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Annual Dues

Army & Navy Club dues letters have been mailed. They are due September 1st.
Current dues must be paid by Sun, Sept 30th.
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 18, 2024 at 7:00 pm.**

We will again have nominations for all officers (including President & Vice President) along with 3 Board Members for the upcoming elections. Nominations will be accepted at the next All Members meeting. Those nominated at this meeting will be voted on at the Oct. 16th meeting. Please join us!
Come for the news, stay for the meal.

Come join us for two more nights of Fun, Dance & Music
Friday night October 25th with "Cover2Cover" band &
Friday night November 8th with "384 East" band

Tickets are \$10 each and can now be purchased at the bar or \$15 at the door. Both 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.

Officers 2023-2024

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

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

Setback League

Monday Night weekly Setback League will begin its next session **Monday, September 9th** Come join us for a night of fun!!

Setback Tournament

Our next Setback Tournament Dinner will be **Friday, Oct 18th 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
\$3.00 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.

Purpose of Prayer

You've probably heard the phrase when all else fails pray. Prayer helps you to reflect more patience, trust and most certainly some wisdom. You are able to see circumstances change in one you had not imagined. Then there is the Serenity Prayer. God's Grace & Love be with you. *Sarah Flaherty, Chaplin*

Veterans Coffee House

There will not be a Coffee House in Sept due The Wall that Heals coming to Town. **Oct 17th is an evening event from 6:00 to 8:30** with Reps from the VA coming to assist with Claims at the *Army & Navy Club*. Invite a fellow veteran to attend with you. Hope to see you there!

Corn Hole Tournaments

Starting back up on Sept 8th at the Army Navy Club
2nd Thursday of every month
6:00 pm check-in / 6:30 start
\$5.00 buy in, Random Draw, Prizes & Snacks

The Wall that Heals - Vietnam Veterans Memorial Replica & Mobile Education Center

Thursday, Sept 19 - Sunday, Sept 22, 2024

Charter Oak Park, 50 Charter Oak St Manchester
Open 24 hours a day - All are welcome

<https://manchesterelks.org/twth2024> for more info

Army & Navy Club Vendor / Craft Fair

This years Fair will be held on **Sunday, October 13, 2024 from 10:00-3:00** Please contact Terri at TerriKeesler@yahoo.com for obtaining a space registration form or for more info. 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

IT'S TIME.

To shake off the sand, get off the porch, close the pool, clean up the garden and flower boxes, and enjoy the beginning of the best of the four seasons. You can smell the roast turkey, pot roast, beef stew, and more, cooked with new potatoes, winter squashes, pumpkin or apple pies, good drinks, and watch your favorite winter sports. The winds of war and turmoil or elections or corporate meetings doesn't bother the forest as it says good night with a burst of vibrant color that frees your whole being, if only for a second when you look at it. It is fall, and it brings with it new beginnings in many areas. Did you know there are over thirty commercial farms in Connecticut owned and run by veterans. They have an association and seal: OWNED AND GROWN BY VETERANS -CT GROWN. All of the major fairs are opening and if you've never been to one you're missing a treat. And we can't forget the Manchester Road Race. The Army & Navy Club has been involved since its inception. The first race had our members helping to organize and run in it. Every Thanksgiving our hall is a gathering place for all of the runners after the race no matter what the weather is. It is a time where people from all walks of life and all different country's come together in peace and Thanksgiving. The club has many things starting in the fall also. Our membership is still growing and the hall is being used for everything from baby showers to celebrations of life and union and political meetings to coffee hours for all veteran associations. And if you like bingo, Saturday night our club is the place to be. Individually our members are not very well known all over town. Collectively our club has earned the respect and a place at the table of helping to make Manchester what it is today. So if you're not busy sometime, look us up. We're in the book. My neighbor answered the phone at his house and took a message. His wife asked who it was. He said someone from the Gyna Colleges called. They said the Pabst beer is normal. He said I didn't even know you liked beer. She has forbidden him to take any more messages. Something to ponder. Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but by those moments that take our breath away. From all of the officers and board members Happy Birthdays and Anniversaries to those so deserving. And until the next time, have a good month and have a good life.

Bill Flagg