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Fallen Veteran Volunteer Firefighter Laid To Rest with Full Departmental Honors



First Lieutenant George Marshall Sanford, age 67, of Redding died Sunday, April 15, 2012 at Danbury Hospital. Sanford, a volunteer firefighter with the Redding Fire and EMS Company #1, collapsed while responding to a brush fire in Redding.

Lt. Sanford, a retired Norwalk High School history teacher, had been a 50 year Life Member of the Redding Fire and EMS Company # 1 having served as Chief from 1982 to 1992, and as Vice President and Lieutenant of Engine One. He was a 40 year volunteer for the Danbury Hospital Emergency Room; a member and past president of the Bethel Fire Department; member of the Fire Department Safety Officers Association; Fairfield County Fire Chiefs; and numerous other fire-service related organizations. He held his certification as an EMT since 1973. Lt. Sanford was a world traveler who enjoyed visiting local fire departments throughout the United States and around the world. He shared stories and an extensive photograph collection which allowed members and friends to see and learn what was happening in the fire service in other venues. He was active in the community

having served on the zoning board. He was instrumental in organizing the annual Redding Memorial Day Parade.

He is survived by his brother Henry Sanford and his wife Mary Ellen of Redding, CT, a niece Aileen Sanford of Shelton, CT, an uncle Henry Scott.(Bud) McQuade of Redding, CT, an aunt Roberta Green and her husband Harry of Hemet, CA and extended family members Richard and Joanne Smith of Wilton, CT.

In a joint statement issued by Governor Dannel Malloy and Lt. Governor Nancy Wyman regarding Lt. Sanford they said, "For more than fifty years Mr. Sanford served the Redding Ridge Fire Company with extraordinary dedication and commitment. We deeply respect his work protecting the community and we stand with the many residents and firefighters who are grieving his loss."

At a service attended by representatives of state and local agencies, firefighter groups and marching units, Lt. Sanford was laid to rest with full departmental honors at the Redding Ridge Cemetery, Redding, CT on Friday April 20, 2012. At the same time Lt. Sanford was recognized for his dedication to his community by Representatives Dan Carter, John Shaban and Larry Carfero during a session of the State House of Representatives. In his honor the flags on the Capitol building were lowered to half staff on the day of his funeral.

Committee Formed To Study Long Range Needs of the Club

Upon taking the reins of the club, President Bernie Sullivan formed a planning committee to review and make recommendations on a variety of subjects relative to the club's continued growth and success in the future.

Andre K. Charbonneau was appointed Chairman of the committee which has met several times recently.

One of the areas reviewed was the effectiveness of communications with the membership via the "Hundred Call" newsletter and the Club's website. To that end, President Sullivan has enlisted the help of club member Eugene Sheehan, of the public relations firm of Sullivan and LeShane of Hartford. Gene has offered the wide range of resources of his firm to help.

The committee has explored several options including use of social media, enhancements to the website and methods to maintain regular and timely contact with membership. Some preliminary recommendations have been presented to the board including several enhancements to the website and the possibility of electronic distribution of the newsletter. This is a work in progress. Suggestions are welcomed and can be addressed to the club via mail or email at ct100@hundredclubofct.org.



Life Member Joseph J. Vinci Honored on 100th Birthday



Club Vice President Gerri Roberts presents Joseph Vinci with a gift from the club.

Photo courtesy of Sandy Aldieri, Perceptions Photography

On Saturday, March 3, 2012 The Aqua Turf Club in Southington was the scene of celebration of life in honor of longtime club member Joseph J. Vinci who turned 100 that day.

Some 600 friends and family turned out to honor Joseph, known by most as "J.J.". Among those was Hundred Club Vice President Gerri Roberts, who, on behalf of the club presented him with a plaque conveying our best wishes.

Joseph joined the Hundred Club in 1973. J.J. served as a Director from 1977 to 1979. He became a life member in 1995.

Joseph, was born in Middletown, Ct. on March 3, 1912. He has continued to live there for most of his life, wed to wife Mary in 1934 and raised three children Joseph Jr., Robert, and Rosemarie.

At a very early age he began a series of business ventures which would eventually lead to the creation of J. J. Vinci Oil Company, currently in it's 73rd year of operation. J.J. continues to work and can be found at the office every day.

Having enjoyed success created by hard work and dedication J.J. has always felt the need to give back to his community. He volunteered countless hours to a variety of civic organizations. His work has been recognized with numerous awards and commendations.

The Club extends it's Best Wishes to you, J.J., and your family.

Firefighters Donate Lottery Winnings to Ailing Brother Fireman

An Albuquerque fire fighter is facing his biggest battle yet. He is battling a deadly brain tumor

Fireman Vincent Cordova, 24, is undergoing an intense and rare three day surgery to remove a deadly brain tumor, but he already has a little luck on his side thanks to the Mega Millions Lottery and the generosity of his fellow firefighters.

On March 30, 2012 five fellow fire fighters at Station Eight struck gold winning \$10,000 in the Mega Millions lottery. They hit five of the six numbers correctly. The guys agreed that the thing to do would be to give some of their winnings to Cordova, helping him to defray some of the costs associated with the surgery..

Cordova's type of brain tumor is found in only two-percent of people. It's about the size of two golf balls and squeezing his jugular vein. If it's not removed Cordova will die. Cost of the life saving surgery is estimated to be nearly \$1 million. In addition to those costs, Cordova must stay in Los Angeles for about two months, and after that he will have to undergo another six months of physical therapy.

He says he's overwhelmed by the compassion of his fellow comrades. In an interview with KRQE News 13 he stated "I can't believe that the fireman bond is so strong,"

The winners say they're thankful for the opportunity to help such an inspiration. The firefighters have started a Survival Fund and have conducted several fundraisers to help defray Cordova's medical expenses.

The firefighters bought their winning ticket in a spur of the moment move just 20 minutes before lotto sales stopped. They said they didn't watch the drawing and had to be convinced by Lt. Steve Keffer who bought the ticket that it was not an April Fools prank.

Cordova is just anxious to make a speedy recovery and says the winning ticket is a great start. Cordova says he's received letters and prayers from all over the nation, and is grateful for the support.

Violent Crime Rate Drops But Line of Duty Deaths Increase

As violent crime has decreased across the country, a disturbing trend has emerged: rising numbers of police officers are being killed.

According to statistics compiled by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, 72 officers were killed by perpetrators in 2011, a 25 percent increase from the previous year and a 75 percent increase from 2008.

The 2011 deaths were the first time that more officers were killed by suspects than car accidents, according to data compiled by the International Association of Chiefs of Police. The number was the highest in nearly two decades, excluding those who died in the Sept. 11 attacks in 2001 and the Oklahoma City bombing in 1995.

While a majority of officers were killed in smaller cities, 13 were killed in cities of 250,000 or more. The F.B.I. and other law enforcement officials cannot fully explain the reasons for the rise in officer homicides. After a spate of killings in early 2011, Attorney General Eric H. Holder Jr. asked federal authorities to work with local police departments to try to come up with an understanding of the disturbing facts.

The F.B.I., which has tracked office deaths since 1937, paid for a study conducted by John Jay College that found that in many cases the officers were trying to arrest or stop a suspect who had previously been arrested for a violent crime.

That prompted the F.B.I. to change what information it will provide to local police departments, the officials said. Starting this year, when police officers stop a car and call its license plate into the F.B.I.'s database, they will be told whether the owner of the vehicle has a violent history.

Through the first three months of this year, the number of police fatalities has dropped, though it is unclear why. Some argue that the rise in violence is linked to the tough economy. With less money, some states are releasing prisoners earlier; police departments, after years of staffing increases, have been forced to make cutbacks.



May 24, 2012 Marks the Date For The Annual Law Enforcement Memorial Service

An annual ceremony honoring law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty is held each year at the Connecticut Law Enforcement Memorial located at the Connecticut Police Academy. This year's event is scheduled to take place on Thursday, May 24, 2012 at 11:00 A.M.

During the ceremony, the annual reading of the roll call of the names of all Connecticut Law Enforcement Officers killed in the line of duty in Connecticut will take place. Family members, friends along with representatives from local, state, and federal Connecticut Law Enforcement will be in attendance to remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice. The event is open to the public. The Police Academy is located just off I-91 at 285 Preston Ave. in Meriden. For more information visit the foundation website at <http://www.ctneverforget.org>

Edward J. Funk Memorial Golf Tournament set for July 24, 2012

Once again, Tunxis Plantation has been selected as the site for the annual Edward J. Funk Memorial Golf Tournament. The event is scheduled for Tuesday, July 24, 2012, with a shotgun start beginning at 10:00 AM. Coffee and breakfast pastries will be available prior to the start of the tournament. The fee is \$125 per person which includes greens fees, cart, lunch on the course followed by a steak dinner and a free raffle. Prizes will be awarded for both gross and net divisions as well as on-course skill competitions at a cocktail hour prior to dinner.

Non-golfers are welcome to attend the lunch, cocktail hour and dinner for a fee of \$40

This tournament is one of the most popular events sponsored by the club. Please complete the entry form on page four and forward to the club as early as possible. Haven't got a foursome? No problem, submit your entry form and we will pair you with other participants. **The entry form is included on page 4 of this newsletter.**

Vitas Hospice Care Providing Specialized Services to Public Safety Personnel & Families



Club Member Richard Blake with Michelle Hanlon, RN, General Manager for VITAS

VITAS Innovative Hospice Care®, established in 1978, is the nation's largest provider of end-of-life care. The name is derived from the Latin word for "lives" and symbolizes the VITAS mission: to preserve the quality of life for those who have a limited time to live.

Today, VITAS employs 9,000 professionals who care for terminally ill patients daily, primarily in the patients' homes, but also in the company's inpatient hospice units as well as in hospitals, nursing homes and assisted living communities and residential care facilities.

VITAS advocates for the rights of terminally ill patients and their families. They believe that patients should be apprised of their clinical prognosis and be involved in the decision-making process that determines how their end-of-life care is provided.

Headquartered in Miami, Florida, VITAS (pronounced VEE-tahs) operates 52 hospice programs in 19 states and the District of Columbia. Vitas operates out of four locations in Connecticut with offices in Middlebury, Stratford, Glastonbury and an in-patient office at St. Mary's Hospital in Waterbury.

While VITAS provides services to all people from all walks of life the company is deeply involved in providing hospice care to veterans and public safety personnel.

Typically when a new patient enters Vitas care a team is assigned to visit, counsel and assist the patient. Patients are visited on an almost daily basis by team members who determine that the individual is receiving necessary care and benefits provided by his insurer, be it a private vendor or Medicare. On average VITAS personnel meet with and handle approximately 13,500 patient daily.

VITAS continues to provide bereavement support to families via newsletters and educational materials, support groups, visits by professional staff and volunteers, referrals to grief therapists, community support groups, and legal services.

To be sure, end of life care can be a trying experience for the patient and his family. To that end VITAS has a team of specialists whose job it is to identify and correct problems that arise and minimize stress to the patient. One such team member is Hundred Club Member Richard Blake, himself a 26-year veteran detective of the Connecticut State Police, has recently embarked on a new career having been appointed Public Safety Liaison at VITAS.

By the very nature of their work terminally ill public safety personnel either active or retired sometimes have special needs. Those needs can best be met by someone who has been involved in public safety work.

Through his work in law enforcement and his vast knowledge of the public safety network in Connecticut Richard is able to troubleshoot, and resolve issues involving the terminally ill public safety personnel by dealing directly with the agency involved, and providing assistance through counseling with the patient and his family.

Besides his career as a state trooper, Richard is also retired from the Connecticut National Guard having earned the rank of Colonel with 34 years of service to his country.

We are looking for tee sponsors and donations of prizes for the golf tournament. If you are interested for yourself or your company, please contact Managing Director Bill Sydenham via phone at 1 860 633-8357 or email ct100@hundredclubofct.org





THE HUNDRED CLUB OF CONNECTICUT'S Edward J. Funk Memorial 2012 GOLF TOURNAMENT

Annual Tournament

Tuesday, July 24, 2012

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 24, 2012

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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