

**THE ARMY & NAVY CLUB NEWSLETTER**

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**Happy**   
**St. Patrick's Day**

  
**Happy Spring**

*Any Closings or cancellations at the Club will be listed on Channel 3 WFSB*

Come Join us for a Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner on **Sunday, March 15th.**

Club opens at 1:00 ~ Food served @ **3:00 pm**

Corned Beef, Cabbage, Potatoes and Carrots

**\$15.00 a meal**

Dinner Tickets may be purchased in advance. Please see the bartender.

**Veterans Coffee House every 3rd Thursday**

This editions dates are **March 19th 6:00 to 8:30 pm please note this is our evening event & April 16th from 10:00 am to 12:30 pm** at the Army & Navy Club. We welcome veterans from Manchester and surrounding towns to join us for a time of conversation, connection and info on the benefits available to you. Coffee, water & snacks are served. Invite a fellow veteran to attend with you. Hope to see you there!

Mark your Calendars!!

Come join us for more Friday night's of Fun, Dance & Music

**March 20th** with the **Cover2Cover Band**

**April 10th** with the **Night Shift Band**

**May 15th** with the **Mischief Band**

From 7:30 to 10:30. Tickets will be \$10 each, purchased at the bar or see Kirk. \$15 at the door. 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 2025 - 2026

President.....	Rick Johnson
Vice President.....	Kevin Downham
Treasurer.....	Josh Nielson
Assistant Treasurer.....	Vacant
Secretary.....	Terri Keesler
Assistant Secretary.....	MaryAnne Edwards
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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

We would like to take a moment to honor & remember those members we have recently lost.

**Raymond Boire 12/2025**

**Susan Brainard 1/2026**

**Jess Succop 1/2026**

**Donald Lessard 1/2026**

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

**Shuffleboard Tournaments**

Last Thursday of every Month  
6:00 pm start / \$5.00 buy in  
Winner takes all each month  
Random draw partners

**Corn Hole Tournaments**

*Unfortunately we will not be hosting  
Cornhole in March.*

*However, we will see you in April.*

6:00 pm check-in / 6:30 start  
\$5.00 buy in, Random Draw partners,  
Winner takes all each month

**Army Navy Club Golf League**

The Army & Navy Club Golf league starts up again on April 17, 2026 at Tallwood Country Club. Tee time is at 3:30. New teams are welcome. For those interested, there is a sign up sheet on the Club bulletin board. Or call/text Rich at 860-690-9643 or Dave at 860-805-0789.

**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, discharge papers or Active duty card to receive your Membership.

**Next "All Members Meeting" is  
Wed, April 15, 2026 at 7:00 pm**

Come for the news, camaraderie, and stay for something good to eat.

2026 All Members Meeting schedule is as follows:  
June 17th, Sept 16th & Oct 21st

**Wear your Army & Navy Club Pride**

High Quality Polo Shirts are Available for order.

- Your choice of Cotton Blend or Polyester
- Available colors: Athletic Gold, White, Red, Navy or Gray
  - Men's or Women's fit. Sizes XS-XXXL are available

Let your bartender know if you would like one. Prices Range (\$28-\$37)

You can also bring your own shirt and have the logo printed for \$14

**Bingo**

- ~ Every Saturday Evening ~
- ~ Open to the public ~
- ~ Doors & Kitchen open at 4:30 ~
- ~ Early Bird game at 6:00 ~
- ~ Bingo starts at 6:30 pm ~

**A minimum of \$5,000 in cash prizes are paid out every week**

The kitchen is open with a wide variety of Hot foods, Sandwiches, Hot Dogs, Grilled Cheese, Soup, Snacks, Coffee, Tea, Hot Chocolate, Water & Soft drinks available for sale.

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

**Bill's Corner**

STAY WHERE YOU ARE. That's a saying repeated many times in movies and stories but is apropos for the state of world chaos that we're living in today. Politicians talk of wars and who is going to win them while the smarter public wants to know what will be left. In Washington the Stag is running strong but the Hounds are close on his heels and the Hunters are watching and waiting. The scariest phrase in politics now is "I'm from the government, and I'm here to help". Kristi Noem's Coast Guard pilot was fired because he left her blanket on her plane. I thought mothers took them away from you as soon as you were two years old. Here in Connecticut things are still relatively good. We do have one element that bears constant watching and that is the weather. You can love it or hate it but its power is enormous and demands the deepest respect. This year the golfers and gardeners will start later but let's hope it's not stormy for Cruising on Main in August. The difference between the weather and politics is you can't change the weather by yelling at the TV. But there is always something to see or do and new restaurants and shows to see without the travel and high expense from going out of state. And of course you can always come to the club for good conversation, laughs, and watch a ball game with refreshment. Bingo, Darts, Pool, and Shuffleboard are always active and our Dances with popular bands are doing well. A setback tournament will be planned for the Fall so please watch for it. We have new floors, new paint, new Bartenders, new President and Vice President and other changes, so come on down, forget the outside world for a while, and forget the suspense until after the election. A funeral service was being held for a young woman that had just died. As the pall bearers carried her out, they accidentally bumped into a wall. Immediately they heard a moan from the inside of the casket. Upon opening it up they found she was still alive. The women lived eight more years before she finally passed away. As the pall bearers were carrying her casket out they heard the husband yell out, "Watch out for that wall". From all of the Officers and Board members, wishes for happy Birthdays, Anniversaries, and other Holidays so deserving go forth. And until next time, have a good month and have a good life.

**Bill Flagg**