

## Firefighters Praised By Governor Rell

Speaking in front of the memorial dedicated to Connecticut firefighters who lost their lives in the line of duty, Chief (Ret.) Ernest Herrick of Storrs declared, "This past year has been a blessing—Connecticut did not experience one line-of-duty-death."

There are 319 names engraved on the memorial. Gov. M. Jodi Rell paid tribute to those fallen heroes and the 30,000 men and women who are protecting the lives and property of people throughout the state. The state's chief executive said, "We first dedicated this memorial in 2002 and four years later it continues to serve as a permanent reminder of the bravery and dedication of all our firefighters."

Mrs. Rell maintained that the firefighters who "serve in our communities are role models for all of us. This year we are fortunate in that no firefighter lost his or her life while protecting our towns and cities."



Gov. M. Jodi Rell praised firefighter Amanda Jordan of the Eagleville Fire Dept. for her singing of The National Anthem to open the memorial ceremonies.

Mr. Herrick, chairman of the Memorial Committee, organized a campaign in the late 1990s to establish the memorial. Mrs. Rell, then lieutenant governor, provided considerable support for the effort. Her pivotal role was praised at this year's memorial ceremony by Atty. Gen. Richard Blumenthal. He declared, "She deserves a great round of thanks and applause from all of us."

Other speakers at the event held Oct. 15 included Robert Guthrie, president, Connecticut State Firefighters Association and Peter Carozza, president, Uniformed Professional Firefighters Association of Connecticut.

The memorial is located in front of the Connecticut Fire Academy, Windsor Locks, on North Perimeter Road, not far from the New England Air Museum. It is easily reached from Rte. I-91. ■



Bishop Peter A. Rosazza, of Hartford, (center) was in the funeral procession as the casket carrying the body of New Haven Police Officer Daniel Picagli was taken from Our Lady of Pompeii Church, East Haven.

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Police Dept. including the Police Athletic League and Camp DEFY, a drug education program through which police officers and at-risk youngsters spend a week together at camp. He also oversaw the Board of Young Adult Police Commissioners.

Fellow officers said Mr. Picagli often brought lunch for poor youths. Regularly, he took young baseball fans to see a major league game in New York. Typical of comments from old and young alike was this comment from a mother, Holly Antosh, "The little kids loved this man. They cherished him." Manny Colon, 17, a student at Hill Regional Career High School, said, "He was more than an officer. He was more than a friend. He was everything to us."

Mr. Picagli, who was 38, leaves his wife Deanna Doyle Picagli, three children, Jennifer, Daniel and Matthew Picagli and a foster child, Christina Acampora. He was the son of Daniel King of North Carolina and the late Carmel Ventura Picagli and the stepson of Richard Picagli of New Haven. He leaves two sisters, Lisa Ueberroth of Danbury and Chelsea King of North Carolina and two brothers, Richard Picagli of New Haven and Michael Ventura of West Haven.

A graduate of Whitney Technical School, he entered the New Haven Police Academy in 1989.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated by Rev. James Shanley in Our Lady of Pompeii Church, East Haven. Bishop Peter A. Rosazza participated. Burial was in All Saints Cemetery, North Haven.

Representative of The Hundred Club has visited the Picagli family. ■

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As a member of the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War he was stationed in England at a R.A.F. facility where he worked as a military intelligence interpreter. After he settled in Cheshire, a neighbor, Lt. Myron Verner of the Cheshire Police Dept., suggested that he consider a career in law enforcement. He applied to the Cheshire Police Dept. and graduated first in his class at the Police Training Academy.

Through the years Mr. Loudon carried out a variety of assignments. As chief, Mr. Loudon is credited with stabilizing the department after the death of Mr. Walberg and reorganizing the command structure. Public officials praised his leadership and commitment to the department.

Mr. Loudon leaves his wife, Rosalin Hogan Loudon; a son, Dane of Cheshire; a daughter, Molly Elizabeth of Boston; his mother Martha Loudon of Wallingford; three sisters, Karen Cotterell of New York City, Holly Bradley of Naperville, Ill. and Sandra Searcy of Wallingford.

Police officers from several cities and towns in Connecticut attended the funeral services March 3 in the First Congregational Church of Cheshire. Burial was in St. Bridget's Cemetery.

Representatives of The Hundred Club have visited the Loudon family. ■

## Fathers and Sons

The sons of two past presidents of The Hundred Club are following in their fathers' footsteps. First Vice President Thomas Guerra is the son of Peter H. Guerra, the club's president in 1997, and André K. Charbonneau, a member of the Board of Directors, is the son of André L. Charbonneau, president in 2000. ■



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## New Haven Officer Loses Life From Accident Injuries

More than 1,000 law enforcers from throughout Connecticut and neighboring states paid tribute to New Haven Police Officer Daniel P. Picagli at his funeral Oct. 25.

Eight days earlier the popular officer was struck by a sports utility vehicle while directing traffic in the rain at a construction site near Wooster Square Park in the Elm City. The vehicle was driven by Senior Judge John M. Walker of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Circuit Court of Appeals. He lives in Connecticut and has judicial chambers in New Haven. Mr. Picagli was wearing a bright green traffic reflective vest at the time of the accident.

Mr. Picagli was taken to Yale New Haven Hospital where he died Oct. 21, four days after the accident.

"Dan Picagli was everything you could ask for as a police officer, as a family man and as a member of this community," said Mayor John DeStefano.

Police Chief Francisco Ortiz declared, "We will never forget Officer Dan Picagli. We will memorialize him to the community through the Police Dept."

An 18-year veteran of the department, Mr. Picagli was known throughout New Haven for his work with young people. He organized and directed various youth programs for the

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## Chris Cobb 2007 President

### Chief Loudon Dies; Served in Cheshire

Within a year Cheshire lost two men while they were serving as chief of the Police Dept.

Chief Christopher Loudon, 54, was stricken Feb. 27 as he prepared to carry out his daily duties. He was taken to Mid-State Medical Center, Meriden. Doctors were unable to revive him.

Following the death of Chief Gary Walberg Nov. 3, 2005, Mr. Loudon was named acting chief. He was formally sworn in as the department's fifth Chief

Feb. 27, 2006. The department was established in 1954.

A 27-year veteran of the department, Mr. Loudon was born July 3, 1951 in Southington, the son of Martha Steele Loudon and the late Edward Loudon.

He graduated from Lyman High School, Wallingford, where he was captain of the football team. He attended the University of Maryland and graduated from Southern Connecticut State University (SCSU).

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### Golf Day July 31

The Hundred Club's annual golf day will be held Tuesday, July 31 at Tunxis Plantation Country Club, Farmington. Details and an application form will appear in a future issue of *The Hundred Call*.

### Club's Low Profile Hailed By Speakers

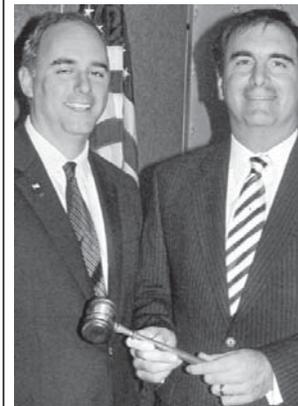
A native of Hartford, who continues to live in the Capitol City, pledged to continue the good work of The Hundred Club in its long-established low-profile fashion during his presidency in 2007. Christopher C. Cobb, an attorney, accepted the presidential gavel from Timothy L. Prete, the outgoing president.

The gavel was passed Oct. 18 during the club's annual membership meeting at La Renaissance in East Windsor. Mr. Cobb's term is effective Jan. 1.

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Chief Christopher Loudon



Christopher Cobb (left) accepts the gavel, the symbol of the club's presidency, from 2006 President Timothy Prete.

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Mr. Cobb expressed appreciation for the opportunity to serve in various offices and looked forward to guiding the club during its 40<sup>th</sup> year of existence. He called attention to the club's policy of carrying out its main mission quietly—providing assistance to families of law enforcers, firefighters and correction officers who lost their lives in the line of duty. Underscoring the fact that the club's good deeds are performed without publicity in the media, Mr. Cobb said the organization is "truly people-oriented."

Mr. Cobb recalled meeting West Hartford Firefighter Patrick L. Brooks in the autumn of 2002. "He looked good and was optimistic about his future. Three weeks later I attended his funeral. We—The Hundred Club—are there for his family. One of his three sons is a student at the University of Connecticut, thanks to The Hundred Club. And, Pat's brother, Neville, is here today as a member of the club."

Mr. Prete called the organization "a quiet group with great stature." He said that not long ago an alarm at the Prete's home was accidentally activated. Three fire trucks brought 10 firefighters to the scene. One firefighter told him that he saw a Hundred Club medallion on a vehicle in the neighborhood and stated, "We love that club." Mr. Prete thanked him for his words and explained that he was a longtime member. He said he was relating the incident because he wants club members to realize that firefighters, law enforcers and correction officers are keenly aware of the club's humanitarian activities.

Looking back over the past year Mr. Prete thanked his fellow officers and the directors for their thoughtful contributions at meetings. He will continue to serve on the Board of Directors as a past president.

Peter H. Guerra served as master of ceremonies. He publicly thanked Joseph Illouz, owner of La Renaissance, for arranging the luncheon meeting and accommodating the club on short notice. ■

### Honor Guard

Members of the State Police Guard at The Hundred Club's annual luncheon meeting were: Troopers Patrick Torneo, Steve Soares, John O'Connor, Kevin Moore and Tim Guavin. ■

### Bagpiper

The bagpipes were played at The Hundred Club luncheon by Patrick Whalen, the pipes major in the State Police unit. ■

## Members Enjoyed Meeting



Dave Thornton — Pat Hedge



Ralph Giansanti — Dick Hurley



Pat Whalen



Robert Gottfried



Henrietta Ustjanauskas



State Police Honor Guard



Joe Roberts — Linda Roberts — Keith Robbins



Lisa Sachatello



Mike Gassner



John Desimone



Janice McLeod



John, Chris, Charles, Dr. Richard and Patricia Cobb



John McLeod



Hans and Lotte Weiss



Col. Edward Lynch — Jim Dolan — Lt. Co. Vincent McSweeney



Thomas Guerra



Peter Guerra



André L. and André K. Charbonneau



Russell and Nancy Sylvester — Barbara and Andrew Santacrose



Steve Hajdasz — Kim Dingwall — Neville Brooks



Paul Young



Linda Christie



George Edwards — Ralph Fragola



Mike Delillo — Bill Riordan



Ray Bartololo