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Connecticut Military Corvette Club, Inc. (CMCC) is a private, non-profit 501(c)(3) organization led by an all-volunteer Board with a mission to raise funding for numerous Connecticut non-profit entities that support programs for military veterans in need.

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Newsletter



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President's Message

Happy New Year everyone. I hope that you all had a Merry Christmas and happy and safe New Year. By time this newsletter arrives January will almost be over. The days are starting to noticeably longer each day. The first day of spring is March 20th. Soon before you know it, we will be waking our Corvettes from a long winter's nap. Until then we can enjoy the club memories from 2021 and ponder new places to go and things to see.

2021 as a year was still hampered by the threat of Covid. This caused us to have scale back on activities that we would liked to have done. I want to make the first order of business in 2022 to be the holiday party. I would hope that we can plan this event by late February. I also hope that we can plan more cruises for either lunch and even just ice cream runs. Perhaps we could plan a trip to one of the area car museums. I also hope that we can have the summer picnic this year. Most importantly we need to plan for the car show with the American Legion schedule for September.

I want thank all of you for your support throughout 2021. As we start 2022, I would like to list some goals that I see as important. Our primary goal remains the American Legion Show. In regards to the show we have to find a way to promote the show. I would like to form a car show committee to explore ways to promote the show to include media advertising and flyer distribution. I would also the like the committee to explore a time and place for a new show. I have visited the Connecticut Council of Car Clubs website. They have a calendar of upcoming shows that would make possible places to distribute flyers. We need to continue the search for a major sponsor. There are now quite a few nice Cars and Coffee events being conducted through Connecticut. I would like to see the club meet up at some these events. I frequented the Cars and Coffee at the Farmington Polo Grounds. It starts in the spring and is held every Sunday going into October depending on the weather. A huge array of cars usually attends. They have a catering truck onsite where you can get a complete breakfast. The event is on grass and picnic tables are available. We need to continue to support the No Rules Cruise on Wednesday nights. Another nice cruise night is at the Fish Family Farm in Bolton, on Monday nights. It is on grass and almost always has a food truck. Homemade Ice Cream is available.

Hope to see you all at the next meeting on February 15th. Until then, safe travels.

Sincerely,

Ken Nelson
President
Connecticut Military Corvette Club Inc.

CMCC Officers/BOD - 2022

BOARD of DIRECTORS

OFFICERS

President – Ken Nelson

Vice President – Gary Coviello

Secretary – Craig Knutson

Treasurer – Ken Nelson

DIRECTORS

Director of Membership – VACANT

Director of Auto Events – VACANT

Director of Social Events – VACANT

CLUB Information

COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN - 2022

Nominating – 3 members of the Board of Directors?

Membership – VACANT

Automotive Events – VACANT

Finance/Budget – Ken Nelson

Charity – Rich Toman

By-Laws – Rich Toman

Sponsorship – John Butler / VACANT

Car Shows

- Nomads - Roland Morrisette

- Cabela's – VACANT/ N/A

- Other – Rich St Pierre

Cruise Nights – VACANT

Publicity – VACANT

Sunshine – VACANT

Clothing – Ben Zaniewski

Webmaster – Tom Pedrotty

Facebook – Tom Pedrotty

Newsletter – VACANT

Photography – Tom Pedrotty, John Wodopian

Awards – Paul Vasques

Computer Support – Paul Vasques

CLUB Information



January Birthday's

Craig Knutson

Deb Perras

Julianne Knutson

Dave Fairbanks

Thomas Adams

Patricia Miller

Sunshine

Ken Nelson is still recovering from his foot surgery

Curtis Godfrey recovering from a bad fall

CLUB Information



*Our after holiday
party has been
postponed due to the
rise in COVID cases,
we will try to schedule
something in late
February*

*By-Laws change to allow an
increase in Membership*

ARTICLE IV – MEMBERSHIP

(Amended, 10/19/2021)

Membership requires the possession of a valid Driver's License. An awareness of the needs of veterans is essential. It is the policy of the Corporation to provide membership without regard to race, color, sex, age, disability, religion, nation of origin or marital status.

Membership in the Corporation shall be open to all current, retired, or former members of the United States Armed Forces. Ownership or lease of a Corvette is required.

Membership is also open to any individual having an immediate family relationship to a current, retired, or former (including deceased) member of the United States Armed Forces. This relationship can be by grandparent, parent, spouse, sibling or children. Ownership or lease of a Corvette is required.

NCM NEWS

Feed America First, in partnership with the National Corvette Museum, will host a food distribution on Saturday, January 15, 2022, to serve those affected by the recent tornados in the Bowling Green area.



Traffic guide of food distribution.

Distribution will take place in the parking lot of the NCM beginning at 8:00 AM CST and continuing until 11:00 AM CST, or when all food has been distributed. Food will be given to recipients on a first-come, first-served basis. Recipients will remain in their cars and receive the food via a drive-thru process. There will be no proof of identification, income, or residency required to receive food. Each family will receive approximately 60-80 lbs. of food, including both perishable and non-perishable items.

Corvette Donated In Memory Of Vietnam Veterans

On the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month in 1918, World War I came to an end when Germany signed an armistice agreement with Allied forces. The next year the day would become known as Armistice Day, commemorating the end of WWI and honoring those who served our country. In 1954, President Eisenhower, a veteran himself, signed a bill that was passed in Congress officially changing Armistice Day to Veterans' Day in honor of American veterans from all wars.

"Between 1954 and 1975, around 2.7 million Americans served in the Vietnam War," shared Derek Moore, Director of Collections / Curator at the National Corvette Museum. "Approximately 600,000 of those Vietnam War veterans are still alive today. Dr. Harry and Anne Rumzek approached us to donate their 1970 Monza Red Corvette in honor of Vietnam Veterans."

From 1959 to 1979 Major Harold Rumzek served in the United States Air Force. During his career he was assigned to B-52 bombers, including bombing missions in Vietnam. A highly decorated combat veteran, Harry's career saw 158 combat missions, including being assigned to the crew on the world's first supersonic Mach 2 Bomber. The list of Harry's accomplishments in the Air Force go on, but it was his wish to recognize others with his donation.

"In May of 1970 the B-58 Hustler was phased out and my assignment for the SR-71 was cancelled just before I bought the car. There's over 50 years of memories with this car – I bought it brand new," shared Harry. "My first adventure, I went across

Nevada, 399 miles in four hours from Wendover to Reno. There was no speed limit back then in Reno but I went through 10 towns there the speed limit through town was 25 mph, so I had to make sure I went from 125 back down to 25! While in Nevada Elvis was going to premier in Las Vegas – so I made a right turn and I watched him.”



Harry Rumzek's 1970 Corvette being donated on November 11, 2020 at 11am.

Harry's spirited drive through Nevada to California wouldn't be the only time he tested the car's speed. He's taken laps at Texas Motor Speedway, has drag raced, and participated in autocross over the years (including in his 1980 Corvette). Harry's 1970 Stingray participated in the Motorama II to celebrate General Motors' 100th Anniversary. He's in the Museum's Duntov and Spire Societies, a member of CowTown Vettes where he served as Texas Motor Speedway Coordinator and a Pit Security Worker for 13 years, a National Council of Corvette Clubs Life Member and was a charter member of the Wichita County Corvette Association where he served as NCCC Governor and Vice President. He currently also owns a 2012 Crystal Red Metallic Corvette Convertible.

Harry has about 54 years of schooling under his belt including 26 schools in the Air Force, a bachelor's in education, master's in communication, master's in clinical psychology and a PhD in Behavioral Medicine. His military ratings include USAF Navigator, Senior Navigator and Master Navigator ratings for 3,200+ in-flight hours and over seven years flight experience; the USAF Combat Crew Member Badge; Air Training Command Master Instructor Badge with 3,000+ classroom hours as Navigator/Bombardier, Flight Instructor, and Flight Commander; and the Mach 2 Pin for supersonic flight in the B-58A aircraft. Major Rumzek was awarded the

Distinguished Flying Cross; Meritorious Service Medal; seven Air Medals; three Air Force Commendation Medals; six Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards with 'V' for Valor; Organizational Excellence Award; Combat Readiness Medal; Army Good Conduct Medal; National Defense Medal; Vietnam Service Medal with five campaign stars; two Humanitarian Service Medals; Vietnam Cross of Gallantry Unit Award with Palm Device; Republic of Vietnam Service Medal; five Air Force Longevity Service Award Ribbons; and the Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon



Harry Rumzek hands off the keys to his 1970 Corvette to Dr. Sean Preston, President & CEO of the National Corvette Museum.

“November is Military Appreciation Month at the Museum, and the month in which we celebrate our veterans with our annual Vets ‘n Vettes event,” shared Dr. Sean Preston, President and CEO of the Museum. “We were delighted that Harry chose such a significant day to donated his car, and how he’s dedicated it to his brothers and sisters in arms.”

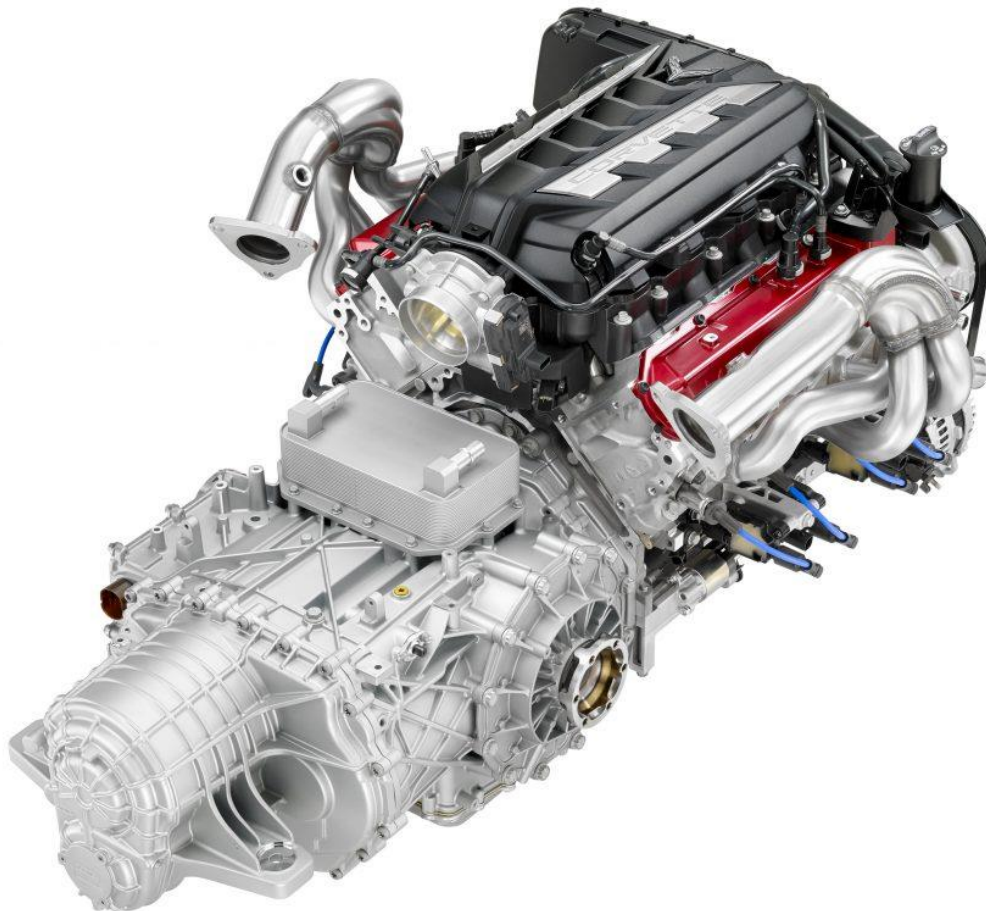
“It’s an honor having my car here,” shared Harry. “I lost over 100 friends in the military – 55-60 in Vietnam. I’d rather have it here at the Museum honoring these guys.”

Investigation Launched Into 2020-2021 C8 Corvette Transmission Issues

If you've been following the saga of the [Corvette transmission issues](#), you should know that the drumbeat has gotten loud. In fact, it is loud enough that GM has filed paperwork to look into the problems. [C8 Corvette](#) problems are littered with owners complaining about various issues since the Corvette was first released.

The Tremec TR-9080 eight-speed dual-clutch transmissions are leaking. They're also flashing error messages. Owners are being instructed to put their Corvettes into Park and take it to the nearest [Chevy](#) service department.

GM says the Corvette C8 transmission issues are due to “debris”



In the filing with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, GM says some of the issues are caused by “debris on the park position sensor magnet causing an incorrect position reading to the transmission control module.”

Dealers are being told to have technicians remove transmission fluid at the 7,500-mile maintenance interval, according to [GM Authority](#). GM then asks that the removed filter be saved. It wants techs to put it into a plastic container, being careful not to let too much fluid out of it, and return it to Chevy. GM engineers want to inspect the filters to see what might be gumming up the transmissions.

Of note is that forum members have said that the transmission pan and gasket have been redesigned for the 2021 Corvette. The older steel pan used two studs and 13 bolts. A new design changes it to an aluminum pan and 17 bolts. The gasket seats better in this design to lessen the chance it might squirm out.

One way to alleviate the problem would be to also offer a [manual transmission option](#). We know that is being somewhat cute, but many enthusiasts are asking for the transmission. But GM has doubled down on there being no manual trans and has some reasons why it won't. Corvette Chief Engineer Tadge Juechter says that because there is an engine between the transmission and the shifter. That means there can't be a mechanical linkage, so cable linkages are the only solution. He said that with cables, the shift feels “rubbery and vague,” in an interview on Autoline After Hours. Another big reason, and you knew this already, is that only a very small portion of buyers actually order the manual. As we're seeing with more and more vehicles, [the manual transmission option](#) is being dropped. And this is the predominant reason automakers choose to eliminate it.

GM will shift TR-9080 manufacturing to the GM plant at St. Catharines in Ontario. The changeover should be completed by the middle of 2022. It mostly manufactures aluminum cylinder heads and engine blocks for various GM products. TR-9080 manufacturing is currently outsourced to Tremec.

CORVETTE CELEBRATES MILESTONE WITH 70TH ANNIVERSARY EDITION

First retail production Corvette Z06 70th Anniversary Edition will be auctioned off by Barrett-Jackson to benefit Operation Homefront

DETROIT – 2023 marks the 70th anniversary of Corvette, the longest running nameplate of any car on the road today. For eight generations, Corvette has pushed the boundaries of technology, performance and style while remaining an attainable cultural icon. The 2023 model year Corvette Stingray and Corvette Z06 will celebrate this milestone with a special 70th Anniversary Edition package.

“Passion for Corvette runs deep at Chevrolet and this anniversary is extra special because of the excitement and sales success we’ve achieved with the eighth generation of America’s iconic sports car,” said Steve Majoros, vice president, Chevrolet marketing. “Even after 70 years, Corvette still makes hearts race and kids dream of the open road.”

70th Anniversary Edition Corvettes will stand out in one of two exterior colors unique to this package – an all-new White Pearl Metallic Tri-coat or Carbon Flash Metallic. Optional stripes are available in complementing colors – Satin Gray with the White Pearl Metallic Tri-coat and Satin Black with the Carbon Flash Metallic. The 70th Anniversary Edition Corvettes feature distinct wheels with commemorative wheel center caps. While Stingray and Z06 each have separate wheel designs, the wheels share a similar dark finish and Edge Red stripe.

Inside the cockpit, drivers will find two-tone Ceramic leather GT2 or Competition Sport seats, red stitching throughout, red seatbelts, and suede microfiber seat inserts and steering wheel.

Additional content includes:

70th Anniversary Edition exterior badging, including special Corvette cross flags

Edge Red brake calipers

70th Anniversary Edition logo on seats, steering wheel and sill plates

Rear bumper protector and trunk cover

Custom luggage set with red stitching and 70th Anniversary Edition logo

70th Anniversary Edition Stingray coupes will also include an Edge Red engine cover.

The 70th Anniversary Edition package will be available when production starts later this year on 2023 Corvette Stingray 3LT and Z06 3LZ coupe and convertible models. The 2023 Corvette Z06 visualizer, live on Chevrolet.com, now includes the 70th Anniversary Edition package.

All 2023 Corvettes, including those not equipped with the 70th Anniversary Edition package, will feature a commemorative 70th anniversary interior plaque located on the center speaker grille and a graphic imprinted on the lower rear window.

Corvette is offering buyers more options in 2023 to make each vehicle bespoke and personalized, raising the number of choices to 14 available exterior colors and eight interior colors that allow for thousands of combinations.

America’s Supercar is raising the stakes for military families

The first-ever retail production mid-engine Corvette Z06 will be a 70th Anniversary Edition. VIN 001 of this highly anticipated special edition Corvette Z06 will cross the auction block at Barrett-Jackson Scottsdale on Saturday, Jan. 29, 2022, with proceeds benefitting Operation Homefront, a national nonprofit focused on building strong, stable and secure military families who can thrive – not simply struggle to get by – in the communities they’ve worked hard to protect.

Since 2017, Chevrolet has been a proud supporter of Operation Homefront. Chevrolet has provided seven Silverado full-size trucks to the organization’s six regional offices and headquarters, and donated funding for services.

Legendary former Corvette Racing driver Oliver Gavin will drive the 2023 Corvette Z06 stand-in vehicle across the auction block for this special occasion.



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If you are interested in becoming a Sponsor or know of anyone please contact Paul Vasques, briwenv@att.net

Upcoming Events

BALISE

Balise Chevrolet • 440 Hall of Fame Avenue, Springfield, MA 01105

*in partnership with the **Corvette Club of Western Massachusetts**
presents the 6th Annual*

ALL CORVETTE SHOW

to benefit the National Federation of the Blind, Greater Springfield Chapter.
In memory of Danny Cahill.



SATURDAY

May 21st, 2022
10 am – 2 pm

\$20

Registration
Fee

QUESTIONS

Contact Rene
major197@comcast.net

TROPHIES

33 Trophies

DASH PLAQUES

For the first 100 Corvettes to register

LODGING

Hilton Garden Inn, (413) 886-8000

PLUS

Blessing of the Corvettes (noon) • Food • 50/50 Raffle • DJ

Space is limited to 100 show cars.

Upcoming Events



**CT - Naugatuck - Connecticut Indoor Cabin Fever
Custom Car & Motorcycle Show**

WHEN:

April 2, 2022 @ 10:00am - April 3, 2022 @ 5:00pm

WHERE:

Naugatuck Entertainment Facility

6 Rubber Ave

Naugatuck, CT 06770

USA

COST:

12

For Sale

OEM 2017 GS BREMBO Brake Pad's Front/Rear with 6k miles

\$150.00



For Sale

4 Michelin Pilot Sport AS ZP Tires for C5 with fewer than 4K miles, 2 of which have Bead issues (Can send photos)

\$150.00

2 – 245/40/18 – 2 – 285/35/19



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM
CONNECTICUT MILITARY CORVETTE CLUB, INC (CMCC)

Membership Requirements:

Membership shall be open to current/retired or former military persons in possession of a valid driver's license with a genuine interest in Corvettes and who own a Corvette, and will abide by the constitution of the corporation. Membership is also open to any individual having an immediate family relationship to a current, retired, or former (including deceased) member of the United States Armed Forces. This relationship can be by grandparent, parent, spouse, sibling or children. Ownership or lease of a Corvette is required.

Additionally, the candidate must:

Fill-out the application for membership form.

Sign the acknowledgement of risk and hold harmless agreement.

Mail your Application and \$50 check, payable to CMCC, Inc., to Ken Nelson, 45 Robin Rd, Farmington, CT 06032

Date _____ New _____ Renewal _____ Polo Shirt Size: _____

Name _____ Spouse/Partner _____

Date of Birth _____ / _____ Date of Birth _____ / _____ (Month/Day only)

Address _____

City/Town _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Branch of Service Army _____ Navy _____ Marines _____ Air Force _____ Coast Guard _____

Email _____

Corvette Year _____ Coupe _____ Convertible _____ Plate# _____ Color _____

2nd Corvette Year _____ Coupe _____ Convertible _____ Plate# _____ Color _____

Please check off the areas that you would be most interested in volunteering your time.

Social _____ Charity _____ Cruises _____ FundRaising _____ Clothing _____ Webpage _____ Photography _____ Sponsorship _____

Events _____ Bylaw Review _____ Cookouts _____ E-Newsletter _____ General Volunteer _____ Car Shows _____

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RISK AND HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT

I hereby acknowledge that I have voluntarily chosen to participate in the activities of the Connecticut Military Corvette Club Inc. I recognize that the activities involve risk of injury and I agree to accept any and all risks associated with them, including but not limited to property damage or loss, minor bodily injury, severe bodily injury, and death. Furthermore, I recognize that participation in the club activities involves activities and risks incidental thereto, including but not limited to, travel to and from meetings, club events, club cruises, club classes, club car shows, and the possible reckless conduct of other participants. I am voluntarily participating in the activities with the knowledge

of the risks involved and hereby agree to accept any and all inherent risks of property damage, bodily injury, or death. In consideration of my participation in the activities and to the fullest extent permitted by law, I agree to indemnify, defend and hold the Connecticut Military Corvette Club Inc, its officers, directors, employees, agents, volunteers and assigns from and against all claims arising out of or resulting from my participation in the activities. "Claim" as used in this agreement means any financial loss, claim, suit, action, damage, or expense, including but not limited to attorney's fees, attributable to bodily injury, sickness, disease or death, or injury to or destruction of tangible property including loss of use resulting there from. In addition, I hereby voluntarily hold harmless the Connecticut Military Corvette Club Inc, its officers, directors, employees, agents, volunteers and assigns from any and all claims, both present and future, that may be made by me, my family, estate, heirs or assigns. I also understand that the Connecticut Military Corvette Club Inc does not provide any medical or dental insurance or life insurance to cover bodily injury, illness or death, nor insurance for personal property damage or loss, nor insurance for liability arising out of my negligent acts or omissions; and I acknowledge that I am completely responsible for my own insurance to cover these expenses. I further understand that this acknowledgment of risk and hold harmless is intended to be as broad and inclusive as permitted by the laws of the State of Connecticut and that if any portion hereof is held invalid, I agree that the balance shall, notwithstanding, continue in full legal force and effect. I agree that this acknowledgment of risk and hold harmless is effective for as long as I am a member of the Connecticut Military Corvette Club Inc.

Signature of Applicant

Signature of Spouse/Partner

Printed Name / Date

Printed Name / Date