards include the Vietnam Service Medal and the Armed Forces Reserve Medal.

In 1979, he graduated from Pace University School of Law. He was admitted to the State of Connecticut Bar in 1979 and returned to Bridgeport to practice law. He is a former chair of the Connecticut Bar Associations Veterans & Military Affairs Committee. He continues to practice law.

His civic involvement includes serving on Bridgeport's Charter Revision Commission, Water Pollution Control Commission, Citywide Moderator for elections, chairman of the Board of Police Commissioners, and chairman of the World War II & Korean War Memorial Commission.

In the community, he served on the Bridgeport YMCA Board of Managers, the Barnum Festival Committee. He is a longtime member of the Greater Bridgeport Salvation Army Advisory Board and is active in St. George's Church. He served as President of the Lithuanian Young Men's Society. He is a former President of the Greater Bridgeport Athletic Association.

He is active in Veterans organizations including the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the American Legion, and the Marine Corps League. He is the President of the Greater Bridgeport Veterans Council, responsible for coordinating Veteran's activities and events throughout the year.

## CONNECTICUT VETERANS HALL OF FAME



LUCIEN H. LEFEVRE  
UNITED STATES ARMY

*Enfield*

Lucien Lefevre graduated high school in June 1968. He joined the military in March 1969. Lucien served in the Connecticut Army National Guard for 37 years. He is a retired First Sergeant. He served in Iraq from October 2004 through October 2005.

He is the Chairman of Enfield's Veterans Council. In this position, he coordinates with Enfield's leadership for Enfield's Memorial and Veteran's Day parades and an annual Navy Ritual Ceremony honoring all veterans lost at sea. He coordinates an annual Gold Star Luncheon.

Lucien currently serves as Commander of American Legion Post 154. He has held this position since 2011. As Commander, Lucien organizes an annual Four Chaplains Mass. He established a monthly program visiting veterans at Parkway Pavillion Health and Rehabilitation Center. He worked with Enfield's leadership and DPW to coordinated the installation of a monument for an Enfield veteran. He coordinated, designed and supervised the placement of the Space Force

flag on the Enfield Town Green and repositioning military branch flag poles. He is a life member of VFW, DAV, and NCOA.

Lucien is the recipient of the 2018 Legion of Honor Humanitarian Award from the Chapel of the Four Chaplains, 2019 Enfield Patriot Award and the Daughters of the American Revolution 2019 Veteran Volunteer of the Year.

He worked with Congressman Courtney's office to notify 1000+ Korean War veterans of possible eligibility of the Ambassador for Peace Medal from the Republic of South Korea. He worked with State Representative Carol Hall to ensure military funerals were fully funded by the State of Connecticut.

Lucien worked with many organizations such as Wreaths Across America, Special Olympics, Enfield Soup Kitchen and Cub Scouts. He was a volunteer fire fighter for 15 years.

Lucien is married to Pamela Townsend. He is the proud father of three adult children and three granddaughters.



CONLEY F. MONK, JR.  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

*Hamden*

Conley Fernandus Monk, Jr. was born on September 20, 1948, in Rocky Mount, NC. He is the oldest of nine children and one of four veterans in his family, including his father, who served in World War II.

After volunteering to enlist in the U.S. Marine Corps and serving in Vietnam, Conley returned home with a less-than-honorable discharge. He spent 45 years fighting to remove this stigma. Upon speaking with other Vietnam veterans who had suffered similar injustices, Conley decided to organize the National Veterans Council for Legal Redress (NVCFLR). The primary mission of the organization was to empower veterans to upgrade their discharges. Under his leadership, the organization played a pivotal role in the Chuck Hagel memo and was the lead plaintiff in the *Magus v. Monk* class-action lawsuit. This lawsuit resulted in a mandate allowing Vietnam veterans with PTSD the opportunity to have their discharges upgraded. Conley also participated in numerous nationwide class-action lawsuits, press conferences, and television appearances—all aimed

at bringing attention to not only his case but also those of other veterans facing similar challenges.

Seven years ago, Conley's discharge was upgraded to honorable. He was awarded the National Defense Service Medal, the Republic of Vietnam Meritorious Unit Citation, and the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal with a Rifle Marksman Badge.

Although his personal battle has been won, Conley remains a dedicated advocate for veterans dealing with discharge issues, PTSD awareness, and other wartime-related diseases. He is a born-again child of God, a loving husband, and a proud father of six children, fourteen grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

## CONNECTICUT VETERANS HALL OF FAME



DONNA A. MONTELEONE  
UNITED STATES ARMY

*Sandy Hook*

Donna graduated from New York Polytechnic Institute in 1978 and was in the second class where women were commissioned through ROTC. She served on active duty in the US Army Signal Corps from 1978-1983. She served with the 2nd Infantry Division in Korea and worked with the White House Communication Agency during President Carter's visit in 1979.

At Fort Hunter Liggett, CA, Donna served as Executive Officer and was the sole female officer on a joint US Army and Marine Corps Project featuring then "state of the art" vehicle mounted TV cameras, lasers and audio equipment to conduct "War Games".

Donna attended Signal Officer Basic Course and Signal Officer Advanced Course at Fort Gordon Georgia and Telecommunications Staff Officer College (Joint Branches) at Keesler Air Force Base. During both assignments, Donna served as International Military Liaison with allied officers from Africa and Middle East.

In 1983, Donna was hired by Exxon Corporation as Senior Telecommunications Engineer and was assigned as a purchasing agent for telecommunications and computer needs. In 1990, she was hired by Witco Corporation to oversee the purchase

of raw materials to make intermediate products. In 1993, Donna was offered a promotion to Senior Purchasing Manager at Unilever Corporation in New York when she met her future husband.

After marrying, Donna and husband, Neil P. Randle, accepted assignments with Unilever in Mexico and the Czech Republic. Donna was involved in both countries with the US Consul Office as a liaison and advocate for newly arriving Americans.

In 2005, her family moved back to the US and put down roots in Sandy Hook, Newtown.

Donna is a member of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and Western Military Officers Association. She has been chairing "Valentines for Troops" for 19 years, which partners with local organizations and schools to create and send cards and care packages to active-duty military members. Donna is a fervent advocate for Veterans in her community who may not be connected to local, Federal, or State services. Likewise, she is impassioned about raising awareness on issues affecting female Veterans and has participated in meetings with U.S. Senators, Richard Blumenthal and Chris Murphy.

## CONNECTICUT VETERANS HALL OF FAME



LESBIA I. NIEVES  
UNITED STATES ARMY

*Manchester*

BG (CT, Ret.) Lesbia Nieves was a member of the Connecticut Army National Guard for 36 years (1987-2023). During her years as a commissioned officer, she held various leadership positions including Company Commander, Recruiting and Retention Operations and Training Officer, Battalion Executive Officer, Battalion Commander, Surface Maintenance Director, State Safety Officer. She served as the State Partnership Program Director. She completed a tour at the National Guard Bureau International Affairs Division. She completed her career as the Brigade Commander for the 85th Troop Command in Niantic, CT. She is an OIF Veteran (2004-2005).

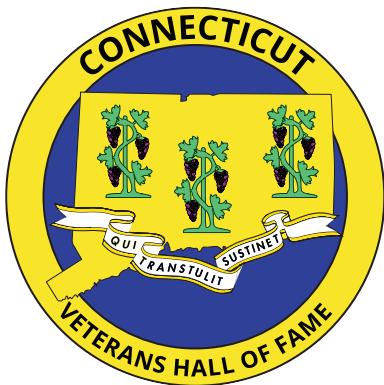
BG (CT, Ret.) Nieves holds a bachelor's degree and two master's degrees (Counseling and Public Administration). She has completed numerous military education programs including the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation and the Command and General Staff College.

She was employed by the State of Connecticut for 29 years. She was a Social Work Supervisor at the Department of Children and Families from 1995 – 2018. She then served as the Director

of Residential Programs and Service with the Connecticut Department of Veterans Affairs from 2018 until her retirement in 2024.

She is a lifetime member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion, and is a current member of the Elks. She serves on the Veterans Advisory Committee in Manchester and is a past president of Hispanic American Veterans of Connecticut. She was Co-President of the Connecticut State Veterans Memorial, Inc (2009-2024). She was a Congressional Gold Medal Committee Member of the 65th Inf Regiment from 2012-2016 (Borinqueneers Congressional Gold Medal Alliance). She is past member of CT Community Veterans Engagement Board, South Park Inn, and Brave Minds, which serves Veterans impacted by PTSD and TBI.

She is married to Edward Nieves, and together they have three children and two grandchildren. BG (CT, Ret.) Nieves and her family reside in Manchester, Connecticut.



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## ENTRANCE OF THE 2024 INDUCTEES

MASTER OF CEREMONIES  
USMC VETERAN GIL SIMMONS  
MORNING METEOROLOGIST WTNH/NEWS8

## POSTING OF COLORS

## NATIONAL ANTHEM

SGT. ALEXIS FICETO  
102D ARMY BAND

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

AND MOMENT OF SILENCE

## INVOCATION

CHAPLAIN, LT. COL (CHAP.) ERIC WISMAR

## WELCOME REMARKS

LISA J. MAROTTA  
MAYOR OF ROCKY HILL



# VETERANS HALL OF FAME 4 INDUCTION CEREMONY

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JANUARY 23, 2025

## REMARKS AND INTRODUCTION OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

RON WELCH  
COMMISSIONER, DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

## REMARKS

THE HONORABLE SUSAN BYSIEWICZ  
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

## INDUCTION—CLASS OF 2024

LT. GOVERNOR SUSAN BYSIEWICZ  
COMMISSIONER RON WELCH  
MAJOR GENERAL FRAN EVON

## BENEDICTION

CHAPLAIN, LT. COL (CHAP.) ERIC WISMAR

## RETIRE COLORS

*Light refreshments will be available immediately following the program in the  
Department of Veterans Affairs Gold Star Families Memorial Auditorium.*

## CONNECTICUT VETERANS HALL OF FAME



WILLIAM F. O'BRIEN, JR.  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

*Stratford*

Bill O'Brien has been a Connecticut resident all his life, mostly in Stratford where he still resides. He is proud of each of his three adult children and his four grandchildren. He is also proud that after graduating from Fairfield Prep, he enlisted in the United States Marine Corp. Bill's most outstanding memories of his Marine Corp experience was his tour in Vietnam in 1967-1968 and serving with the Marine Detachment aboard the USS Yorktown, while they recovered the crew of the Apollo 8. Bill finished service to the United States as a sergeant. He then obtained a bachelor's degree with a dual major in Business and Public Administration from the University of New Haven. Bill retired after a combined 40 years of employment and volunteerism at Sterling House Community Center, working as the Director of Athletics and Youth Programs. Bill was responsible for expanding, enhancing, and developing their youth athletics and youth programs.

He has been active in the Stratford community. Bill was instrumental in starting the recycling program and served as Chairman of the Town's Recycling Committee for numerous years. He coached basketball and soccer at Sterling House and

mentored at Franklin Elementary School. Other volunteer activities include the Town's Parks and Recreation Committee, Stratford Rotary Club, Stratford Community Fund, Inc., Stratford Youth Sports Association, Stratford Beautification Committee, Stratford Town Council member, 2017-2023 and, currently, a Board of Education member.

Bill is a founding member and treasurer of the Stratford Veterans Museum, which opened on November 13, 2021. The Museum's mission is to recognize those veterans from Stratford who have served our country honorably in war and in peace and to act as a repository for their stories. A major goal of the museum is to host school field trips and educate youth in the community.

## CONNECTICUT VETERANS HALL OF FAME



STANLEY J. PRYBYLSKI  
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS  
POSTHUMOUSLY

*Southbury*

Stanley James Prybylski was born on October 20, 1944, on a 100-year-old family farm in Danbury, CT as the eldest and only son with three siblings and many family relatives. He attended local Danbury schools K-12, received a B.A. degree in History from Western CT State University and a master's in public administration from the University of Hartford.

Mr. Prybylski enlisted in the U.S.M.C. Alpha unit from August 1968-October 1969 where he was wounded with severe injuries in Quang Tre, Vietnam. He recuperated in Yokosuka, Japan for three months and received the Purple Heart.

After a military honorable discharge, he began a lifelong career in criminal justice. He was employed by the Danbury, CT police department as police officer, CT Municipal Police Training Center as police motor vehicle instructor, CA Dept. of Corrections as corrections officer/trainer and retiree from the CT Dept. of Justice as probation officer serving Bridgeport and Waterbury offices. Several police and training courses were attended to further the implementation and enhancement of program policies with the passion of justice without judgment.

In addition to public service employment, Mr. Prybylski volunteered in various Southbury civic organizations. They included Beautification Committee, Jaycees, Young Republicans, Conservation Commission, and VFW Post 1607. He volunteered at Southbury school functions and events of his parish of Sacred Heart Church. As a volunteer, he enjoyed subordinate and leadership roles in the organizations he served.

Stanley James Prybylski passed away February 17, 2024, at the age of 79 from an extended illness with Parkinson's Disorder, which was diagnosed by the VA. His legacy of service remains with his wife of fifty years, Linda (Polubinski), as well as four children, six grandchildren, three sisters, and extended families.

## CONNECTICUT VETERANS HALL OF FAME



STEVEN A. RICARD  
UNITED STATES NAVY

*New London*

Steven Ricard, a native of Belmont, NH joined the U.S. Navy in September 1971 at age 18. He attended Basic Enlisted Submarine School and was assigned to USS NATHANAEL GREENE (SSBN 636) Interior Communications Division. He qualified in submarines in August 1973. Steve completed U.S. Navy SCUBA qualifications and was assigned collateral duties as ship's diver. He detached from GREENE in May 1975 and was assigned to USS NARWHAL (SSN 671) and was Honorably discharged in September 1975.

He joined the U.S. Navy Reserve and served in units supporting Naval Submarine Support Facility at the Naval Submarine Base New London. He was recalled to Active Duty after 9-11 he reported to U.S. Naval Submarine Base Security Department. In February 2002 Master Chief Ricard assumed duties as senior military leader. He was released from Active-Duty July 2003.

Returning to the Navy Reserve, he attended the Senior Enlisted Academy and assumed duties and responsibilities as Command Master Chief Submarine Reserve Force. Master Chief Ricard retired from the Navy Reserve in October 2005.

As a civilian he worked as a defense contractor for over 40 years, supporting both the Department of the Navy and the U.S. Coast Guard. He retired in December 2018.

During this time Steve was active with New London Little League, Boy Scouts of America, St. Mary Star of the Sea Parish Council, and as the Team Lead for the American Heart Association Annual Walkathon.

Steven joined U.S. Submarine Veterans Inc. in 2000 and served in many leadership roles as Base Secretary, Senior Vice Commander, Membership and Holland Club Chairman and is currently Base Commander. Additionally, he is the Chairman for the New London Veterans Advisory Committee.

Steve has been married to Elaine for 47 years. They have 3 children and 3 grandchildren and reside in New London CT.

## CONNECTICUT VETERANS HALL OF FAME



SCOTT W. ROSADO  
UNITED STATES NAVY

*Bristol*

Scott W. Rosado is a respected entrepreneur, community leader, and family man whose life is defined by service, dedication, and leadership. For over 35 years, Scott has owned and operated M.R. Homecare, Inc. and a sister company Quality Homecare LLC, companies that provide compassionate and professional homecare services to the elderly throughout Connecticut. Guided by the vision of its founder, Michalene “Mikki” Rosado, Scott ensures the organization continues to deliver exceptional care while fostering dignity and independence for its clients.

Beyond his business endeavors, Scott is a driving force in community service. As President of the Bristol Boys and Girls Club, he champions initiatives that empower youth and foster meaningful connections within the community. His leadership has helped the organization thrive as a cornerstone for education, mentorship, and recreation.

Scott also serves as President of Roaring Brook Campground, overseeing a vibrant community of over 400-unit owners. His hands-on approach has strengthened operations, enhanced infrastructure, and fostered a culture of collaboration and inclusivity.

Married to his wife, Eva, for 28 years, Scott is a proud father of three accomplished children. Anthonie serves as the CFO of M.R. Homecare & Quality Homecare, Andrew owns Primo Press, a successful screen printing and embroidery company in Bristol, and Adrianna is completing her APRN degree at Sacred Heart University, continuing the legacy of care established by Michalene Rosado.

Active in veteran and civic organizations, Scott dedicates time to the Korean War Veterans Association in Bristol and is a proud member of the American Legion Post 2.

In his free time, Scott enjoys camping and spending quality moments with his family. His life reflects a deep commitment to service, family values, and community engagement, leaving a lasting impact on everyone he touches.

## CONNECTICUT VETERANS HALL OF FAME



WILLIAM J. STOWELL  
UNITED STATES NAVY

*Middlebury*

William (Bill) James Stowell was raised in Middlebury, CT and became a member of the U.S. Navy Reserve in July 1964 while he was a student at Woodbury High School. He started his career as an enlisted member of the U.S. Navy and attained the rank of Chief Petty Officer. After twelve years of enlisted service, Bill was promoted to the rank of Ensign Supply Corps under the Limited Duty Officer Program.

Both Bill's enlisted and officer service were in logistics. During his military career, Bill served on five naval ships as well as completing two tours in Vietnam holding two major staff positions. After his first tour in Vietnam with the Seabees, Bill was assigned as an advisor to the Vietnamese navy which required intensive language training. He received numerous medals and awards including the Meritorious Service medal, three Navy Commendation medals, and three Navy achievement medals. Bill retired in June 1988 as a Lieutenant Commander after 24 years of service.

After retirement from the Navy, Bill worked as the Business Manager for Regional School District 16 managing a \$30 million budget, and oversaw human resources, food service, transportation, and facilities management. After retirement from Region 16, Bill was

asked to return as a consultant to oversee the building of a \$60 million new elementary school.

Bill's service continued for the Town of Middlebury, holding the positions of Chairman of the Board of Finance and Planning and Zoning Commission, Treasurer of the Library Board, member of the Middlebury Retirement Committee, and veteran member of the Middlebury Volunteer Fire Department. Bill presently serves as the municipal Veteran's Representative for the Town of Middlebury. He has worked tirelessly for the past thirty-five years at St. George's Episcopal Church serving as treasurer, past senior warden and vestry member. Bill was honored with being named the church's first Verger in 2013. He lives in Middlebury with his wife, Karen, and has two children, and four grandchildren.





JOHN W. WHITE  
UNITED STATES NAVY

*Cheshire*

John Warren White is an internationally known author who writes about the human mind and spirituality and their relationship to political, social and cultural affairs. He has published 20 books which have been translated into 10 languages. His writing has appeared in The New York Times, The Wall Street Journal, Reader's Digest, Saturday Review and many other newspapers and magazines around the world.

John attended Dartmouth College (1961) on an ROTC scholarship after which he served in the U.S. Navy (1961-1965, plus two years reserve time) as a naval officer (LTJG), primarily in antisubmarine warfare and nuclear weaponry and was awarded the J.C. Expeditionary Force award (Vietnam — 1964).

He earned a master's degree from Yale University (1969) and has taught English and journalism on the secondary and college levels and served on the boards of academic and research organizations and of scholarly journals and popular magazines.

From 1965-1969, he taught English at Cheshire High School, then worked in public relations for a Connecticut utility company. In 1972, Mr. White joined Apollo 14 astronaut Edgar Mitchell to begin The

Institute of Noetic Sciences, a research organization. Two years later, he began a career as a freelance writer. In 1981 he joined another Connecticut utility company as a communications specialist.

For decades, Mr. White served as Commander of VFW Post #10052, member and chaplain of the American Legion Post #92 and the Army Air Force Roundtable of CT. He spearheaded many patriotic and educational events that taught citizens to love and honor our country, flag and veterans and the highest principles they represent. He was heavily active in supporting and advocating for veterans.

Mr. White lives in Cheshire, Connecticut and has been married to his wife Barbara for more than 60 years. They have four children and seven grandchildren.



## 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. Lechausse  
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*

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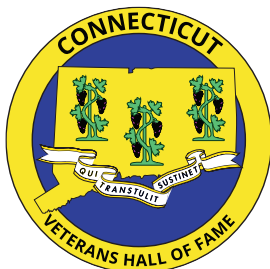
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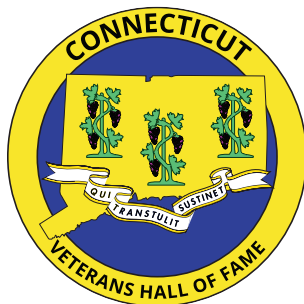
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