Connecticut Yankee Section

JOINT MEETING WITH AWS
November 18th , 2026

Speaker: **Donald Blanchette**

Subject: **The World is Being Rebuilt. Will you Help Build it?**

Place: **Groton Elks, Lodge, 700 Shennecossett Road Groton, CT. 06340**

Time: **Open (5:30 -6:30 pm), Dinner (6:30 -7:30 pm), Program (7:30-8:30 pm)**

Dinner: Pizza, sandwiches & salad, dessert
Beverages: Coffee, Tea and CASH BAR

Price: $25 per Person, please register by **November 12, 2026**

Technology, Change, and Opportunity in the Nondestructive Testing and Welding environment.

NDT and welding underpin everything from submarines and jet engines to bridges and spacecraft. As AI, robotics, and new techniques reshape both fields, how do you build a career that keeps pace? This session covers the demand behind the headlines, the credentials and technologies that matter, opportunities close to home in Connecticut, and a practical plan you can revisit and adapt as the field changes.

About the Speaker
Donald P Blanchette is a Fellow of the American Society for Nondestructive Testing (ASNT) with a career in engineering program management and leadership across aerospace, defense, and Navy R&D. He spent 18 years at Electric Boat and later led training and certification for more than 3,000 technical personnel at Mistras Group. He is a published author and conference speaker on quality, certification, and technology integration.

Please join us in learning what our speakers will share and enjoy a meeting with your friends and associates.

Please register by the due date. The Pizza, sandwiches and Salad needs to be ordered ahead of time.

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