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Event: Launch of the Manchester-by-the-Sea Distinguished Speakers Series, featuring Brigadier General (Ret.) Jack Hammond as the first speaker on February 1, 2024.
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A New Cultural Program Launches:

Manchester-by-the-Sea Distinguished Speakers Series

The Manchester-by-the-Sea Cultural Council, in partnership with the MBTS Public Library, is excited to announce the new distinguished speakers lecture series. The first event is scheduled for February 1, 2024, with **Brigadier General (Ret.) Jack Hammond, Chief Executive of Home Base Non-profit.** The inspiration for the series is to broaden education, awareness, and empathy via the fine tradition of learning from knowledgeable people. The inaugural season of the series will feature an outstanding lineup of individuals, sharing their expertise on five distinct and compelling topics.

The Manchester-by-the-Sea Cultural Council is honored to present the following speakers to the Community for our winter/spring session:

Brigadier General (Ret.) Jack Hammond, Chief Executive Home Base Non-profit.
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 5:30—6:30 PM
Jack Hammond, a retired and decorated U.S. Army Brigadier General, is a private sector innovator who has served on advisory groups for presidents, governors, and businesses. **Home Base**, a Red Sox Foundation and Mass General Program, is dedicated to healing the invisible wounds for Veterans of all eras, Service Members, Military Families and Families of the Fallen through world-class clinical care, wellness, education, and research. Home Base

Dr. David J. Roberts MD, Former President of Salem Hospital
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 5:30—6:30 PM
Interventional Cardiologist and former President of Salem Hospital, Dr. Roberts now serves as the SVP, of Community Operations at Massachusetts General Brigham Hospital. He will speak on the impact of food and housing insecurity.

David McCullough III, Co-Founder and CEO American Exchange Project
THURSDAY, MARCH 21, 5:30—6:30 PM
David McCullough was inspired by his own experience to establish **The American Exchange Project**, to provide high school students with free domestic exchange experiences, with the goal of overcoming polarization between communities. American Exchange Project

Chuck Wisner, Author, Leadership Coach, and Consultant
THURSDAY, APRIL 18, 5:30—6:30 PM
Chuck Wisner will be discussing his book *The Art of Conscious Conversations: Transforming How We Talk, Listen, and Interact*. His client list has included Google, Apple, Beth Israel Hospital, Harvard Business School, Toyota, General Motors, Shell, and Chrysler Motor Company.
ChuckWisner

Ron Skates, Former CEO of Data General
THURSDAY, MAY 16, 5:30—6:30 PM
In addition to leading Data General Corporation, Mr. Skates has served as director of several corporations, including the Cabot Industrial Trust, Cabot Microelectronics Corp., Courier Corp., Eastern Bank, Gilbane Inc., Joy Technology Corp., Raytheon Co., and State Street Corp, as well as serving on many civic organizations.

All lectures are free and located at:
The Reference Room
Manchester-by-the-Sea Public Library
15 Union Street, Manchester-by-the-Sea, MA, 01944

Due to space limitations at the library, reservations are requested for the contingency plan of relocating the event to Crowell Chapel. Those with reservations will be informed of last-minute changes of venue.
Reservations: https://www.manchesterpl.org/events/

Manchester-by-the-Sea Cultural Council Members:
Diane Kilgore, *Chair*, Karen Dolan, *Secretary*, Amy S. Carlin, Christiane Munkholm, and Marion Powers.
MBTS Library Representatives: Crystal Condcakes and Maddy Willwerth.

The Manchester Cultural Council is a community initiative in partnership with the Mass Cultural Council working to elevate our rich cultural life in Manchester-By-The-Sea. Connect with them on Facebook.



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Expanded biography for Brigadier General Jack Hammond:

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In 2012 Hammond was invited to lead **Home Base**, which is a unique partnership between the **Boston Red Sox** and **Massachusetts General Hospital (MGH)**. Over the past decade Hammond and his team have: established the nation's first private sector *Center of Excellence for the Invisible Wounds,* developed innovative solutions for mental health and brain injuries, and leveraged the faculty and clinical resources of MGH and Harvard Medical School to reimagine Veteran mental health and brain injury care. All these treatments are provided at no cost to the Veterans, and military service members, and families they care for.

Hammond has led U.S. and NATO forces in combat and counter-terrorism operations in both Iraq and Afghanistan. This includes simultaneously commanding two separate Battalion level Task Forces on more than one hundred successful intelligence-fused counter-terrorist operations in Iraq, responding to both WMD events and Mass Casualty suicide bombings, and an attack on our US Embassy.

General Hammond has earned Degrees from the University of Massachusetts and Boston University and completed a National Security Fellowship at Harvard University. His military awards and decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal, the Legion of Merit Medal for combat service, the Bronze Star Medal, the Meritorious Service Medals, the Army Commendation Medal for Valor, two Valorous Unit Awards, the Combat Action Badge, the French Medal of National Defense, and the Bulgarian Medal of Mission Support.

Reservations for Brigadier General Jack Hammond on February 1, 2024:
https://manchesterpl.assabetinteractive.com/calendar/mbts-cultural-council-presents-brigadier-general-ret-jack-hammond/


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