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Happy
St. Patrick's Day


Happy Spring

Please note that 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 16th.**

Club opens at 1:00
Food served @ **3:00 pm** (until gone)
Corned Beef, Cabbage, Potatoes and Carrots
\$14.00 a meal

**Next "All Members Meeting" is
Wed, April 16, 2025 at 7:00 pm**

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

2025 All Members Meeting
schedule is as follows:
June 18th, Sept 17th & Oct 15th

Officers 2024-2025

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

Board of Governors

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

Veterans Coffee House every 3rd Thursday

This editions dates are **March 20th 6:00 to 8:30 pm please note this is our evening event & April 17th from 10:00 am to 12:30 pm at the Army & Navy Club.** This event is brought to you by the Veteran Advisory Committee of Manchester, VFW, Army & Navy Club, Elks Lodge, DAV and other veterans organizations. 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

March 28, 2025 with the 384 East 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.

<u>Corn Hole Tournaments</u> 2nd Thursday of every month 6:00 pm check-in / 6:30 start \$5.00 buy in, Random Draw, Prizes & Snacks	<u>Super Sunday High Roller Bingo</u> <u>Sunday, April 13th</u> Bingo tickets are \$120, cash only. A total of 100 tickets will be sold starting when the Bingo doors open at 4:30 Sat, March 29th until sold out. Game day Doors open at 11:00, a Roast Pork lunch is included to be served at approx. 12:00 noon. Bingo starts at 1:00 pm
<u>Shuffleboard Tournaments</u> Last Thursday of every Month 6:00 pm start \$5.00 buy in Winner takes all each month Random draw partners	<i>“Look at everything as though you are seeing it for the first or last time, then your time on earth will be filled with Glory”</i> <i>Granma Mary Rommely</i> <i>“A Tree Grows in Brooklyn”</i> <i>Betty Smith</i> <i>May God’s Love, Peace and Grace be with you.</i> <i>Sarah Flaherty, Chaplin</i>
We would like to take a moment to honor & remember those members we have recently lost. William (Bill) E. Morgan, Jr.	
<u>Army Navy Club Golf League</u> The Army & Navy Club Golf league starts up again on April 25, 2025 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.	
<u>Free Veteran Memberships</u> 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.	<u>Bingo</u> ~ 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 ~ Highest cash prizes in the area Non Smoking 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.

<u>Bill’s Corner</u> Mark Twain, an old Hartford resident, once said “If you don’t like New England weather, wait a minute”. Seems like this winter he was right on the money. I sort of agree with that more than Punxsutawney Phil. But this year I think they could add another line to that. “If you don’t like American government, wait a minute. There have always been periods of fighting. American politics is messy, sometimes vicious. It seems politicians are the only people in the world who create problems and then campaign against them. We’ve been through all of this in the past and here we are today, carrying on. One of the great things about history is it reminds us that we can really be in bad periods, but come out of it. We must not forget that nothing is absolute and nothing is permanent. Spring and warm weather is around the corner and people are thinking about vacations. I wouldn’t go to Washington D.C. Flying doesn’t look good because the FAA is under staffed and accidents seem to be on the rise. It’s not advisable to drive to Mexico or Canada and gas prices are going up. I guess the best thing is to do what I wanted to do in the first place. Sit in my back yard with a big steak on the grill and a couple of cold ones. Music optional. Flu season is upon us again and hitting us pretty hard. We’ve also lost some good members this winter. The weather hasn’t helped. Florida is nice and warm if you’re so inclined. And you can swim in the Gulf of Whatever. Be careful driving these days also. Some of the pot holes are becoming sink holes. Have you ever noticed that anybody driving slower than you is an idiot, and anyone driving faster than you is a maniac? Did you know that “I am” is reportedly the shortest sentence in the English language. Could it be that “I do” is the longest sentence. Two elderly gentlemen were sitting on a bench under a tree when one turns to the other and says: Slim, I’m 83 years old and I’m just full of aches and pains. I know you’re my age. How do you feel? Slim says: I feel just like a new born baby. Really! Like a new born baby! Yep. No hair, no teeth, and I think I just wet my pants. I would like to take this time to congratulate our longest member. James W. Martin turned 96 years old last month and this month has 71 years of service with the Army & Navy club. On behalf of all the Officers and Board of Governors, thank you very much for your service and dedication. The club is doing well. We are still waiting to see if the town will honor us with ample parking on the new street changes so that we can continue to serve all the veterans as we have done for the last 100 years. Don’t forget St Patty’s Day at the club, the upcoming dances, and the membership meeting on April 16th. On behalf of the Officers and Board of the club, we wish all those with Birthdays, Anniversaries, and special occasions, salutations and best wishes and until next time, have a good month, and have a good life. Bill Flagg
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