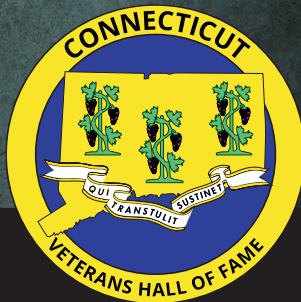
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# *Connecticut Veterans Hall of Fame*

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CLASS OF 2022  
INDUCTION CEREMONY

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*January 19, 2023*





## CONNECTICUT VETERANS HALL OF FAME 2022 INDUCTION CLASS

**January 19, 2023**

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 2022 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 2022 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 written in a cursive, flowing style.

Susan Bysiewicz  
Lieutenant Governor



## CONNECTICUT VETERANS HALL OF FAME 2022 INDUCTION CLASS

**January 19, 2023**

Dear Veterans, families, and friends:



I am honored to join with Lt. Governor Susan Bysiewicz and the CT National Guard Adjutant General, Fran Evon, to induct the members of CT Veterans Hall of Fame, Class of 2022. The CT Veterans Hall of Fame recognizes the positive impact that a Veteran has had in the community after their military service.

The class of 2022 inductees served for decades in the U.S. military in wars, conflicts, stability and humanitarian operations across dozens of countries and multiple continents. Their commitment and honor demonstrated through their military service set the foundation for their continued contributions and achievements throughout their post military lives – we honor them tonight for their military service and for their continued contributions achieved for others –their neighbors, their fellow Veterans, and for a multitude of communities, causes and countless residents across this state.

My sincere thanks to the Class of 2022, true patriots who epitomize service to country and to community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Thomas J. Saadi".

Thomas J. Saadi  
Commissioner

# 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.

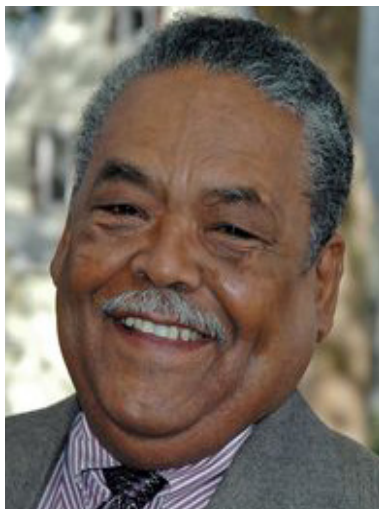
Each year the committee selects inductees from applications received from across the state and nation. These Veterans will be leaders in a variety of areas, such as arts, education, public service, volunteer activities, and community and business leadership to name a few. Most importantly, they will 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.

In 2015, a plaque was unveiled and placed in the Legislative Office Building with the names of all inductees of the Connecticut Veterans Hall of Fame since 2005. Each future class of inductees will be named on this plaque.



EDWIN A. GOMES  
*Bridgeport - Posthumous*

U.S. ARMY

Edwin "Ed" Gomes served in the Army from 1958 to 1963. His first two years in service were in Virginia, where he experienced racial discrimination and segregation first-hand. Ed's time there sparked his passion to fight for civil rights and to serve marginalized communities. In the Army, he was best known for his negotiation skills, which he carried over with him as a United Steel Workers union representative from 1963-1977. As a union representative, Ed was devoted to ensuring every person had access to adequate representation and he spoke up for those whose voices were not heard which earned Ed the respect of many. Throughout his career he was known as a fighter for the people, maverick, labor icon and good friend. After retiring from the union, Ed's dedication to public service only grew.

In 1983, he was elected as a member of the Bridgeport City Council, where he served until 1989. Within his community, he was a strong advocate for improving the educational system, providing senior care, building a stronger community, and establishing fair wages. After six successful years as a member of the City Council, Ed ran for State Senate in the 23rd District and won. He served from 2005 to 2012 and was then reelected in 2015 in a special election. As a Senator, Ed served as Chair of Public Employees and Vice Chair of Aging and Veterans Affairs. On these committees, he continued his long-time advocacy on behalf of Veterans, seniors, and working families. Ed's legacy of service, justice, and advocacy lives on in so many throughout the State of Connecticut.





CRAIG JORDAN

*South Windsor*

U.S. ARMY

Craig Jordan was a First Lieutenant in the U.S. Army and served with distinction during the Vietnam War from 1969 to 1974. Upon receiving an Honorable Discharge, Craig returned home where he continues to serve the Veterans community to this day. Craig's commitment to Veterans is evident based on the boards, councils, and committees he serves on, including Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 120, the First Congressional District Veterans & Military Advisory Council, and the Vietnam Traveling Wall Committee. In addition, Craig served on the steering committee that brought the Connecticut Fallen Star Memorial and Gold Star Mother statue to Goodwin University's campus in 2019. This memorial pays homage to service members that made the ultimate sacrifice and to the Gold Star Family survivors. As a Veterans Coordinator for Goodwin University, Craig assists and provides resources to service members transitioning

from military to civilian life. Since 2014, Craig has hosted Armed Forces Coffee House sessions for Veterans to network and receive assistance with Department of Veterans Affairs related matters. In 2017, he launched the Veterans OASIS at Goodwin University – a place for Veterans to network and support each other. In 2022 he also opened Goodwin's campus as a meeting place for the Disabled American Veterans Chapter 12. Craig has received numerous awards and honors during and after his time in the Army, his community awards include the Dr. Raymond Houle Award for outstanding community service to East Hartford and the East Hartford Spotlight Award for this works as Project Director of the Smaller Learning Communities Grant. In addition to supporting Veterans and service members from all walks of life, Craig coaches baseball and basketball in Windsor, CT.

## CONNECTICUT VETERANS HALL OF FAME



ALVIN KINSALL

*New London*

U.S. NAVY

Alvin (Al) Kinsall has been an inspirational leader with many organizations including the U.S. Submarine Veterans Organization, the New London Veteran Affairs (Advisory Committee), with Eastern Connecticut Realtors and has organized and led many Veterans and civic programs and events in the greater New London area for years. From his employment at General Dynamics to the present, he is a tireless worker and advocate always making a positive impact with everything with which he is involved. Al has been an outstanding mentor to others, and his management and organizational skills motivate those around him to excel and contribute their best for the programs with which they are involved. His work ethic is recognized by all with whom he works no matter the field. He has a positive impact with so many people and he takes great satisfaction in guiding others and providing necessary training through the programs that he is involved with because he wants them to be successful. In the U.S. Submarine

Veterans Groton Base he stepped into the leadership role as the Base Commander of the largest group of Submarine Veterans in the country with 1300 members during a period of extreme turmoil. Because of the problems and low morale, it was a position that no one wanted, but Al stepped up and lifted the organization to new heights. In addition to overall organizational operations he was personally responsible for many programs and services for other Submarine Veterans, their family members, Active Duty Sailors and people in the community. After assuming the leadership position as Base Commander, he immediately started taking actions in guiding his Executive Board and Committee Chairman in righting the ship. He worked on resolving the tax issues with the clubhouse and improved relations with the National Organization. When his time as Base Commander was completed the Groton Base organization was stabilized and conditions rapidly improving with member returning.





THADDEUS MARTIN  
*Suffield*

U.S. AIR FORCE

a unit without a flying mission. Thad was instrumental in supporting the community during Winter Storm Alfred, a nor'easter that resulted in deaths and power outages of over 830,000 homes throughout the state. He helped Connecticut again during multiple other storms, including Hurricane Sandy. These responses were crucial to building cohesion and showing the presence of the Connecticut National Guard. The Military and civilian community was ecstatic with the job the National Guard did while protecting and supporting them. Thad has supported and endorsed the Employer Support for Guard and Reserve (ESGR), which is an organization that promotes cooperation and understanding between employers and service members dealing with conflict arising from a military member's military commitment. He believed in the program so much that he volunteered to be the state chair for the Connecticut Chapter. He is a leader within the Military who had to deal with the deaths of service members due to combat, training, and accidents. These are the conversations no leader chooses to have but are inherent in their leadership roles. He's been a great advocate for families of deceased Soldiers and Airmen and has helped guide and aide Gold Star Families with honor, distinction, and pride. Thad Martin is a man guided by his moral compass and a life filled with advocating for those who can't advocate for themselves. He is a man that has inspired a generation of leaders behind him to serve with the same conviction.

Major General (Retired) Thaddeus (Thad) Martin is a patriotic public servant to his country and the state of Connecticut. As a former Adjutant General of the Connecticut National Guard, he has commanded over 5,000 Soldiers and Airmen with distinction, honor, and pride. His involvement with local and National Veterans' Organizations spans over 40 years. Thad is a lifetime member of the National Guard Association of Connecticut (NGACT), an organization deeply rooted in serving National Guard Soldiers and Airmen by bridging the gap with their active-duty brethren regarding pay and benefits, among many other items. Thad's commitment to Veterans is evident due to his tenure as the Adjutant General for the state of Connecticut, a position held for over 13 years while being a vital member of the Governor's Military Staff. He has been nationally recognized as a critical leader in Military Affairs and mentored hundreds of Army and Air Force Officers during this time and into retirement. He was crucial when Connecticut faced a Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) in 2005 to take away the A-10, a close air support Aircraft, and turn Bradley Air National Guard Base into



DANIEL W. MATTHEWS

*Winsted*

U.S. MARINE CORPS

Daniel Matthews, was outstanding leader with the United States Marine Corps Reserves for 17 years, his military training and experience equipped him to be both an extremely knowledgeable supporter of Veterans and an exceptional community leader. Throughout his life he is driven to accomplish his personal goals while providing opportunities, assistance, and support to others. His enthusiasm for volunteerism and getting the job done inspires those he works with. Daniel completed multiple deployments to foreign lands for training missions, humanitarian missions, multi-national collaboration missions, and combat missions during his 17 years of service. He served in the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. Daniel is a member of the Winsted Volunteer Fire Dept., the Winsted VFW Post #296, the Winsted Elks Lodge #844, the Marine Corps League, the American Legion, and the International Assoc. of Fire Fighters

#1567. For many years, before the town began to use an off-site company, Daniel served as a dispatcher for his local Police Dept., Fire Dept. and Ambulance Assoc. By his very nature and personality, he was able to help callers in substantial ways while assisting them with their present situation. He also volunteered to assist Officers with various tasks when needed. At his local pharmacy he has spent several hours and years not only working within the Ivery & Dudley Store to assist on-site customers, but he was well known in competent care where he gave people in convalescent homes and hospitals during his home deliveries. His expert knowledge of product, friendly and caring personality, and willingness to go the extra mile to help people set up their medical equipment and show them how to use it, made a major difference to the people of his community, especially the elderly population.



JAMES PETER MATTHEWS

*Winsted*

U.S. ARMY RESERVE

Even as a very young child, James Peter was a person of compassion, honor and strength, setting high ideals for himself, caring for those around him and participating in community activities. His many years in both the Church and Scouting brought leadership development opportunities and training, which served to prepare him to stand at the ready for family, friends, and his fellowman. James Peter enlisted in the U.S. military in May of 1985 at the age of 17, he continued his service retiring after a 34-year distinguished military career at the rank of Command Sergeant Major and serving as the CSM of the U.S. Army Reserve Aviation Command prior to retirement in August of 2019. His military service included multiple deployments, Homeland Security missions requiring ongoing extensive military training and education. James Peter is the recipient of many military awards and decorations including “The Military Outstanding

Volunteer Service Medal” in recognition of his substantial volunteer service to the local community which was above and beyond the duties required as a member of the United States Armed Forces. James Peter’s volunteered with the Winsted Fire Department, joined the Winsted Elks Lodge #844 and when his employment took him outside the Winsted area, he joined the Collinsville Volunteer Fire Dept. to provide emergency response for the people in that community. He excelled in his trade, earning many awards and becoming a CT State Journeyman Class-A Toolmaker, yet his heart remained steadfast in his devotion to serve others, and pursued training at state and national level fire academies, which earned him not only certification as a State of CT Fire Service Instructor, but it also prepared him to join the ranks of “Career Firefighter” at the West Hartford Fire Department.



DAVID PAUL MCCAFFREY

*Somers*

U.S. NAVY

David McCaffrey is a true Veterans ambassador, going above and beyond each day in all aspects of volunteering and community service in the greater Somers area. David's seasoned leadership has paved the way for an improved quality of life for Veterans and their families. Since his appointment as the Director of the Somers Department of Veterans Affairs, as a Municipal Veterans Representative in July 2019, the Somers Veterans community has benefited from David's knowledge and experience connecting Veterans with the military benefits and programs they earned through their services and sacrifice. This has been especially the case for area Vietnam Veterans who are no honored by their community. David led the effort to take a storage room in the Somers Town Hall and turn it into one of the most active municipal Veterans' service offices in the region. Under David's leadership, commitment, and

volunteerism, more than 500 Veterans and family members have received benefits every year since 2020. David is currently the longest serving Fireman/Emergency Medical Technician/Fire policeman in the Somers Fire Department with just over 43 years on the job. He also performs a rare and valuable service as a Find-a-Grave Memorials Contributor, creating memorials/obituaries for all community members, to include Veterans. As a member of the American Legion Buck-Dubiel Post 101, both as Commander and Adjutant for over 7 years, he restarted and increased membership from 7 to over 350, created the charter and led the Post 101 Auxiliary, and created/chartered the Post 101 American Legion Riders and the Sons of the American Legion. As the Somers Director of Veterans Affairs, David finds personal therapy and purpose in helping fellow Veterans.



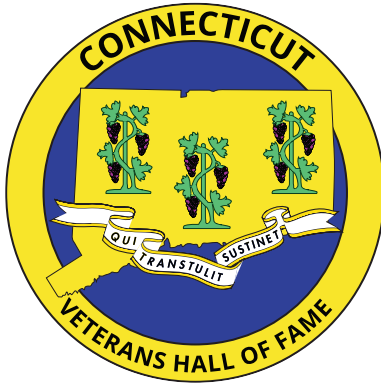
REGINA RUSH-KITTLE

*New Haven/Rocky Hill*

U.S. MARINE CORPS/ARMY RESERVE

Regina Rush-Kittle has been a trail blazer for African American women through her Military and law enforcement careers. After graduating from the University of Connecticut, she joined the Middletown Police Department as its first African American female patrol officer. Regina then joined the ranks of the Connecticut State Police and rose to become the first African American woman to achieve the rank of Sergeant in 1996, Lieutenant in 2004, and Major in 2011. In achieving these high ranks, Regina demonstrated that women can enter and excel in a field once considered to be the domain of men. Alongside her trailblazing career in law enforcement, Regina completed 30 years of military service beginning as a U.S. Marine and after three years, she transferred to U.S. Army Reserve where she became a drill sergeant. In 2003 she deployed to Kuwait in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and in 2009, she served another

yearlong deployment in Afghanistan as part of an all-female command team. In recognition of her extraordinary service in Afghanistan she was awarded the Bronze Star. Following her distinguished military career, she continued to her career of public service to Connecticut. In 2019, she was appointed by Governor Lamont to serve as Deputy Commissioner of the Connecticut Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security. In November 2021, Regina was appointed by Mayor Justin Elicker of New Haven as his Chief Administrative Officer. Regina served as President of the National Association of Black Law Enforcement Executives and has been a member of the VFW Rocky Hill Post 2138 since 2005 and led the Veterans Day Parade as the Parade Grand Marshall. She has also been a member of Senator Blumenthal's White House Service Academy Nomination Board since 2005.



# CONNECTICUT CLASS OF 2022

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## PRELUDE

CONNECTICUT NATIONAL GUARD 102ND ARMY BAND

## ENTRANCE OF THE OFFICIAL PARTY

MASTER OF CEREMONIES

USMC VETERAN GIL SIMMONS

MORNING METEOROLOGIST WTNH/NEWS8

## NATIONAL ANTHEM

2LT JOSEPH COLAVITO, FORMALLY OF THE  
102ND ARMY BAND

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

AND MOMENT OF SILENCE

## INVOCATION

CHAPLAIN, CAPT STEVEN THIEL



# VETERANS HALL OF FAME INDUCTION CEREMONY

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JANUARY 19, 2023

## REMARKS AND INTRODUCTION OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

THOMAS J. SAADI  
COMMISSIONER, DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

## REMARKS

THE HONORABLE SUSAN BYSIEWICZ  
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

## INDUCTION—CLASS OF 2022

LT. GOVERNOR SUSAN BYSIEWICZ  
COMMISSIONER THOMAS SAADI  
MAJOR GENERAL FRAN EVON

## BENEDICTION

CHAPLAIN, CAPT STEVEN THIEL

*VIP Reception for Inductees and their guests  
immediately following the program at the Officer's Club  
Officer's Club at Gov. William A. O'Neill State Armory*



THOMAS FRANCIS OLSON

*Noank*

U.S. NAVY

As Thomas (Tom) Olson was completing his senior year at Bradley University, he responded to a Naval recruiting advertisement and signed up for the nuclear division of the Navy. During the admission process he met then, Georgia Governor Jimmy Carter and had a brief interview with Admiral Hyman Rickover. Tom received his commission as a Naval Officer in May 1974. Following completion of Nuclear Propulsion and Polaris Missile Training, he served on the submarines USS William H. Bates and USS Robert E. Lee until 1979. After completing his initial commitment to the Navy settled in Park Forest, IL as an engineer for Johnson & Johnson. During that period, he volunteered as a foster parent, providing short term placement for children with difficult situations. He continued serving as Naval Reservist and soon realized his calling was as an active – duty submariner. Tom returned to the Navy in 1980 as Trident Weapons Officer for USS Casimir Pulaski. Tom had follow-on assignments at Navel Sea Systems Command, on USS Fulton and at the Supervisor of Shipbuilding, Groton, CT.

He retired as the Director of Submarines in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development and Acquisition. Tom retired from active duty in 1997 with the rank of Captain. His naval awards include the Legion of Merit. He serves in a volunteer position for SUPSHIP Groton as an Acquisition Emeritus providing guidance and support to a new generation of submarine designers and builders. Tom volunteers as a docent at the Submarine Force Library and Museum greeting visitors, leading tours of the museum and the USS Nautilus (SSN-571) and explaining the exhibits detailing submarine history. He also volunteers as a docent for the Thames River Heritage Park Foundation and narrates the Public History Tour – Submarines, Battlefields and Betrayers, Military Stories on the Thames. Tom was active in scouting for over 50 years beginning as a Cub Scout and attaining the rank of Eagle Scout. He was Committee Chairperson of Troop 16 in Ledyard, CT for many years assisting scouts in merit badges, advancement, campouts and representing Troop 16 in District Roundtables.



JOHN EDWARD WAGGONER

*Preston*

U.S. NAVY

John Waggoner joined the Navy in May 1965, in New York and after being sworn in he was sent to Great Lake Naval Recruit Training Center in Chicago. In basic training, he was appointed the Company's 1st Platoon Leader, after completing basic training he was sent back to Chicago to attend Machinist Mate "A" School. He attended Navy Nuclear Power School and Navy DIG Nuclear Reactor prototype schools. In 1967 John was sent to the USS Stickell DD 88, homeported in Newport, RI. He served on board for two years, as a MM 3 and then was promoted to a MM 2 while on board. He was the engineer on the ship's whaleboat, operated the ships Emergency Diesels and was a qualified Top Watch in the aft engine room while at sea. He also was the lead radiation monitor on a damage control team during ASROC drills and operations. His ship was in the Mediterranean Sea hunting Russian Submarines due to an increased Russian submarine presence there. After a ship refit, the ship was

sent to the Persian Gulf, home ported for four months in Bahrain, showing the American Flag in the Persian Gulf. John was transferred to the USS Puget Sound AD 38 in 1969 and served on board until discharge in 1971. During this time, he also dedicated a great deal of time volunteering and giving to others. John is a very respected and influential leader in the Norwich Veterans Council and in the local community. He is respected and influential in many circles. Through the Norwich Veterans Council, he has been a key player involved in numerous programs that benefit boys and young men in local high schools, Veterans, Active Duty Sailors, and others within the community. John serves in the Color Guard for the St. Patrick's Annual Red, White and Blue mass which recognizes Veterans each November. His hard work, dedication, and ethic on behalf of Scouting has been instrumental in instilling the same positive morals, dedication and work ethic with the young men he mentors.

## CONNECTICUT VETERANS HALL OF FAME



RONALD E. WEIL, SR.

*Hamden*

U.S. ARMY

Ronald Weil holds a Master's in Engineering Science and in Management from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and a Bachelor of Science in Aeronautics and Astronautics from New York University. Upon graduation from NYU in June 1965, Ron was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant in the U.S. Army and served for 31 years in the Active, National Guard and Army Reserve as a Transportation Officer and multi-disciplined logistician retiring in 1997 at the rank of Colonel. Post-retirement, Ron served as the CT Army Reserve Ambassador for 17 years and was responsible for communicating the Army Reserve message to leaders and the public in the state while acting as a civilian liaison between the Chief of the Army Reserve and both Federal and State Legislators. As the National Councilman for the Connecticut Department of the Reserve Officers Association he provides CT Veterans with the voice on national policy and advocacy. He serves on Congresswoman Rosa DeLauro's Military and Veterans Advisory Committee for the 3rd

Congressional District providing the Congresswoman with local insight, assistance and overview of the critical issues to our nation's service members and Veterans alike. He also served as a panel member of the Service Academy Nomination Committee interviewing young men and women who are seeking nominations to our nation's service academies. An early member of the Hamden Veterans Commission, he served the majority of his time as Vice-Chairman until his appointment to Chairman. The commission plans, organizes and executes major events to include the Veterans Day commemoration ceremony; the Memorial Day parade and commemoration ceremony; the placement of flags on all servicemember graves in the town of Hamden and the Veterans Awareness Day event. Ron is active with his local church where he has managed the Elderly Food Delivery Program for the past 12 years. He serves as a Lector for his parish and is an active member of the Knights of Columbus.



MICHAEL JOSEPH ZACCHEA

*Brookfield – Posthumous*

U.S. MARINE CORPS

Mike grew up in Connecticut and attended Notre Dame University where he was in the ROTC program. Upon graduation in 1990 he received his officer's Commission in the U.S. Marine Corps. His many deployments include Somalia for Operation Restore Hope, Haiti for Operation Support Democracy, and Iraq for Operation Iraqi Freedom. During his deployment to Iraq Mike's mission was to build, train and lead in combat the first Iraqi army battalion trained by the U.S. military. During the second battle of Fallujah, Mike was seriously wounded and subsequently medically retired. Mike's life of service did not end when he took off his uniform, as he pledged to serve his brother and sisters-in-arms, as if he was serving the unidentified Marine who saved his life in Fallujah working every day as if he was advocating for that Marine who once home, needed guidance, support, education, a mentor, and a friend. It was not an easy reintegration for Mike. His courage in battle was matched by his courage in fighting VA bureaucracy

for services and being a leading plaintiff in a class action lawsuit demanding better service from the VA for wounded warriors. He was a relentless advocate urging the University of Connecticut to establish the Entrepreneur Bootcamp for Veterans (EBV) in the School of Business because Veterans didn't want a handout, but a hand up and Mike knew that housing and food security are directly linked to gainful employment. He developed this program at UCONN that would help over 170 Veterans start businesses producing more than \$150 million in gross revenues. Veterans who participated in the UCONN EBV program stated: "The EBV program has given me the drive to really get my business going. Currently in talks with various entities throughout the US that can assist us or need our collaboration on grants and grant writing. If not for the EBC program, I would never have gotten this involved." (DF '15, Granby, CT). "Attending the EBV has had a dramatic positive impact on my business. The networking and



MICHAEL JOSEPH ZACCHEA...CONTIUED

contacts you make will alone increase your business opportunities. More importantly, you learn how to run your business. You learn marketing strategies, business planning and are introduced to subject matter experts to business law and intellectual property, financing options, accounting, and various measures you can take to protect business assets. I highly recommend EBV, it will put you years ahead in business development.” (MH '15, Ellington). The level of commitment by Mike to ensure the Veterans learn about business development and then connect the new entrepreneurs to investors, experts in the

global economy, and with supports that a new business will need to make it past the five-year mark was remarkable. With a 75% success rate at the 5-year mark, EBV has proven that a long-term commitment to the Veterans and their well-being can be and should be done at all levels of society. Mike understood that fulfilling work brings dignity and enjoyment to a new civilian life and that our warriors deserve and have earned public policy that serves them. His legacy is the hundreds of CT Veterans and thousands of Veterans across America that will have the opportunity to build a business that can thrive with a solid foundation.







## 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 Hulst 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. Lechause  
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 Galasyan  
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. McGhale  
Theodore J. Plamondon, Jr.  
Alphonse N. Sabetta  
Daniel A. Vece, Jr.  
Homer L. Wise*

### **CLASS of 2010**

*Edmund J. Burke  
Thomas J. Burke  
John J. Carcioppolo  
Robert C. Hunt, Jr.  
Doris Troth Lippman  
William J. McGurk  
Robert C. Moeller  
Abner Oakes III  
Edward V. Sabotka  
Robert R. Simmons  
Stanley F. Zebzda*

### **CLASS of 2011**

*Madelon Baranoski  
Samuel K. Beamon, Sr.  
George Kenneth Carpenter  
Ronald Catania  
John Gregory Chiarella  
Harold B. Farrington, Jr.  
Phillip R. Kraft  
Ronald Perry  
Richard Rampone  
Burke Ross*

### **CLASS of 2012**

*Father Thomas E. Berberich  
Manuel Michael Cardoza, Jr.  
Paul F. Dillon  
Peter Galgano, Jr.  
William George Godburn  
Norman Hanenbaum  
Alan Jepson  
Charles Richard Morrissey, Sr.  
Herbert Thomas Schacht  
Thomas Sheridan  
James H. Throwe  
Carmine Joseph Vaccaro*

### **CLASS OF 2013**

*John H. Bannan (posthumously)  
George H. Breuler  
John (Jack) G. Casey Jr.  
Miguel A. Escalera, Sr.  
Charles P. Gallagher  
Robin L. Montgomery  
James Milford Mosley  
Michael Albert Thomas  
William F. Vornkahl III  
Robert John Young*



## CT VETERANS HALL OF FAME PAST INDUCTEES

### **CLASS OF 2014**

*Edwin Francis Atkins  
Samuel Baez  
Edmond Clark  
Maurice L. Collin  
Theodore Robert Cummings  
Frank Esposito (posthumously)  
David William Gay  
Robert T. Getman  
(posthumously)  
Richard A. Herman  
Gerald B. Wright*

### **CLASS OF 2015**

*Glenn Arthur  
Peter Beckwith  
John DeBisschop  
Elliott Donn  
Richard Fuller  
Thomas Heath  
Allen Lawton  
PW Louthain  
Dan Riccio, Jr.  
Michael Skelps  
Greg Smith*

### **CLASS OF 2016**

*Robert Burns  
Bradford Davis  
Francis Conahan  
Archie Elam  
Richard Iannuci  
Paul Wm. Orstad  
Linda S. Schwartz  
Salvatore Sena  
Kjell Tollefsen  
Arthur Ward*

### **CLASS OF 2017**

*Alfred Adinolfi  
Robert Bailey  
Philip Cacciola  
Benjamin Cooper  
Dominick Cortese  
Lawrence Herrmann  
Chester Morgan  
Thomas Pandolfi  
Thomas Quinn  
William Sullivan  
John Turk*

### **CLASS OF 2018**

*Frank Alvarado  
Kevin Brown "Red Eagle"  
Daniel Camilliere  
David P. Cole  
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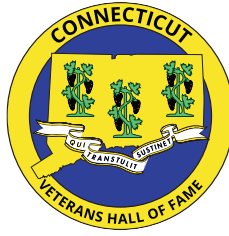
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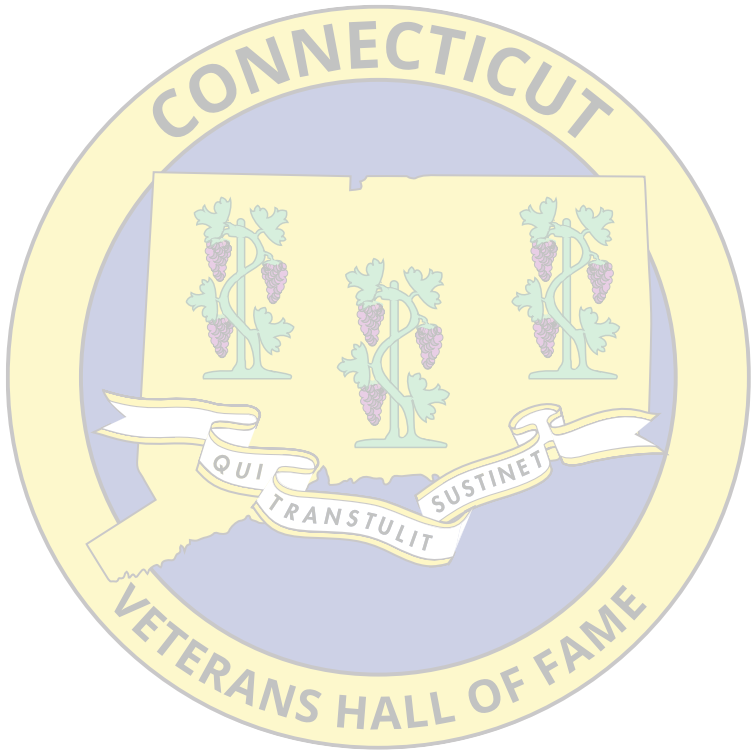
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