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Calling all Volunteers.....The Annual Thanksgiving Day Road Race is Thursday, Nov. 27th and we sure could use any and all Volunteers that morning. Come down and be a part of all of the Holiday Road Race festivities.



Annual Dues

First & foremost, Thank to all of those that paid their dues on time and made an extra donation to the Club. However, just a reminder: If you have not paid your dues, they are now past due. \$40. for regular members \$20. for gold card members. Key Cards will be deactivated if left unpaid. Checks payable and mailed to the club as follows:

Army and Navy Club, Attn: Financial Secretary,
1090 Main Street Manchester, CT 06040



Breakfast with Santa!!

Sunday, November 23, 2025 Starts 9-11am

Pancakes, fruit, bacon/sausage *Allergen-free options are available.
Admission is a new-unwrapped toy & or non-perishable food items (benefiting Blue Angels and Manchester Food Bank) One per adult is requested

Please RSVP by Nov16th via - <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Ry8VCKs>
or the above QR code

Write a letter to Santa, Face painting, Cookie decorating and other activities!

Come join us for 2 more nights of Fun, Dance & Music
Friday, November 21st with the "Cover2Cover" band
Friday, December 5th with the "Night Shift" band

Tickets are \$10 each and can now be purchased at the bar. (or \$15 at the door)
Both nights are from 7:30—10:30. You can bring your own food/snacks.

Beverages available at the bar. Doors open at 6:30
Come down and have a great time.

Officers 2024-2025

President.....	Bill Flagg
Vice President.....	Rick Johnson
Treasurer.....	Josh Nielson
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Secretary.....	Terri Keesler
Assistant Secretary.....	MaryAnne Edwards
Financial Secretary.....	Janice Dabate
Chaplain.....	Sarah Flaherty
Sgt. at Arms.....	Ed Keesler

Board of Governors

Erin Denis	Dave Krinjak	Kirk Allison
Peter Miller	Rich Dabate	Marty Klukas
Art Thompson	Tony Thomas	Bill Dolan

Setback League

Monday Night weekly Setback League banquet will be on 12/22.

The next session will start on

Monday, January 5th

New Teams always welcome,
Come join us for a night of fun!!

Setback Tournament

Our next Setback Tournament Dinner will be **Friday, Nov 14th with dinner at 6:00 & Cards at 7:00 pm. \$15.00 per person.**

Come join us for dinner and a fun night of cards.

Contact Rich or see someone at the bar to sign up.

Shuffleboard Tournaments

Last Thursday of every Month

6:00 pm start

\$5.00 buy in

Winner takes all each month

Random draw partners

Bingo

~ Every Saturday Evening ~

~ Open to the public ~

Doors & Kitchen open at 4:30 ~ Bingo starts at 6:30 pm

Non Smoking, Cash Prizes

The kitchen is open with a variety of hot foods, snacks & soft drinks available for sale.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED IN THE HALL AND IN THE KITCHEN. COME SUPPORT YOUR CLUB.

Free Veteran Memberships

Any new Veteran member signing up will receive their Membership free for the first year. Complete an application and submit with a copy of your DD214 to receive your Membership.

We would like to take a moment to Honor & Remember those Members we have recently lost.

Martin C. Everson 6/25/25

May God's Love, Grace and Peace be with you.
Sarah Flaherty, Chaplin

Golf League

Golf League will begin again on April 18th. Sign up anytime with Rich or Dave.

Veterans Coffee House

This editions dates are **Nov 20th & Dec 18th from 10:00 am to 12:30 pm at The Army & Navy Club.**

Coffee, water & snacks are served. Invite a fellow veteran to attend with you.

Hope to see you there!

Corn Hole Tournaments

Every 2nd Thursday of the month

6:00 pm check-in / 6:30 start

\$5.00 buy in, Random Draw partners,

Winner takes all each month

Veterans Day Parade Tuesday, November 11th

Weather Permitting, the Parade and Color Guard form and step off from American Legion Drive, at approx. 10:45 a.m. Arrive at Manchester Memorial Hospital for Outdoor Ceremony on the Front Lawn. Lowering of Colors, Placing of Wreaths, Playing of Taps, and Bagpiper.

Next All Members Meeting is

Wed, Jan 21, 2026 at 7:00 pm

Please join us!

Come for the news, stay for the meal.

Have a safe and Happy Holiday Season!!

Bill's Corner

WHAT'S IN A NAME? ARMY & NAVY CLUB. Spelled the way it is, there are four other clubs used worldwide by that name. There is a big classy one in London, England founded in 1837. It has over 5,000 members, most of which are very prominent, and membership is like that of a fine golf club. It is a gentleman's club in a large building with fine dining rooms and facilities. Another club is located in Washington D.C. It is two blocks in back of the White House and has elegant rooms to dine and stay in. Its lounge is famous for where the Daiquiri was invented. It was founded in 1855 and includes such members as the first man on the moon, the first round the world pilot, and past Presidents and Vice Presidents. It has a strict dress code of jacket, shirt, and most of the time tie in most public rooms. The food is rated superb and the honor other Army & Navy clubs. Another club is in Coral Gables, Fla. It operates much like our club, with a nine member Board of Governors, and the usual officer positions. It runs three major balls each year, and its functions revolve around that. All these clubs are veteran friendly and can be found on the internet. Our club was the brainchild of Manchester residents to honor and never forget the soldiers and sailors who served both in the wars and for all time, and provide a center for it to continue. And so in 1919, the original idea was agreed upon and paid for by the Manchester chapter of the Red Cross. The Cheney Brothers donated the land and local builders and suppliers provided the labor and materials. Within weeks after receiving the blueprints, local volunteers completed the building that you now see on Main Street, with a little refurbishing over the years. Imagine a Public Works project today taking that amount of time. Fall is here with football, apple pie, leaves, and Halloween with witches, ghouls, goblins, and politicians. The kids only have it for one night, but the politicians trick or treat all year. Also don't forget to come down for the Manchester Road Race on Thanksgiving. Meet your friends and some world- wide runners. One morning a young housewife got out of bed, put on her robe, put up the shades, uncovered the parrot, answered the phone and heard a voice say. "Hi honey, we just got in. I'll be right home." So the young house wife pulled down the shades, covered the parrot, took off her robe, got back in bed, and heard the parrot say, "Judas Priest, what a short day that was." Something to ponder: We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give. From all the officers and board members, happy holidays, birthdays, and celebrations and until next time, have a good month and have a good life.

Bill Flagg

Annual Cookie Swap & Secret Santa Sunday, December 14, 2025 2:00 pm

Cookie Swap

Bring a container with **4 dozen** of your favorite cookies, bars or sweet treats to share. Also bring an empty container of your own to fill. Depending on how many we have participating will determine how many each person gets to choose from each. See Terri if any questions.

Secret Santa

Secret Santa sign-ups will be starting soon. Name draw will be on Sunday, November 21st. Maximum spend is requested at \$20.00. Will be looking to have a pot luck. So, if you're willing to bring a dish. Gifts will be exchanged on the above date after the Cookie swap. See Brie if any questions. Come down and have some Holiday fun!! All are welcome!!