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"The Club with a Heart"

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Vision of museum becomes a reality For State Police Alumni Association



New home of the Connecticut State Police Museum located at 294 Colony St. Meriden, Ct.

In 1972, then recently retired State Police Major Carrol Shaw, who later became our club's first managing director, called together a group of alumni of the Connecticut State Police Training Academy with the purpose of forming an association for academy graduates. Meetings continued over next two years and in October 1974, the Connecticut State Police Academy Alumni Association (CSPAAA) was incorporated.

Originally restricted to graduates of the State Police Academy, over time the membership was expanded to

include civilian employees and auxiliary troopers. The current membership stands at 1,200.

Almost from the start, members of the association had a vision of a museum that could house and preserve the history of the Connecticut State Police. Photos, uniforms, equipment and vehicles used by the department were collected and warehoused with the hope that a museum could be established.

That vision came to life in June of 2012 when the museum was dedicated at the Leo J. Mulcahy Complex in Meriden, Connecticut.

After obtaining the building with a lease from the state, a crew of volunteer members, headed by President Sgt. Jerry Longo, set about to transform the building into the home of the museum. Funding for construction, equipment and materials came entirely from CSPAAA members and charitable donations.

The museum is staffed entirely by volunteers. It is open to the public on Fridays from 12:30 to 3:30 and Saturdays from noon to 4:00. Call 203 440-3858 for appointments and tour information or please visit the museum website: <http://www.cspmuseum.com>.

As with all volunteer endeavors the association is continually engaged in fundraising efforts. On June 28, 2013, the association is conducting such an event at the Berlin Batting Cages on the Berlin Turnpike from noon to 8:00 PM. The Nelson family, owners of the enterprise will donate the proceeds from their two miniature golf courses to the museum. The association is seeking sponsors and participants for the event. Contact Jerry Longo at 860-367-1590 or via email sarge176@yahoo.com or info@cspaaa.com.



Heroes behind the badge

by Cynthia Brown , Editor , American Police Beat



People who have seen the film say the story of Officer Ryan Williams of the Fond du Lac Police Dept. in Wisconsin and his K-9 Grendel are hard to forget. Ryan was shot twice in the chest and once in the shoulder while responding to a sexual assault complaint. Fellow Officer Craig Birkholz was killed in the same incident. If Williams had not been wearing a vest, he likely would have died as well. Williams' dog, K-9 Officer Grendel, was also shot and required surgery. During the incident, the shooter took his own life.

Heroes Behind The Badge is a remarkable documentary film, just released, that is garnering praise from everyone who sees it. The 90 minute movie focuses on four officers who paid the ultimate price to serve and protect and how their deaths impacted the lives of their family members, friends, colleagues and the community.

Heroes Behind The Badge also tells us the stories of three officers who narrowly escaped their assailants and how their near-fatal encounter has affected their lives. Bill Erfurth, a retired lieutenant from the Miami-Dade Police Department who served 25 years on the force, is one of the producers of the film. For Erfurth, the project has been a true labor of love.

"This film is already having the impact we hoped," Erfurth points

out. "Across the country people who have seen it come away with a heightened awareness of what it really means to walk the thin blue line." Texas Governor Rick Perry, once he found out about the film, was so impressed that he invited the filmmakers to screen it for the entire Texas Legislative Body at the State Capitol Building.

John Helenberg, Director of the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement wrote it into policy that the film be shown in every police academy and training center in Texas. Heroes Behind The Badge was produced in partnership with the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund (NLEOMF) in Washington, D.C. and there are several moving scenes of the highlights of National Police Week and all the ceremonial pomp and circumstance that surrounds the annual event which honors the sacrifice of officers who died in the line of duty.

Fifty percent of the net proceeds of the film are going to support the NLEOMF and its programs including the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial. Your help is needed to spread the word about the film throughout your community and your agency. You can "like" or "share" Heroes Behind The Badge on Facebook at www.facebook.com/heroesbehindthebadge, follow them on Twitter (@HeroesBTB), or visit www.heroesbehindthebadge.com where you can also order the film.

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The "Club With A Heart" provides benefits in excess of a half million dollars during 2012

During 2012, the Hundred Club continued the mission of providing benefits and assistance to spouses and families of police, firefighters, and corrections officers whose lives were lost in the performance of their duties.

The Club distributed over \$500,000 in benefits in a number of ways. A breakdown of benefits provided are as follows :

Birthdays	2,600.00
Camp	5,333.00
Computers for Students Program	173.38
Scholarships	342,476.49
Spousal Death Benefits (3)	30,000.00
Spouse Holiday	115,297.07
Spouse Special Assistance	<u>21,558.19</u>
Total	\$517,438.13

Over 10.4 million dollars in benefits have been distributed on behalf of surviving families since our inception. We look forward to another strong year.

The Hundred Club is the subject of a story produced by the Archdiocese of Hartford

Earlier this year Managing Director Bill Sydenham was contacted by Laura Burgio, a reporter for Crossroads Magazine Television and radio station WJMJ 88.9 FM. Both the magazine Television and radio station are owned and operated by The Office of Radio and Television for Archdiocese of Hartford.



Burgio wanted to do an in-depth report on the work of the Club, including interviews which would be recorded, produced and featured on the diocesan weekly television program.

Carol Bagshaw and Pam Lavery widows of police officers whose lives were lost in the line of duty were interviewed. They described how the Club has helped them and other families and what that help has meant to them.

Along with Bill Sydenham, Board members Skip Thomas, and Peter Carrozza explained the philosophy behind the mission of the Club.

The video was prepared and broadcast on the diocesan website. A copy of the video was obtained from ORTV and has been posted on the Hundred Club website. Go to: www.hundredclubofct.org. Scroll to the bottom of the page and click on ORTV Video.

Direct Report

First Responders

It seems as though the news as of late is replete with tragic events. In our "digital age" images of any such event dominate media coverage. There are also scores of films on the internet documenting events, "as they happen".

As I watch news coverage of recent occurrences like those in Boston, Massachusetts; West, Texas; and Middlefield, Ohio; I am always amazed by, and thankful for, the actions of our first responders.

Quite often, I find myself saying aloud to a television screen "Thank God". Thank God for their bravery, for their dedication, for their willingness to serve.

Our natural human instincts for survival compel us to seek safety when threatened with serious injury or death.

The next time you watch a catastrophic event unfold, keep your eyes on the people. Whether they are in uniform or not, you will recognize our first responders. They are the men and women headed full-speed into the heart of the threat ...

William E. Sydenham, Jr.

(Editor's note: William Sydenham served 24 years in the Connecticut State Police and retired with the Rank of Lieutenant. He is Managing Director of the Hundred Club.)

CONNECTICUT STATE FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION MEMORIAL FOUNDATION

11th Annual Firefighters Memorial Service

Sunday, September 29, 2013, 12:30p.m.

Connecticut Fire Academy Windsor Locks, CT.

Important Notice to email subscribers

If you submitted an email address to us during the update of club website and have not received The Hundred Call or other emails from us please re-submit your address via the website. Several emails have been returned due to an error in the address. We received over 800 responses to our request. This represents a significant savings in mailing costs. If you did not submit an email address you will continue to receive the Hundred Call via U.S. Mail. To resubmit or start receiving the email newsletter go to www.hundredclubofct.org. Enter your email address on the home page and click go

NOTICE

Annual Meeting & Luncheon

Tuesday, October 29, 2013

Sheraton Hartford South

100 Capitol Blvd.

Rocky Hill, Conn.

11:30 to 2:00 PM

Invitations will be mailed or you can contact the office for reservations at

860 633-8357





THE HUNDRED CLUB OF CONNECTICUT'S Edward J. Funk Memorial 2013 GOLF TOURNAMENT

Annual Tournament
Tuesday, July 30, 2013

Raindate will be
set by Tunxis
please call:
(860) 677-1367

TUNXIS PLANTATION COUNTRY CLUB

*Directions: Route 84, east or west, Exit 39, Follow Route 4 West,
take 1st right after Farmington River – Town Farm Road.*

\$125.00 per golfer ...

includes golf carts, greens fee, lunch & beverage (on course) steak dinner

\$40.00 per non-golfer ...

includes lunch & steak dinner



PLEASE ARRIVE AT LEAST 1/2 HOUR PRIOR TO STARTING TIME.

Starting Time ... Shotgun Start – 10:00 a.m.

The tournament will be played on the White Course. There will be coffee and breakfast pastries on the Pro Shop porch and lunch and beverages on the course at the halfway house. The social hour will start at approximately 3 p.m. with dinner a 4 p.m. The awarding of prizes and the free raffle will precede dinner. The cost is \$125 per player – \$500 per foursome.

Payment should be made to
The Hundred Club of Connecticut

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***** HUNDRED CLUB GOLF TOURNAMENT *****
Tuesday, July 30, 2013

Please register this foursome:

Number of golfers (\$125.00 per ticket): Total: \$ _____

Number of Non-golfers (\$40.00 per ticket): Total: \$ _____

(A check must accompany this reservation slip) Grand Total: \$ _____

Contact name for this foursome: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ Telephone: _____

Golfer #1: _____ Telephone: _____

Golfer #2: _____ Telephone: _____

Golfer #3: _____ Telephone: _____

Golfer #4: _____ Telephone: _____

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