

**THE ARMY & NAVY CLUB NEWSLETTER**

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

**Charles Hensley 2/11/26**  
**William Lynn (100) 3/25/26**  
**Stanley Ostrinski 4/7/26**

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



### Memorial Day - Monday, May 25th

The Memorial Day Parade steps off from the Army & Navy Club at 9:30. Those who wish to march or ride in this year's parade are asked to show up at 8:30. After the parade there will be food served and a Flag Ceremony at noon. **Help us honor our fellow comrades who have left us and honor the true meaning of Memorial Day. We are requesting any and all Veterans and Associate Members to join us in marching or riding in this year's parade. Please contact Marty Klukas, Captain of our Color Guard, if you are able to join. 860-990-5542**

### Veterans Coffee House every 3rd Thursday

This editions dates are **May 21st & June 18th 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 another Friday night of Fun, Dance & Music

**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

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**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**

Every 2nd Thursday of every month.  
6:00 pm check-in / 6:30 start  
\$5.00 buy in, Random Draw partners,  
Winner takes all each month.

**Cruisin on Main**

This years Cruisin on Main date has  
been set. Festivities will be on  
Sunday, August 2, 2026.  
(with rain dates of 8/9 & 8/16)  
Come see all the old hot rod cars lined  
up and down Main Street. End at the  
Army & Navy Club for Hot Dogs,  
Chips, Soda or a Beverage inside our  
air conditioned Club.

**Setback League**

This sessions League is done. Thank  
you to all those that came out and  
played. We will start up again on  
Monday, September 14th with the  
new session. New Teams always  
welcome!!

**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, June 17, 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: 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.**

**Veterans Corner**

We hope everyone has a wonderful and meaningful summer ahead of them filled  
with exciting events!

We will be hosting the Town's Veterans Banner Unveil Dinner here at the Club  
before they place the banners along Main Street. This is such an amazing way to  
honor and recognize veterans.

The annual Memorial Day Parade and luncheon is always a special way to  
commemorate and pay tribute to those who made the ultimate sacrifice. One of  
our Board of Governors is being invited to be the parade marshal which makes it  
even more special—what an honor! We are reaching out to ALL of our Veteran  
and Associate Members to March or ride in this years parade. Come on down  
Monday, May 25th

We are also in the planning phase for the 250th birthday celebration of the USA!  
This is an exciting initiative, and it's sure to bring the community together in a  
memorable way. This will held on Friday, July 3rd. We will have a DJ. More info  
will follow.

We are always looking for more ways to support our veterans and the community.  
Please reach out with any ideas for future events. These initiatives not only  
support veterans but also strengthen community ties.

Also, remember to invite all your fellow veterans to come join the Army Navy  
Club! We need veterans now more than ever to ensure the success of our club.  
Remind them their 1<sup>st</sup> year is free!

We hope to see you soon for Cornhole, Shuffleboard, Bingo, Band Nights or just  
to stop by and say Hi!

Follow us on Facebook for any last minute Club functions: **Army & Navy Club  
of Manchester, CT**

*Memorial Day, observed on the last Monday in May, is a day dedicated to  
remembering and mourning U.S. military members who lost their lives in  
service to our country, whether during wartime or peacetime.*