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Calling all Volunteers.....The Annual Thanksgiving Day Road Race is Thursday, Nov. 23rd 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.



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Just a reminder: If you have not paid your annual dues, they are now past due. \$40.00 for regular members/\$20.00 for gold card members. New cards will be deactivated 12/1 if left unpaid. Checks payable and mailed to the club as follows: **Army and Navy Club,**
Attn: Paula Sarkisian, 1090 Main Street
Manchester, CT 06040

Join Us for the Veterans Coffee House every 3rd Thursday

This editions dates are **Nov 16th & Dec 21st 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 morning of conversation, connection and info on the benefits available to you. Coffee, Tea, water & Snacks are served. Invite a fellow veteran to attend with you. Hope to see you there!

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

Maurice Collin

Next “All Members Meeting” is Wed, January 17, 2024 at 7:00 pm
Come hear the latest happenings at your Club and have a bite to eat.

Setback League

The Monday Night weekly Setback League will begin its next session on **Mon, Jan 8, 2024. New Teams Welcome!!**
Come and join us!!

Veterans Day Parade-Sat, Nov 11th
Weather Permitting, the Parade and Color Guard form and step off from American Legion Drive, at approx. 10:30 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.

Veterans Day Celebrations

“Better late than never” and “Saving the best for later” are a couple of sayings that come to mind. Since this years Veterans Day lunch meal conflicts with another event at the Club, we will be hosting a **free Breakfast** for our Veteran Members on **Sunday, 11/19 from 10:00 am to Noon.** Please come out and take part.

Looking for some indoor Fall & Winter activities? Checkout our lineup. We host Shuffleboard Tournaments the last Thursday of every month. Periodic Corn Hole Tournaments and Trivia Nights.

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 NEEDED

Free Veteran Memberships

Any new Veteran member signing up will receive their Membership free for the first year. (A \$40 savings)
Complete an application and submit with a copy of your DD214 to receive your Membership.

Bill's Corner

“What a revolting development this is.” Remember who said that? In the last newsletter I said things were going to the dogs. A member told me, “Bill, cheer up, things could get worse.” So, I cheered up, and sure enough, things got worse. Aside from world problems, even all the way down to our street, the alarm bells are ringing on the building of the new library and the parking changes that will occur. The town must realize that we are the main hub where all veterans’ associations meet and come together both active and inactive. It has been going on for a hundred years, non- stop, no matter what perils or troubles came our way. Held together by people from far and near who gave their all for the preservation of our way of life, activities, comradery, and companionship. It would be devastating if lost. Town meetings and information will be forthcoming in the months ahead. I urge all to stay vigilant and be involved in protecting the continuation of the Army and Navy Club. Tis the fall and all sports are going, even the die-hards in golf. Stay cheerful, not tearful; try not to get beer-full. Hope the games will go fast, some guys may need a pass. Time goes by quick and week-ends are done. Don’t fret cause in five days, they’ll be another one. Hope to see you for the road race, or cards, darts, shuffleboard or whatever you do. Stop by for the holidays. Our bartenders are guaranteed to make you smile. Someone asked how long have I been doing Bills Corner. I said Well I never used a ball point pen. They replied politely, “Did you use a feather?” Something to ponder: It’s not the years in your life that count; it’s the life in your years. From all the officers and Board members, have a wonderful holiday season no matter what it may be and until next time, have a good month and have a good life. **Bill Flagg**

HOPE

“Of all the forces that make for a better world, none is so powerful as hope. With hope, one can think, one can work, one can dream. If you have hope, you have everything.”

***God's love & grace to you all.
Sarah Flaherty, Chaplin***