

Melvin Roads Post 1231

Post 1231 Newsletter

April, May 2013



Commander's Message

Dear Legionnaires:

It has been nine months since I became your Commander and things are beginning to come together as I hoped they would. Some things we still need to address. For example, we must increase membership, promote the benefits to members for their military services rendered and encourage more participation by members in Post activities. Regarding the later, we barely make a quorum at our Post meetings (15 members are needed) and more fund raising activities need to be held.

In May we are the lead veterans group responsible for the Memorial Day Parade to be held on Saturday, May 25th. This is a great opportunity for all of us to pay our respects to those who gave their all so we can enjoy the freedoms we have. It is also a time for us to show how proud we are for having served this great nation of ours. I expect all who are able to participate. Let's make a great showing.

I want to thank all who have helped make these past nine months productive. As our recent Legion Anniversary and



St. Patrick's Day Dinner demonstrated, we can do great things when we work together.

Patrick J. Vallee, Commander

Upcoming Events:

- April 16th, Board Meeting with Officers
- April 17th Rensselaer County Committee at Melvin Roads
- April 19th, SONS Spaghetti Dinner
- April 27th, Tribute to Elvis Dinner
- May Blessing of the Ryders' Bikes TBA
- May 25th Memorial Day Parade
- June 1st Installation Dinner

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Significant Events on the Calendar for Members

A number of important events are coming up for the Melvin Roads Post. They are summarized here but details are in this issue.

First and foremost is the Memorial Day Parade on Saturday, May 25th. Melvin Roads is the lead agency this year and we would expect a great turnout from

the membership. A spaghetti dinner is planned by the SONS and will be held April 19th. On April 27th the Auxiliary is holding a "Tribute to Elvis" dinner.

The annual Installation dinner will be held on Saturday June 1st.

The Board of Directors will be meeting with the officers of the

Post, Auxiliary, SONS and Riders the evening of April 16th to present a detailed financial picture of Melvin Roads Post 1231 for the year ended December 31st, 2012. Besides the officers, other members are welcome. This will be a presentation by the Board and at this time is not intended to be a discussion about the future.



On April 27th, a Saturday evening, "A Tribute to Elvis" will be presented at the Post sponsored by our **Ladies Auxiliary**. The evening will begin with a Turkey Dinner at 7:00pm (doors open at 6:30pm). The show will be at 8:00pm. Cost is \$30 for the whole package (\$20 for the show only). Parties of 8-10 are asked to call the Post, 462-7006, to reserve a table.

President Linda Doherty encourages members of the Auxiliary to attend the April and May meetings as the group prepares a slate and elects officers for the coming year. Elections will take place on Tuesday May 7th. Linda wishes to take this opportunity to thank the officers and auxiliary members for helping her during her three years as president. Many have pulled together to make these years most productive including new ideas for fundraisers for the past and the future. The auxiliary has also sent hundreds of packages to troops in Iraq and Afghanistan.

We now have Queen of Hearts at the Post!

A special thanks to Marge for all her efforts in this regard. There are many troops in need and the auxiliary could use more hands in preparing and sending out packages. Please come to a meeting and volunteer for this worthwhile effort.

The **SONS** of the Melvin Roads Post 1231 are sponsoring a spaghetti dinner to be held on Friday, April 19th from 4:30pm to 7:30pm. The meal will consist of spaghetti, meatballs, sausage, bread and

Installation Dinner set for June 1st

The **Annual Installation and Service Awards Banquet is scheduled for Saturday evening, June 1st**. All newly elected officers for the Post, Board of Directors, Ladies Auxiliary, Legion Riders and Sons of the American Legion will be installed during the formalities of the evening. Service Awards will be presented to those who have continuous service to the Legion; Certificates and pins will be presented to several members who have 25, 40 and 60 years of continuous membership. Hor'doeuvres will

dessert. Adults are \$8.00 while children under 12, \$4.00.

The **SONS** are also requesting members who wish to receive this newsletter electronically and other Post events to send an email to melvinroads1231@nycap.rr.com. Let us know in your email whether you are a member of the Post, **SONS**, Auxiliary or Riders.

A date has yet to be set for the **Riders** Blessing of the Bikes this Spring. Watch for details at the Lounge.

be served at 5:00pm which includes bread and cheese, a vegetable tray and dip. A Turkey Dinner served family style will commence at 6:00pm. Beer and Soda are free all evening. Tickets are \$20 and may be purchased at the Post Bar during working hours through Saturday, May 25th. Life Members and Past Commanders are entitled to one free ticket for themselves. Entertainment will follow; at this printing, details are being worked out.

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Board of Directors to meet with Post Family Officers

The Board of Directors have requested that the officers of the Melvin Roads Post, Sons, Auxiliary and Riders meet with them on Tuesday evening, April 16th. This is a very important informational meeting as the Board will present a complete financial picture of Melvin Roads for the fiscal year ended December 31st, 2012. This will include the finances of not only the Board, but Bell Jar, Quick Draw, Bingo and the Post. This

is the date/time for the regular Board meeting and should be convenient for all (as it is a Tuesday evening 7PM). Other members are welcome, but this is primarily aimed at the Post Officers. The members of the Board of Directors are: Tony Rossello, Sr., President, Patsy Cherubino, Vice President, Ed Pratt, Secretary, George Basher, Treasurer, Bob Doherty, Building Chair and Todd Wiley, Bar Chair.



At a recent Monday Night Bingo, Chair Bob Doherty presented Wray Tibbetts, Sr. with a 90th birthday cake!

Memorial Day Parade May 25th

Members of Post 1231 are invited and encouraged to participate in the Town of East Greenbush Memorial Day Parade to be held on Saturday, May 25th. Melvin Roads is the host this year. Those who are able to march are asked to gather at Spare Time Lanes at 9:00am for step off at 10:00am. If you are not able to walk, there are several vans and floats avail-

able to ride in. The parade begins at Spare Time Bowling and heads west to the Prospect Heights Cemetery where a short ceremony will be offered at the grave of a veteran. Then all will continue on to Melvin Roads Post for a brief presentations by our elected officials. Among others, Rensselaer County Executive Kathy Jimino has accepted our invi-

tation to join us. Following, all are welcome for hot dogs and soda.

Participating in the parade among others will be county and town officials, the Yankee Doodle Band, local fire departments, police departments, the VFW, among others! Encourage your family and friends to line up along the parade route and honor our veterans both living and

A note of gratitude and appreciation go out to Beverly Baker and Michelle LaRock for chairing our most successful Anniversary and St. Patrick's Day Dinner, March 16th. 89 persons were in attendance.

Those who serve.... And served

In each newsletter we are proud to publish the names of those from our community who are currently serving in the military of the United States. If you know of anyone else or if you know what follows is incorrect, please email us at melvinroads@nycap.rr.com:

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of the United States Army,
Navy, Air Force,
Marines, Coast Guard,
Merchant Marines**

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Other Legion news notes:

- The Annual Paul Donnelly Scholarship Awards have been presented to two Seniors at Columbia High School, Kevin Mulvey and Casey Frankowski. Each will receive a check in the amount of \$500 in each of the next two semesters of college. Congratulations to both in their future endeavors.
- The Rensselaer County (American Legion) Committee will be meeting at Melvin Roads Post on April 17th.
- The next Commanders Meeting is Scheduled for May 8th at 7:00pm. All Post Officers are encouraged to attend. Preliminary Plans for Melvin

Roads 75th Anniversary (2014) as well as other activities will continue to be developed at these meetings.

- Melvin Roads Post collects torn or worn out American flags. Just drop them off at the post and they will be appropriately attended to at the annual flag retirement ceremony in June.
- Our banquet hall has many open dates for group gatherings not limited to wedding receptions, office parties, christening and family get-togethers. Call our hostess, Ginny Brockley at 518 527-4278 for further information. A booklet with menus

can be picked up at the Lounge at anytime.

- Governor Cuomo has signed into legislation a bill that will allow veterans to have their drivers license noted as "Veteran." This will begin



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