

Melvin Roads Post 1231

Post 1231 Newsletter February/March 2013



From the Commander...

Upcoming Dates:

- Super Bowl Sunday Party, February 3rd
- Fish Fry Fridays February 15th and all Fridays during Lent
- Cabin Fever February 16th
- Commanders' Meeting February 20th
- Work Detail, March 2nd.
- Legion Birthday/St. Patrick's Day Dinner March 16th
- Work Detail, April 6th

Dear Legionnaires:

I hope this letter finds you and yours healthy and ready to become involved in one of the Post activities! I'm thinking specifically of Bingo. We still can use more workers. All we are asking is for more members to offer to help just one Monday night a month from 6:30pm to 8pm or so. It will take a great deal of pressure off the few who work week in and week out. Without them and their unswerving dedication we simply could not continue to maintain this significant fund raiser for our Post.

Below you can read of

several upcoming activities to which we encourage you to attend. Further there is music in our lounge every Friday evening. Why not stop down and say "Hi."

I am pleased to report that our paid-up dues for 2013 is over 79%; this is remarkable given the fact we have 404 members on record. I do ask that if you know someone who is homebound or institutionalized/hospitalized you notify Brother Robert so he can contact them; his email is on page 2.

Finally, speak to a veteran you know who does not belong to Melvin Roads and



bring him to a second Tuesday of the month meeting. We'd be honored to meet him/her and invite them to join.

Commander Pat Vallee

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Winter Activities Scheduled at Post

While most experience the doldrums of the winter months, members of Melvin Roads have several winter activities to look forward to. In this issue there is information regarding our Super Bowl Party, scheduled for

Sunday, February 3rd. Later in February Cabin Fever will spread good cheer as the Riders hold their annual event February 16th. The SONS will be offering that now famous Lenten fare of Fish Fry Fridays beginning

on February 15th. And most importantly please plan your calendar now for March 16th, the annual American Legion Birthday Celebration coupled with our St. Patrick's Day observance. **See you there!**



Auxiliary President Linda Doherty would like to express thanks to all those who assisted with the December Ham and Wii System raffle fundraisers. The proceeds have been set aside to fund various projects and training programs for this year.

Members are reminded that dues for the 2012-2013 year should be remitted before May 1st. They are \$25.00. Also, a reminder that scholarship applications have been dropped off at Columbia High School Guidance Office for eligible seniors to complete. Completed applications must be received no later than March 1st.



The SONS will once again hold their Fish Fry Friday's beginning February 15th. This Lenten tradition will continue up to and including Friday, March 29th. The kitchen will be serving from 5:00pm to 8:00pm.

Among the menu offerings are a Fish fry, French fries and cole slaw for \$7.50. Hamburgers and Hot Dogs will also be available. A hamburger with fries and slaw is \$5.00, while two hot dogs with fries and slaw is \$5.00 also. A clam roll dinner with fries and slaw will sell for \$5.00 while a clam roll only, \$3.50. Sides of fries are \$1.50 and cole slaw \$1.00.



It's Cabin Fever time and the annual party held at Melvin Roads will be Saturday, February 16th. Festivities begin at 12Noon and will end at 4:00pm. The theme this year is "Proud to be an American!" The menu will include clams (raw and steamed), salads, new England clam chowder, hot dogs, burgers, sausage and onions, baked beans, desserts... the list goes on! An open bar is featured including coors light, soda, coffee and hot tea. Early bird price (by January 28th) is \$25. From the 29th to February 10th the cost is \$30.

Melvin Roads Baseball Gears up for 2013

Melvin Roads American Legion Baseball team plays a competitive 35 game summer baseball schedule for serious varsity level baseball players. Melvin Roads has captured New York State Championships in 2007 and 2009. Last season, Melvin Roads won the Coopers Cave Tournament competing against more than 32 talented Legion teams from all over the continental United States. The Melvin Roads is managed by former Melvin Roads and collegiate players Marc Peluso, Troy High coach Curtis Nobles, and Matt Murphy. Players must be born after 12/31/94 to be eligible for this coming season. Talented, dedicated and responsible players should contact Manager Marc Peluso at (518) 496-7133 to arrange for an independent evaluation.

Chaplain's Corner:

Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things. We turn to the God who is Love and present to him our needs. That this year of Faith we will increasingly firm our relationship with God, who is the only guarantee of authentic and lasting love. We ask God for an end to all attacks on religious liberty, and for the protection of the right to practice religion in freedom. That migrant families, especially the mothers, may be supported and accompanied in their difficulties. For our Grace to be truly loving in all our thoughts, words and actions.....Amen

Brother Robert-Francis

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Work Details Scheduled

Commander Pat Vallee has been holding meetings to bring the various members of the Melvin Roads family together to address common concerns. The most recent meeting had a lot of great ideas. One thought raised was how members can make Melvin Roads a nicer place without adding another expense. The group came up with having a "Project Day" once a month where members come in and fix, repair, clean, and make our post more appealing. Two dates were set: Saturday, March 2nd and April 6th. More dates will be forth coming as this gets rolling.

It was decided that the Commanders/ Presidents of the Legion, Sons, Auxiliary, and Riders would bring this to their members at the February meetings. Ideas will then be discussed at the next Commander's meeting scheduled for Wednesday, February 20th at 7pm (which is open to all members to attend) to decide on a list of things we might want to begin with.

YOU CAN HELP!. You don't have to have a particular skill for there will surely be something for everyone to do. This is a good opportunity for members to have a greater input in how our post looks, and get us all working together toward the same goals.

So put on your work clothes and grab your tools, and let's get together as a family and make this a post that is the rave of the community.

Super Bowl Sunday February 3rd

Sunday, February 3rd, Melvin Roads Post will offer an afternoon of fun, refreshments, games and football on what is now an annual event. Festivities begin at 5PM 'til ???.

Football Trivia, prizes, drink specials, jello shots: modest cost, 50/50 and food. Attendees are invited to bring a covered dish to share. You can let us know what you'll be bringing by signing up on the board in the lounge. Mark your calendar now and plan on joining in the fun.

*Spread the
word...
We are
always
open to the
public!*

Legion Birthday/St. Patrick's Dinner Scheduled

The Annual Legion Birthday coupled with the St. Patrick's Day Celebration has once again been scheduled at Melvin Roads Post. The date is Saturday, March 16th beginning at 5:30pm. Participants will have the choice of entrees. Beer, wine and soda are included in the \$25 price. Music will be provided by Scott from 7:30pm to 11:30pm. Tickets will be available in the Lounge; call for the specific date they go on sale. Tickets must be purchased no later than March 11th so that the committee may plan accordingly.



On 13 November the SONS were honored to hear a presentation by Cmdr. Grant S. Staats a former Navy Seal. He is seen here flanked by Cmdr. PatVallee and SONS Cmdr. Kevin DeRusso.



Honoring those who serve..... And honorably 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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Merchant Marines**

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www.melvinroads1231.org**

Where we are always open to the public!

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News Notes...

- Melvin Roads Post 1231 was proudly represented at the American Legion Rensselaer County **Oratorical Contest** by **Kevin Mulvey**. Kevin was one of our Boys' State Representatives this past year.
- The **Paul Donnelly Scholarship** offers **\$1,000** given each year to a college student who is a son/daughter, grandson/granddaughter of a Melvin Roads Legion Member, Auxiliary or Squadron. Applications are available at the Post and must be **submitted by March 1st**.
- **Beautiful and Patriotic 2013 wall calendars** are available at the Post for a cost of \$6.50. All proceeds from the sales will go to support the ongoing programs of the Post and the SONS. See Bill or Bev Baker or one of the bartenders to purchase one.
- Melvin Roads Post once again proudly sponsored an American Red Cross blood drive this past January 11th. A total of 15 pints were collected. The next blood drive at Melvin Roads is scheduled for July 13, 2013.
- Anyone who would like to receive this newsletter is more than welcome to receive an email subscription (hard copies are always available in the Post lounge). Mail such a request to
melvinroads1231@nycap.rr.com.
- All members of the Post, Auxiliary, SONS, Riders are encouraged to send us their email address so we can save postage in mailing out the newsletter.
- Tom Brown of Citizens Bank will be

holding an informal gathering at the Post for anyone interested in discussing the economic picture as it may affect them. There is no commitment of any sort, just an information, question and answer format to help anyone concerned about their assets and financial future. The date is Tuesday evening, **February 26th at 7PM**.



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