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Storm Sandy Claims Life Of Easton Firefighter



Lt. Russell Neary

Easton Volunteer Firefighter Lt. Russell Neary, age 55, became the first line of duty death for the Easton Fire Department when he was killed on October 29, 2012. Neary died of injuries he received when he was struck by a falling tree while clearing debris from a roadway in Easton during Storm Sandy.

Neary was born in Bridgeport and raised with his family in Easton. He attended Fairfield College Preparatory School and The College of the Holy Cross where he majored in accounting.

At the time of his death Lt. Neary was employed as a vice president of the

Global Ocean Marine Department of General Reinsurance at Stamford where he had been employed for over three decades.

He served the Easton Department as a volunteer for more than thirteen years. He also served as a Medical Response Technician with the Easton Emergency Medical Squad. At the time of his death he was president of the fire company.

Neary was active in the community having served as a track and field official and as a coach for the Easton soccer travel team.

Lt. Neary is survived by his wife Maryanne and two daughters Cara and Caitlin. He also left a brother Peter, brothers and sisters in-law and many nieces and nephews.

A memorial service honoring Lt. Neary was held on November 3, 2012. Several Hundred firemen and emergency workers from throughout the northeast, New York and New Jersey formed a procession to the Notre Dame Catholic Church. Governor Dannel Malloy, Lt. Governor Nancy Wyman, U. S. Senator Richard Blumenthal, U.S. Representative Jim Hinds, as well as the

presidents of Fairfield College Preparatory High School and The College of the Holy Cross attended the service.

Friends and family members remembered Lt. Neary as a friend, loving husband, father and as a dedicated citizen. In his remarks to those honoring Lt. Neary's sacrifice, Governor Malloy noted "Today we are reminded that at the very core of the Catholic Church is to love thy neighbor. I would have no role here today if it were not for how this man loved his neighbor. But from this day, we must find inspiration in the way he lived and died, loving thy neighbor."

A trust fund has been established to benefit Joel Barlow High School's Girls Cross Country and Girls Track and Field Teams and the American Red Cross.

Donations may be mailed to: Russell Neary Memorial Trust Fund. 30 Far Horizon Drive, Easton, Ct. 06612



2013 Directors and Officers are presented at the Annual Meeting and Luncheon.



Lt. Governor Nancy Wyman addresses attendees at the Annual Meeting and Luncheon.

The Sheraton Hartford South Hotel in Rocky Hill was the site of the Annual Meeting and Luncheon held on Monday, November 5, 2012.

With almost 200 members and guests in attendance for this year's event, WVIT 30 News Anchor Gerry Brooks served as Master of Ceremonies. Club Directors and Officers for 2013 were presented to the audience.

A piper from the Connecticut State Police Emerald Society led the opening procession followed by the State Police Color Guard. State Police soloist, Trooper Stephen King opened the ceremonies singing the National Anthem followed by a moment of silence.

Lt. Governor Nancy Wyman took time from her busy pre-election schedule to come to the meeting and serve as the keynote speaker.

In her remarks, the Lt. Governor talked about how we use the word "Hero" to describe those who give their life in the line of duty.

Quoting the wife of a slain Los Angeles police officer, she stated that we should remember heroes, "...not by the way they died, but by the way they lived." That by performing their

jobs knowing the inherent nature of the work they perform on a daily basis they lived their lives with courage both in and out of uniform.

The Lt. Governor also recognized the families of those who serve and thanked them for the support they provide to those in the public safety services.

Lt. Governor Wyman recognized the Club for the work and support it has provided to the families in the forty-five years of its existence.

She also recognized the sacrifice of Lt. Russell Neary of the Easton Fire Department who died while performing his duties during the height of super Storm Sandy.

Guest speaker was Mr. William Snyder Jr., son of Groton City Police Sgt. William Snyder Sr. who was struck and killed by a motorist in 1994. He described his relationship with his father prior to his death and how "The Club with a Heart" provided support to him and his family. William was a 13 year old high school freshman when his father died. He stated that while his father provided value and guidance in his early years he felt lost after his father's passing.

William went on to say that the support the Club provided to his family made a significant impact on his life. The support, he said, helped him find direction and purpose in his life.

He thanked the Club for all it had done over the years stating the success he has attained is, in part, a direct result of the opportunities the Club made available to him and his family.

In his address, President Bernie Sullivan recognized Mrs. Ada Ustjanauskas, who with her husband Anthony, helped found the Hundred Club in 1967. He thanked her for all her efforts and the continued support she has provided.

He reviewed the work of the Club during the year including reports on the work of the Planning Committee headed by Andre Charbonneau, and improvements to the club website. He recognized hard work by Gene Sheehan, Jessica Rosario, Matt Service, and Gerri Roberts in facilitating the upgrade.

Law Enforcement Line of Duty Deaths Decline in 2012

In a preliminary report issued by the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund, line of duty deaths declined by 23% during 2012. According to the data 127 law enforcement officers died in the line of duty. This is a significant reduction from the 165 officers killed in 2011.

Traffic related incidents were the leading cause of fatalities. A total of 50 officers lost their lives in traffic related events. Thirty were killed in collisions, fourteen were struck and killed while outside of their vehicles and six were killed in motorcycle accidents. Traffic related fatalities were down 17 percent from the previous year.

There were 49 firearm related fatalities during the year a decrease of 32 percent from 2011. Ambush attacks accounted for the majority of shooting deaths (15) followed by traffic stops or pursuits (9) drug related (5) and robberies (5) Thirteen fallen officers were women and seven were corrections officers. The average age of fallen law enforcement officers was 41 with an average of 12 years of law enforcement service. Each officer was survived by an average of two children.

The complete report is available online at the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund website at: <http://www.nleomf.com/>



US Fire Administration Releases 2012 Firefighter Fatality Statistics

The US Fire Administration, a division of FEMA and the Department of Homeland Security, announced in a report that 83 on-duty firefighter deaths occurred nationwide during 2012.

The fatalities occurred in 34 states with Pennsylvania and North Carolina experience the highest loss with nine each. Heart attack and strokes were responsible for 41 deaths. Eleven fire fighters succumbed to injuries in wild fires while another 18 lost their lives in vehicle collisions (including aircraft). The remainder died from injuries received while fighting fires. Two Webster New York firefighters were ambushed as they responded to a call.

Forty-eight percent were volunteer firefighters Sixty percent were between 40 and 60 years old.

The complete report can be available for viewing at: www://http://apps.usfa.fema.gov/

CT Ride United Continues to Support The Hundred Club

The CT United Ride is a motorcycle ride organized by Mr. Fred Garrity after the events of 9/11 as a fundraiser to honor those who gave their lives and to those who continue to serve on a daily basis.

Initially sponsored by the Fairfield County Labor Council in 2001 the first ride attracted about 500 riders. With the success of the first ride, it was decided to continue the event. The event continues to grow each year with over 4000 participants in 2012. It is currently sponsored by the Uniformed Professional Fire Fighters of Connecticut.

Through the generosity of the Ride the Hundred Club has become a beneficiary of that event. This year UPFFA President Peter Carozza pre-

sented the club with a sizable donation. For more on the CT Ride United visit their website at: <http://www.ctunitedride.com/>

Website Improvements Get Positive Reviews

After many months of hard work by Jessica Rosario and Gene Sheehan of Sullivan and LeShane, Matt Service of Internet Service Solutions and The Planning Committee, a number of improvements to the Club website were completed and launched into opera-



President Bernie Sullivan accepts donation on October 1, 2012.

Improved graphics and ease of navigation through the site were just a couple of upgrades. As part of the project, fliers were mailed to all Club members requesting email addresses which may be used in the future to distribute the "100 Call" and other types of information to Club members in a timely fashion. Over 800 members responded to our request. On the day of the launch a drawing was held from the names of all who responded. Long time Club member Glenn Dean, President of Googan-Gildersleeve Appliances in Mystic was the lucky winner of an Apple Ipad.

Please visit the website to see the changes. If you have not already done so you may submit your email address. This information will not be shared or used for anything other than matters related to the Club and its work, go to: www.hundredclubofct.org



Managing Director Bill Sydenham presents member Glenn Dean with his new Apple Ipad

Save The Date THE HUNDRED CLUB OF CT

Edward J. Funk
2013 Annual Memorial
Golf Tournament
Tunxis Plantation
Tuesday, July 30, 2013

For Details Visit The Website At:
<http://www.hundredclubofct.org/>

Connecticut Law Enforcement Memorial

Upcoming Events
Memorial Dinner
Mon. May 6, 2013
Memorial Ceremony
Wed. May 22, 2013

For Additional Information on
the events visit: <http://www.ctneverforget.org/>



In Memoriam

Joseph A. Owens

1926—2012

It is with great sadness that we have learned of the passing of life member and former Hundred Club editor, Joseph A. Owens at age 85, on October 16, 2012.

Joe enjoyed an illustrious 40 year plus career as journalist having worked for various publications. He served for over 20 years as editor of the editorial pages of the Bridgeport Post and Telegraph retiring in 1988. He was the recipient of numerous national, regional and state journalism awards. Senator Abraham Ribicoff recognized Joe for his efforts calling him a "giant in Connecticut journalism."

In 1970 Joe initiated a proposal that the newly built University of Ct. Health Center in Farmington be named in honor of club founding member Gov. John N. Dempsey. That campaign

was successful and Joe was asked by Gov. Ella Grasso to write the inscription on the plaque designating the official name of the facility.

In recognition of his contributions to the Club, and support of law enforcement and firefighters, Joe was appointed a life member in 1980. He continued to support the Club and its activities during his retirement.

At the time of his death Joe had been married for 61 years to his wife Barbara. We sadly note that Barbara age 90 passed away on November 1, 2012.

Joe and Barbara are survived by a daughter Mary Vosgerichian and her husband Alan and two grandchildren of Stratford, Ct.

Carney Family Says Thanks

On December 6, 1982 State Police Lieutenant Thomas Carney was killed when struck by a tractor-trailer on Interstate 84. Lt. Carney was Commanding Officer of Troop L, Litchfield. He had stopped to assist a disabled motorist on his way to work that day.

He was survived by his wife Judith, a son Thomas Jr., age 17 and a daughter Dawn, age 15.

The Club has maintained contact with the Carney family since that time. On December 6, 2012, Thomas Carney, Jr. came to the Hundred Club office and met with the board. He expressed his gratitude for all the support the club has provided his family. He presented the Club with a contribution from he and his sister to honor their father's memory and show appreciation to the "Club With A Heart".



Pictured left to right. First row: Thomas Carney Jr., President Bernie Sullivan, Directors Andre Charbonneau and James Thomas. Second row: Managing Director Bill Sydenham, Directors Paul Fitzgerald, Peter Guerra, Paul Young, Michael Laurano, Matthew Service and Andre K Charbonneau

Scenes From The Annual Meeting

