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# CONNECTICUT FALLEN HEROES FOUNDATION

## *9th Annual Memorial Tribute*

*"It doesn't take a hero  
to order men into battle.  
It takes a hero to be  
one of those men who  
goes into battle."*

*— Norman Schwarzkopf  
General, US Army*

**September 29<sup>th</sup> 2012**

# GOLD STAR CEREMONY

— HONORING OUR FALLEN HEROES —

(ALPHABETICAL)



US ARMY SGT. STEVEN DELUZIO  
25, SOUTH GLASTONBURY, CT OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM  
*Presenter: Brigadier General William Roy*



US ARMY SGT. ROBERT A. ELIA  
21, SHELTON, CT VIETNAM WAR  
*Presenter: Vietnam Veterans Hall of Fame 2011*  
*- Cpl. Sam Beamon - USMC (retired)*



US ARMY SPC. DAVID R. FAHEY, JR.  
23, NORWALK, CT OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM  
*Presenter: Honorable 4th District Congressman Jim Himes*



US ARMY PFC. GEBRAH P. NOONAN  
26, WATERTOWN, CT OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM  
*Presenter: Lt. Governor Nancy Wyman*



US ARMY SFC. DAE HAN PARK  
36, WATERTOWN, CT OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM  
*Presenter: Sikorsky Senior Vice President, Operations*  
*- Mr. Shane Eddy*



US ARMY SSGT. VINCENT M. STABLE  
27, THE BRONX, NY WWII  
*Presenter: Trumbull American Legion Post 141*  
*Commander George Areson*

## The Connecticut Fallen Heroes Foundation

*We are dedicated to "Always Remembering" the brave Military Service Members from Connecticut, as well as our country, who made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty for our freedom.*

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# 9TH ANNUAL CONNECTICUT FALLEN HEROES MEMORIAL TRIBUTE

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29TH - INDIAN LEDGE PARK, TRUMBULL, CT

**WELCOME** 12:15 P.M.  
UNITED STATES COAST GUARD BAND

**“NATIONAL ANTHEM”** 1:00 P.M.  
MUI MEGAN WEIKLEENGET AND THE USCG BAND

**EMCEE** LOGAN WEST, MISS TEEN USA

**INVOCATION** US ARMY CHAPLIN ASSISTANT – SSG. JULIET TAYLOR

**OPENING REMARKS** FEDERAL - HONORABLE SENATOR RICHARD BLUMENTHAL  
STATE - LT. GOVERNOR NANCY WYMAN  
LOCAL - TRUMBULL FIRST SELECTMAN TIM HERBST

**GOLD STAR CEREMONY** ON BEHALF OF SGT. STEVEN DELUZIO,  
PRESENTER: BRIGADIER GENERAL WILLIAM ROY  
WITH LIEUTENANT COLONEL ROB CHARLESWORTH

ON BEHALF OF SGT. ROBERT A. ELIA,  
PRESENTER: VIETNAM VETERANS HALL OF FAME 2011  
CPL. SAM BEAMON - USMC (RETIRED)

ON BEHALF OF SPC. DAVID R. FAHEY, JR.,  
PRESENTER: HONORABLE 4TH DISTRICT  
CONGRESSMAN JIM HIMES

ON BEHALF OF PFC. GEBRAH P. NOONAN,  
PRESENTER: LT. GOVERNOR NANCY WYMAN

ON BEHALF OF SFC. DAE HAN PARK,  
PRESENTER: SIKORSKY SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT,  
OPERATIONS - MR. SHANE EDDY

ON BEHALF OF SSGT. VINCENT M. STABILE,  
PRESENTER: TRUMBULL AMERICAN LEGION POST 141  
COMMANDER GEORGE ARESON

**RELEASING OF DOVES** GOLD STAR MOTHER OF US NAVY SEAL  
& CLOSING PRAYER SOC. BRIAN BILL – MRS. PATRICIA PARRY

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THANK YOU GOLD STAR FAMILIES FOR ATTENDING.....  
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# THREE GRAND LADIES OF OUR 9TH ANNUAL GOLD STAR WOMEN

## **GOLD STAR MOTHER** MRS. MARY KIGHT – 83 YEARS YOUNG

Mary became a Gold Star Mother after her son, Warrant Officer Michael Aaron Kight, was killed in South Vietnam on May 19th 1967 during a rescue mission. She did not even know what a Gold Star Mother was but when she found out she dedicated the rest of her life educating people, volunteering, and supporting veteran causes.

Mary is currently the President of the Connecticut Gold Star Mothers and has served a total of 8 years. She proudly wears her white uniform in schools, convalescent homes, VA Hospitals and where ever there is a memorial service or veterans affair. She was instrumental in bringing the Gold Star Mothers Statue to Waterbury a few years ago which is handsomely displayed on the landing of Waterbury's City Hall. She is currently involved in the Gold Star Mothers documentary "They Shall Live" and is member of the VFW, American Legion, and the Waterbury Veterans Memorial Committee. Mary has won numerous awards for her dedication to her Country.



## **GOLD STAR SISTER** MRS. JULIE CARVUTTO – 94 YEARS YOUNG

Julie was born on April 18th 1918, the youngest of seven children growing up in Norwalk, CT. When WWII broke out in 1941 her older brother Martin joined the US Army Air Force like so many brave men of that generation. Staff Sergeant Martin F. Troy was the tail gunner aboard the B-24H Liberator "Miss Fortune" when after returning from a bombing run on June 30th 1944 encountered foul weather along with three other bombers. A squadron of deadly German Messerschmitt caught them by surprise and Miss Fortune was shot down. The only crew member never accounted for until his remains were found in a little village of Nemesvista, Hungary in the summer of 2007. For 63 years, Julie, lived like so many others, never knew the fate of her brother as he was listed as MIA. Today, there are still 80,000 American GI's still missing from WWII.

Julie is a graduate of New Britain's Teachers College (currently Southern Connecticut) and was a pioneer in the Head Start Program which originated there. She retired after 40 years as an educator and has traveled all over the United States, Canada, and the world. She has served in the Board of the Norwalk AARP Chapter for many years and is an active member of the Golden Age Association and is an avid Yankee fan!

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**GOLD STAR WIFE**    MRS. DOROTHY PRYOR – 93 YEARS YOUNG

Dorothy grew up in Connecticut; she was only 10 when the Great Depression was at its worse so there was little hope for higher education. After high school she took any job she could get working in offices and factories for mere \$10.00 a week. She would marry young and had a son Gilbert, Jr. Only 14 months old was the baby when she heard the news that her husband, Aviation Radioman 2nd Class Gilbert E. Marriott was aboard a plane that engaged with enemy aircraft over the North Pacific on November 5th 1944. Other planes from his squadron observed the crash and flew over but did not find any survivors. Gilbert first was officially reported “missing” afterwards by the State Department, by February, 1945 a letter to Dorothy from the Secretary of The Navy confirmed that “her husband had indeed lost his life for his Country, upholding the highest traditions of the Navy.” Over the years Dorothy would volunteer at local hospitals and was a member of the Visiting Nurses Association. She resides in Danielson, CT in the same home she has called her own for the past 25 years.



# CONNECTICUT FALLEN HEROES FOUNDATION

*proudly honors*

**MILITARY PERSONNEL WITH TIES TO CT, MA, RI, & NY  
WHO MADE THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE FOR OUR COUNTRY**

## **- HEROES REMEMBERED THRU THE YEARS -**

PV2. CHEYENNE M. SEYMOUR	U.S. ARMY	TRUMBULL, CT
SRA. GUILLERMO NAZARIO	U.S. AIR FORCE	BRIDGEPORT, CT
CPL. JORDAN C. PIERSON	U.S. MARINE CORPS	MILFORD, CT
PFC. NICHOLAS A. MADARAS	U.S. ARMY	WILTON, CT
LCPL. PHILIP A. JOHNSON	U.S. MARINE CORPS	ENFIELD, CT
PFC. STEPHEN K. RICHARDSON	U.S. ARMY	BRIDGEPORT, CT
PO3. NATHAN B. BRUCKENTHAL	U.S. COAST GUARD	RIDGEFIELD, CT
SPC. TYANNA S. AVERY-FELDER	U.S. ARMY	BRIDGEPORT, CT
CPT. JASON R. HAMILL	U.S. ARMY	SALEM, CT
LCPL. LAWRENCE R. PHILIPPON	U.S. MARINE CORPS	WEST HARTFORD, CT
SPC. WILFREDO PEREZ, JR.	U.S. ARMY	NORWALK, CT
SSG. MARTIN F. TROY	U.S. ARMY AIR FORCE	NORWALK, CT
CPL. STEPHEN R. BIXLER	U.S. MARINE CORPS	SUFFIELD, CT
1LT. THOMAS J. BROWN	U.S. ARMY	SHELTON, CT
SGT. DAVID J. COULLARD	U.S. MARINE CORPS	GLASTONBURY, CT
CPL. KEVIN "JACK" DEMPSEY	U.S. MARINE CORPS	MONROE, CT
SSG. RICHARD "RICK" EATON, JR.	U.S. ARMY	GUILFORD, CT
CAPT. BRIAN S. LETENDRE	U.S. MARINE CORPS	NEW BRITAIN, CT
SSG. JOSEPH PHANEUF II	U.S. ARMY	EASTFORD, CT
SGT. FELIX M. DEL GRECO	U.S. ARMY	SIMSBURY, CT
CW3. WILLIAM I. BRENNAN	U.S. ARMY	WOODBURY, CT
OSSN. TYLER J. CONNELLY	U.S. NAVY	GLASTONBURY, CT
SGT. BENJAMIN L. GILMAN	U.S. ARMY	MERIDEN, CT
WO. MICHAEL A. GILHT	U.S. ARMY	WATERBURY, CT
CPO. JASON D. LEWIS	U.S. NAVY	BROOKFIELD, CT
LT. MICHAEL P. MURPHY	U.S. NAVY	PATCHOGUE, NY
CPL. KEMAPHOOM "AHN" CHANAWONGSE	U.S. MARINE CORPS	WATERFORD, CT
CWO. RICHARD. R. LEE	U.S. ARMY	WALLINGFORD, CT
SSG. RONALD W. CARDONA	U.S. ARMY	GARDNER, MA
PFC. KYLE J. COUTU	U.S. MARINE CORPS	PROVIDENCE, RI
SPC. ANDRE CRAIG, JR.	U.S. ARMY	NEW HAVEN, CT
PFC. ANTHONY D. D'AGOSTINO	U.S. ARMY	WATERBURY, CT
PFC. MELISSA J. HOBART	U.S. ARMY	EAST HAVEN, CT
SGT. STEVEN J. DELUZIO	U.S. ARMY	GLASTONBURY, CT
SPC. DAVID R. FAHEY, JR.	U.S. ARMY	NORWALK, CT
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SSG. VINCENT M. STABILE	U.S. ARMY	THE BRONX, NY
SOC. BRIAN BILL*	U.S. NAVY	STAMFORD, CT
PFC. ERIC D. SOUFRINE*	U.S. ARMY	WOODBURY, CT
SGT. EDWIN RIVERA	U.S. NAVY	WATERFORD, CT

\* TO BE PERSONALLY REMEMBERED NEXT YEAR

**100% VOLUNTEERS OF THE  
CONNECTICUT FALLEN HEROES FOUNDATION, INC.**

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..... ***Special Thank You!*** .....

**Our wonderful Lady Quilters**

Janis Hardy                      Luann Bruce  
Annette Rogers                Mary Cannazzaro

Tony Ferrigno Band

United States Coast Guard Band

The Connecticut National Guard

SSG Juliet Taylor

BG William Roy and LTC Rob Charlesworth

Stephen Krauchick – DoingitLocal.com

Corey Henderson – Photography

Master of Ceremonies – Miss Teen USA Logan West

Portraits by Sabrina Zhou

Young Kim – Asian American PAC

“I Dove New York”

BEV-MAX – Wood Ave.

The Trumbull American Legion Post 141 and VFW Post 10059

Long Hill Fire Department

Trumbull EMS

Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation

Vazzy’s and all our Gold Star Families and VIP Speakers!



The Connecticut Fallen Heroes Foundation is dedicated to “Always Remembering” the brave Military Service Members from Connecticut as well as our country that made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty for our freedom.

The Connecticut Fallen Heroes Foundation have now unfortunately, personally remembered (39) fallen heroes over the years and are currently planning our 10th Annual Tribute on September 28th, 2013. Our annual event is kept free and open to the public, including food. Donations are very much appreciated.

**God Bless America and  
God Bless Our Troops!**

**Thank you so much for thinking  
of our Fallen Heroes.**



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