



# The Navigator

The Exchange Club of Greater Newburyport

P.O. Box 31, Newburyport, MA 01950

Meetings 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays at 6 p.m. at Starboard Galley

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## Mixed assortment of news kicks off new year

By Stuart Deane

We kick off a New Year, hopefully better and safer than 2020, yet the first piece of news is disappointing for the club. We have received the following note from William Shuttleworth:

“Hi Jane, With deep regret and so much respect and affection for the Exchange Club and its members, I am resigning my membership. There are several reasons, none of which have anything to do with how great the club is. The COVID-19 isolation has accentuated my disdain for internet connections as I find the process confusing and impersonal. I guess I am a face-to-face guy. Then, I am simply working too much and often not home by 6:00 on Tuesdays. And, thirdly, we are going to build a small home in western Maine. We have the land cleared, septic, well, electricity and foundation. I will be using all of my free time to travel to build, an exciting project. Maine is my homeland and I only moved here to access needed health care for Patty. Now that she is much better, we are anxious to return to our rural roots. Our land is 10 acres with 700 feet on the Saco River, a lovely spot.

“Blessings to all of you and I am always joyful when I see you on the street. William”

### Other News

On the plus side, Dudley Farquhar has received a set of photographs from two professionals who attended last September’s “Field of Honor.” Selected shots appear on the second page, including one of Dudley himself in front of his POW-MIA banner and the note he sent to President Jane Collins.

Members Erin Fournier, Barbara Griffith and Stu Deane delivered gifts for the Amesbury

group homes for developmentally delayed adults on December 23, with gifts handed out with masks and social distancing via a “drive-by” delivery system. This story is featured on the third page.

Finally, we have received a plaque of appreciation from the Newburyport Pioneer League for our sponsorship of a youth baseball team.



### Schedule

- Jan. 5: Regular Meeting via Zoom, 6 p.m.
- Jan. 19: Regular Meeting via Zoom, 6 p.m.
- Jan. 26: Board of Directors via Zoom, 6 p.m.

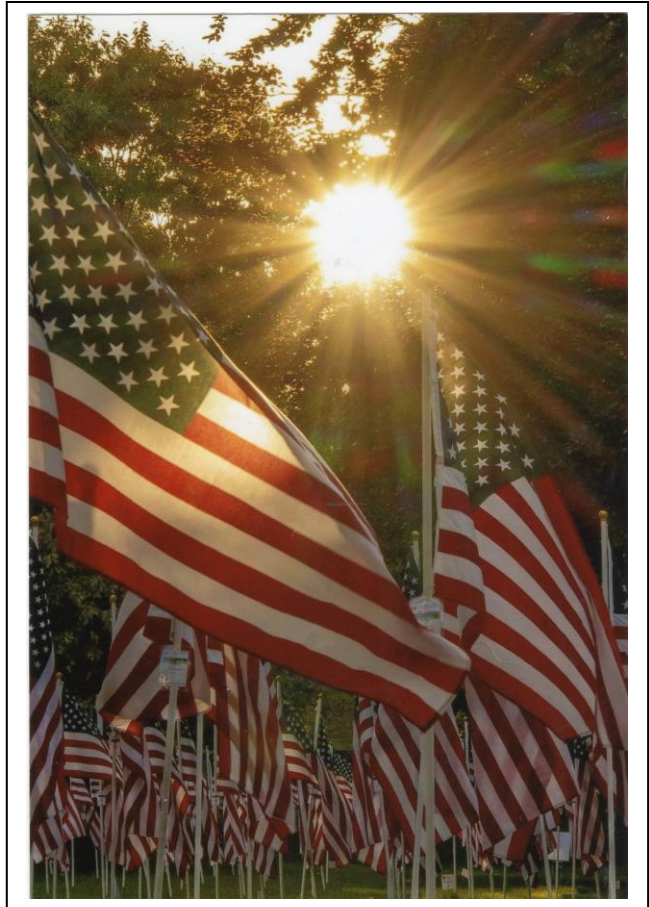
**“Unity in Service”**

(12-19-2020)

Support Our Deployed

JANE"

I RECENTLY RECEIVED SOME VERY NICE PICTURES FROM OUR FIELD OF HONOR EVENT ALL TAKEN 9-17-2020. I TALKED WITH 2 GENTLEMAN PHOTOGRAPHERS WHO BOTH HAD ZOOM LENSES & TRIPODS. THEY BOTH TALKED WITH ME FOR 'QUITE AWHILE AND PROMISED TO BOTH SEND PICTURES. WITH THE PASSAGE OF TIME I THOUGHT THEY HAD JUST FORGOTTEN ME, AS I HAD PROVIDED A BUSINESS CARD TO EACH. I KEPT 2 PICTURES FOR MYSELF AND ARE SENDING YOU THE ENCLOSED. MY PARTICULAR FAVORITES WERE CIRCULAR RAY OF SUNBURST OVER THE FIELD OF FLAGS AND THE CLOCK TOWER AS A BACK-DROP TO FLAGS. IT'S QUITE OBVIOUS HE HAD A FLAIR FOR ANGLED SHOTS. ALL THE BEST. ... MERRY CHRISTMAS HO-HO-HO "Dudley"





**Annual Holiday Party.** Because of COVID-19 restrictions, our annual group home party was a “drive-through” affair with clients from three Amesbury homes being driven to the “mother ship” at 23 Middle Road for pick-up of custom gifts shopped for on-line and beautifully wrapped by President Jane Collins. Serving as “elves” were Barbara Griffith, Erin Fournier and Stu Deane. Clients from the homes were happy to see each other during this difficult year. It is hoped that next year the party will return to either Middle Road or Central Congregational Church, where Santa will again be able to put in an appearance. In the meantime, the club soldiers on, “making our communities better places in which to live.”