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Club of
Massachusetts

CARING FOR FAMILIES OF FALLEN
POLICE OFFICERS AND FIREFIGHTERS



Thanksgiving Message & Updates

Thank you for your continuing support of the Hundred Club! With your support and membership we are able to care for the families of those who care for us.

A Note from The President

Dear Supporter,

This Thanksgiving holiday, The Hundred Club of Massachusetts would like to thank our members, generous community supporters, and our board of directors who have made our organization's continued success possible.

Established in 1959 by Norman Knight, and four other prominent citizens, we help families survive the life-shattering event of losing their loved one in the line of duty. We also provide benefits to the families of active duty first responders who pass away.

Our mission, "We care for those who care for us," lives on in our daily, monthly and yearly commitment to these families — some of whom have been with us nearly 50 years.

Thank you to each and everyone of you for your membership and support for the Hundred Club. I wish you and your families a happy, and healthy Thanksgiving.

Sincerely,
Peter H. Smyth

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Peter H. Smyth".



President
The Hundred Club of Massachusetts

Bruins Foundation Event: Taste of Encore

Taste of Encore

The event, hosted by the Bruins Foundation, held at the Encore Hotel allowed us to bring two



beneficiaries and their guest for the evening. After a lovely hour of mingling, we were treated to a 3 course meal and had 2 Bruins players at our table.

Deidre Griffiths and her daughter Melanie joined us as well as Ann Couture and her friend Patty.

Deidre's husband, Sherman was a Boston Police Officer shot and killed while serving a warrant on February 18, 1988.

Ann Couture's husband Sergeant Edward Couture died on July 10, 1997 while working a traffic detail.

Additional Photos

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BFit Challenge



The 7th annual BFit Challenge powered by National Grid will take place during the on February 5th 2023 at the TD Garden. Sign up as a sponsor, first responder, or community member on behalf of the Hundred Club. 100% of the proceeds raised on our behalf come directly back to our fund to support families of our fallen heroes. This event is critical to our annual fundraising efforts. [Learn More](#)



Thank You Nutter McClennen & Fish

The Hundred Club is grateful for organizations that go above and beyond to help us continue to serve the families of our fallen heroes. Thank you Nutter McClennen & Fish for your continued support to the Club and the families we serve.

A Lifetime of Giving

Donor Profile: Charles Campbell

Recently, we were stunned to learn of a \$100,000 bequest from a Hundred Club supporter. Charles E. "Chuck" Campbell, 73, was a former state trooper and a member of The Hundred Club since 2000. The well-known Boston consultant passed away unexpectedly on March 3, 2021.

Like many of our supporters, Mr. Campbell understood first-hand the dangerous environment within which our police and firefighters work. He became a state trooper after serving in the Vietnam War. He went on to complete his studies, which included a master's in counseling, and entered corporate HR. For the past 28 years, he owned and acted as principal of Argyle Consultants, an HR consulting and coaching firm. He is also known for establishing the Senior Human Resources Network (SHRN).



October & November Remembrances

The Hundred Club honors, respects, and remembers our fallen heroes.

Trumbull Street Fire
October 1, 1964

Five Boston firefighters lost their lives when the front wall of a vacant 4-story toy factory located at 34 Trumbull St. collapsed.

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**Patrolman
Walter P. Langley
Mansfield Police**

Patrolman Langley was a Vietnam War veteran and was the recipient of the Purple Heart. He had served with the Mansfield Police Department for 8 years and had previously served with the Kingston Police Department. He was survived by his wife and five children.

October 2, 1983

Mansfield Police Officer Walter Langley was struck and killed by a drunk driver while investigating a car parked on the side of Route 140. The driver who struck him was arrested and charged with vehicular homicide. He was survived by his wife and 5 children.

**PATROLMAN
KENNETH
BARRY
COLLINS**

*End of Watch
October 7, 1969*

October 7, 1969

Billerica Police Officer Kenneth Collins suffered fatal head injuries after responding to a fight at a local bar.

**DAVID C.
FITZGERALD**

October 13, 2000

Somerville Firefighter died of a heart attack after responding to emergency calls. He served in the military during the Cuban missile crisis. Somerville Fire Department awarded him its Medal of Honor posthumously.

Boston Fire Lt. Joseph J. Downing



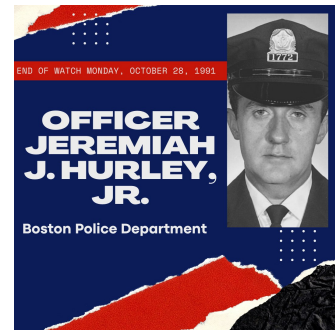
October 16, 1970
 Lt. Joseph J. Downing died in the line of duty from injuries sustained while engaged in fighting a taxicab fire in South Boston on Sept. 19, 1970. Ironically, his unit would not normally have answered the alarm on Emerson Street, but did so because the regularly assigned unit was out on another call. Furthermore, he would not have been involved in the 4:26 p.m. call had he not reported two hours earlier than his regular 6 p.m. shift to relieve another officer. He left behind a wife and 3 children.



October 20, 1987
 Fall River Lieutenant Paul Bernard was an 11 Year Veteran and died when he ran out of air at a fire on 749 Quequechan Street.



October 26, 1987
 Boston Police Detective Roy J. Sergei was shot and killed by an armed suspect as he fled through an alleyway in the area of Marlborough Street and Massachusetts Avenue in the Back Bay. Detective Sergei was 41 years old at the time of his death and had served with the Boston Police Department for 17 years. He was survived by his wife and their three children.



October 28, 1991
 Boston Police Officer Jeremiah Hurley was killed while investigating a call regarding a suspicious package. During the investigation the package exploded, killing him and wounding the other officer on the scene. The bomb had been attached to the bottom of a car and fell off in the driveway.



October 30, 1973
 Springfield Police Officer Mawaka who was killed in a motorcycle accident while on duty. He was

**Barry M. Bennett
 November 2, 2003**

"Don't sweat the small stuff..."
 Capt. Barry M. Bennett of the Cambridge Fire Department lived by those words. They are remembered as wise words from a good husband, father, friend, and a good Jake.



November 2, 2003
 Cambridge Fire Department Captain Bennett, an eighteen-year veteran died as a result of

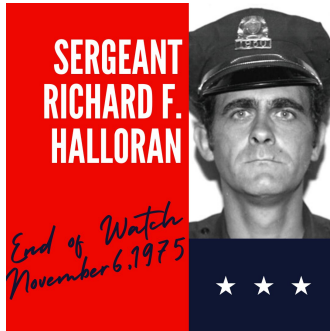


November 4, 1975
 Police Chief Francis Pisani, an 18-year veteran of the police department, suffered an apparent heart attack as he left his Somerville home

struck by a hit and run driver while returning to the station at the end of his shift. The driver was never found. Officer Mawaka had served with the Springfield Police Department for 9 years.

complications from Hepatitis-C. Bennett was inadvertently punctured by a needle while rendering assistance at a medical emergency on October 15, 1987.

to inspect Cambridge polling places. Following his death in 1975, the then Cambridge City Manager James L. Sullivan, declared a five day period of mourning



November 6, 1975
Boston Police Sergeant Richard Halloran was shot and killed while investigating a suspicious vehicle in the area of Bremen Street and Neptune Road.








November 13, 2019
Worcester Fire Lt. Jason Menard and his family. Menard, was assigned to Ladder 5, Group 2 at the McKeon Road Fire Station. On the morning of 11/13/19 Menard and fellow firefighters rushed into a burning three-decker at 7 Stockholm St. As flames overtook the third floor, Menard pushed fellow firefighter Chris Pace out a window to safety before losing his own life in the blaze. He left behind his wife and children.



October 6, 2022
Randolph Police Lt. Chaplin was a 25-year member of the Randolph Police Department. His dedication to service and the law enforcement profession was always at the forefront. He leaves behind a wife and 2 children.

Membership Reminder

 <p>\$500,000 in financial support in 2021 through direct payments to the families of fallen heroes; scholarships and events</p>	 <p>Benefits to the families of first responders who died from Covid-19</p>	 <p>10 in-person and virtual activities for the families of our fallen heroes</p>	 <p>Expanded benefits to include payment to family members for non-line of duty deaths</p>	 <p>Served over 100 families, some of who have been part of the Club for over 50 years</p>
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New Memberships & Renewals

- [Renew](#) or [join](#) today and receive your newly branded membership card and bumper sticker.
- Your renewal and support are essential to continue our mission of caring for the families of fallen police officers and firefighters.
- If you are unable to renew, please consider [adonation](#).

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