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Annual Dues

Army & Navy Club dues letters have been mailed. They are due Sept 1st. If you sent them in, Thank you!! Current dues must be paid on or before the first Sat of Oct. Failure to pay dues by said date will have their membership card turned off. If dues lapse 12 months, it will require a reinstatement. This year’s dues are still only \$40.00 for our regular members and \$20.00 for our gold card members. **Checks should be made payable and mailed to: Army & Navy Club; Attn: Financial Secretary 1090 Main Street; Manchester, CT 06040**

Next All Members Meeting is **Wed, Sept 17, 2025 at 7:00 pm.** We will be voting on Bylaw changes this evening. We will again have nominations for all officers (excluding President & Vice President) along with 3 Board Members for the upcoming elections. Nominations will be accepted at this next All Members meeting. Those nominated at this meeting will be voted on and sworn in at the Oct.15th meeting. Please join us!
Come for the news, stay for the meal.

Come join us for 3 more nights of Fun, Dance & Music
Friday night October 10th with the “384 East” band
Friday night 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) All 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.

Setback League

Monday Night weekly Setback League will begin its next session
Monday, September 8th
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.

***Charles Fuller 7/10/25
Phillip Tournaud 7/22/25
Robert (Bob) Jobin 8/15/25
Robert (Bobby) Damachi 8/19/25***

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

Veterans Coffee House

This editions dates are **Sept 18th from 10:00 am to 12:30 pm and Oct 16th is our EVENING event from 6:00 to 8:30** Coffee, water & snacks are served. Invite a fellow veteran to attend with you.
Hope to see you there!

Corn Hole Tournaments

Starting back up on Sept 11th & 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

Army & Navy Club Vendor / Craft Fair

This years Fair will be held on
Sunday, October 5, 2025 from 10:00-3:00
Please contact Terri at
TerriKeesler@yahoo.com for more information. Come Volunteer or shop all of these amazingly talented crafters. All Raffle proceeds benefit the Army & Navy Club. A donation of a non-perishable food item for the Manchester Food Bank is appreciated. Free parking. Raffles.

Bill's Corner

What a bustling season. Everything is active, and some, like the administration, are in overtime. And it is costing us a fortune. Blessed are the young, for they will inherit the national debt. Politics is the second oldest profession but lately it is running a close tie with the first. July and red, white, and blue activities did not seem that active this year. Isn't it funny how red, white, and blue represent freedom until they are flashing behind you. Travel is getting more restricted and worse than ever. Boston seems pretty good especially if you are a Red Sox fan. Fall is approaching fast and with it all the activities and upcoming events will be starting. Please check the newsletter for your favorites. Schools and colleges are changing as the new trend of AI (Artificial Intelligence) becomes more popular. Before we work on AI, why don't we do something about natural stupidity? Mark Twain, an old resident of Hartford, seems to have been right about his weather quotation. Between Hurricanes, Earthquakes, Volcanos and Heat waves, there isn't much to miss. A newlywed couple moves into their new house. One day the husband comes home from work and the wife says, "Honey there is a leak in the bathroom, could you fix it?" The husband says, "What do I look like Mr. Plumber?" A few days later the husband comes home, and the wife says, "Honey the car won't start, can you check the battery?" He says, "What do I look like Mr. Goodwrench?" Another few days go by, and the husband comes home on a rainy day, and the wife says "Honey, there's a leak in the roof, can you please fix it?" He says. "What do I look like, Bob Vila?" The next day the husband comes home, and the roof is fixed. So is the plumbing. So is the car. He asks his wife what happened. "Oh, I had a handy man come in and fix them." She says. "Great! How much is that going to cost me?" he snarls. His wife says "Nothing. He said he would do it for free if I either baked him a cake or slept with him." "Oh, well, what kind of cake did you make?" asks the husband. "What do I look like?" she says, "Betty Crocker?" We lost some good veterans this month. One was on the USS Intrepid. My condolences go out to their families. Even though it was summer, a lot of work was done by volunteers at the club. My grateful thanks go out to all of them. Come down to the club. See our new sign and get some refreshments. 'Stressed' when reversed, reads desserts. Something to ponder: We do not want to live in the past, but we need to learn to live comfortably with it. On behalf of all the officers and board of governors, happy holidays and salutations to all and until next time, have a good month and have a good life.

Bill Flagg