

Melvin Roads Post 1231

Post 1231 Newsletter

February March 2014



Upcoming Events:

- **Super Bowl Party, Feb 2nd**
- **Cabin Fever, Feb 15th**
- **Fish Fry Fridays Begin Mar 7th**
- **Legion Birthday St. Patty's Dinner, Mar 15th**
- **Memorial Bloodmobile, Mar 21**
- **Country Line Dancing Mar 29**

Commander's Message

Dear Legionnaires:

Now that the holidays are over—and I hope you all enjoyed them—it's time to start thinking as members what each of us can do to support our Post.

If you are physically able, how about giving some consideration to becoming a volunteer. We always need help at Bingo (no heavy lifting!); we could use your help even if it was only once or twice a month. We also have some members who have been doing some repairs around the plant as well. Surely you have some

gifts and abilities from your profession/career that you could share with us also.

And we want to encourage more members to come to our monthly Post meetings held the Second Tuesday of the month at 7:30pm. Come and learn more of what the Post and the Legion is all about and doing for the community.

With this newsletter is a calendar prepared just for Melvin Roads Post; on it is scheduled all the functions coming up. Why not mark your personal calendar now and join us at these gatherings;



you're always assured of a good time.

Patrick J. Vallee Commander

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Board Presents Financial Update to Post Officers

On Thursday evening, January 30th, the Board of Directors of Melvin Roads Post presented to the officers of the post family, the serious financial situation we all are facing. It was pointed out that funds are not as available as they were in 2006/2007, years to which 2013/2014 were compared. For example, Bell Jar (pull tabs) a major source of

income has dropped from \$154,000 in 2006 to \$62,000 in 2013. Bingo receipts have dropped from \$190,000 in 2006 to \$127,700 in 2013. When you include the operation of the Lounge and Banquet Facility, for 2012, Income from all sources reached \$591,500 but expenses for the same period were \$614,300, or a loss of \$23,000. The yet-to-be-audited

figures for 2013 estimate the loss to be over \$50,000. Income has decreased, while expenses continue to climb. We cannot sustain these losses as there is still a mortgage of \$83,000 to be paid against what savings are left—\$100,000. The efforts to turn this around were shared with the hope that all members get more involved and take their Post seriously.

The SONS will be holding Fish Fry Friday's once again this coming Lenten season. Beginning March 7th and running every Friday until Easter, fish fries with all the usual sides will be offered. Doors open at 5pm and run until 7pm. Mark your calendars now.

The SONS are also planning a gathering in June (date to be announced) when Melvin Roads Detachment will host a homecoming for Lt. Commander John Chang, presently SAL New York State Detach-



ment Commander. Watch for further details in our next newsletter.

Lunch is now being served at Melvin Roads Post Tuesday thru Friday 11:30-2PM Daily specials with Friday's 4pm to 7pm Bar Fare!

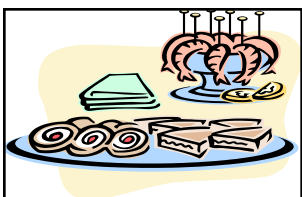


If you are considering your estate, why not include Melvin Roads Post 1231 in your remembrances. We are a 501 (c) (19) charity recognized by the IRS.



At the New York Department of State American Legion Convention this past summer, dues were increased by \$5.00. You will be seeing this increase in 2014. The Post does not share in that increase.

***Having a family get together in the future?
Or maybe an office party?
Or looking for a venue for an after-funeral gathering?
Look no further than
Our own Melvin Roads Post***



***Heroes Banquet Hall
For all your catering needs
(and yes, we can deliver!)***

***Call our hostess
Ginny Brockley for info
at (518) 527-4278***



Cabin Fever's Beach Party!

Cabin Fever is affecting everyone during this very difficult winter season. But there is something you can do about it; cast your blues to the wind and come on down to Melvin Roads Post to celebrate a "Beach Party" on Saturday, February 15th. The time is from 1pm to 7pm. The day will feature lots of activities including games of chance.

Music will be provided by Brian. Tickets are now on sale in the Post Lounge. Tickets for member are \$15.00 and can be purchased ahead or at the door. Non-members may purchase tickets at \$20.00 either now or at the door also. Food will be included from 1pm to 5pm. The theme is "Beach Party," so get out that summer wear and dress appropriately!



Annual Legion Birthday, St. Patty's Day Dinner Set for Melvin Roads

The Annual Legion Birthday celebration coupled with the St. Patrick's Day Festivities has once again been scheduled at Melvin Roads Post. The date is Saturday, March 15th beginning at 5:30pm. Corned beef & Ham will be served family style. Beer, wine and soda are included. The cost of a ticket is \$25 each or \$40 per couple. Music will be

provided by Couple's DJ Service from 6:30pm to 11pm.

Tickets will be available in the Lounge (call for the specific date they go on sale). and must be purchased no later than March 9th so that the committee and our hostess and chef may plan accordingly. We look forward to a great turn out this year!

Bingo Report

Dan Holmes, who along with Bob Doherty chair our Wednesday night Bingo offers an update on activities: October thru December, there were 11 Wednesday night Bingos. We had 1,081 players, with gross receipts of \$30,182.50. Prizes totaled \$25,300 plus our 60/40 casino prize monies of \$6,085 giving us a net profit of \$4,882.

Line Dancing Events Scheduled at Post

Earlier in January, Heroes Hall was the setting for an evening of Country Line Dancing. It was so successful that it will be held again on March 29th and April 25th. Kevin Richards, D J with WGNA will host this Line Dance Party 2014. Wrist band is \$10 for the evening. Bring your friends and enjoy dancing to your favorite Country Songs. Our "Post Country Team" will have some great snacks to take away the hunger pains and "The Post Bar Staff" will also be ready to serve up your favorite beverage to wet your whistle. Come on down, spin your partner 'round and just have an evening of fun. *And spread the word....*

Memorial Bloodmobile scheduled at Post

A Memorial Bloodmobile will be held at Melvin Roads Post the afternoon of Thursday, March 21st. It will be a year to the day that Cash David Graham was born but shortly thereafter lost his life to a disease known as hydrops. His family, many of whom are active at Melvin Roads, is using this birthday anniversary to raise awareness of this disease by holding this event. Many blood products were used on his behalf. Hours will be from 1:30pm to 6:30pm that Friday. You can make a reservation to give blood by calling the Red Cross or scheduling on line. Walk-ins are always welcome.

Post Hosts Tues-Fri Lunch Menu

Lunch is Served! This past fall, the Board of Directors of Melvin Roads Post began to offer a lunch opportunity at the Post. From 11:30AM to 2PM, Tuesday thru Friday our luncheon chef, Caitlin Morris has been offering an appetizing menu with specials every day! The price is modest and as always, bar drinks are always available.

We encourage members to patronize this new feature at Melvin Roads. Your presence will go a long way not only toward promoting our programs but provide additional revenues that will help us achieve financial stability! Caitlin is also offering bar fare, Fridays from 4pm to 7:30pm.

Bingo Wednesday's 7:30pm!

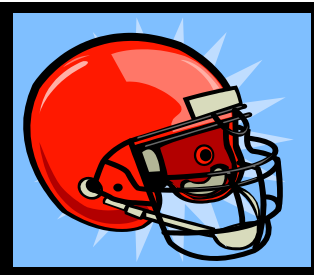
Those who serve... and served

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*

Robert Brockley
Vincent Catalfamo
George Corbari

Alicia Howard
Chris Whalen
Scott J. Collins
Glenn Robinson
Danielle Richardson
Caroline Cleveland
Josh Spath
Nick Monuteaux
Robert Kleamovich III
Jim Rosencrans
Brittany Hellwig
Justin Edberg

Super Bowl Sunday



On Super Bowl Sunday, February 2nd, Melvin Roads Post will offer an afternoon of fun, refreshments, games and football at what has become an annual event. Festivities begin at 5PM 'til ??? Football Trivia, prizes, drink specials, give-away's, 50/50 and food. Attendees are invited to bring a covered dish to share. Mark your calendar now and plan on joining at the 50 yard line!

Chaplain's Corner May the great Prophet Isaiah keep reminding us of the beauty of what is to come. Thus says the Lord, your redeemer, the Holy One of Israel. I The Lord Your God will teach you what is good for you. The closer we get to God The better we feel as the great Light will surround us and bring us to the heavenly peace. Remember! What sparks a fire in your heart? What stokes your imagination? May our good Brothers and Sisters of the American Legion be steady, honest, truthful, of good morals, compassionate and Loyal to all with whom we deal. I pray that you all had a good Christmas and are look forward to a Blessed New Year for this 2014. Blessings

Br. Robert-Francis Matthews, Fsd
Chaplain Melvin Post 1231

Rest In Peace:
Richard M. Pedro
Past National Commander, Past State Com-
mander,
Adjutant, NYState (for 29 years)

May they Rest
In Peace:

Robert T. Folmsbee
(December 11, 2013)

Patrick J. Mucci
(December 4, 2013)

Salvatore LaFalce
(December 2, 2013)

William W. Loughlin
(November 6, 2013)

Robert M. Reiter
(November 18, 2013)

Melvin R. Goss

Kyle Anderson
Mark Becker
Grant Staats
Michael Burdette
Spencer Boyd
Matt Raymond
Sean Markham
Joshua Stickle
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Merchant Marines**

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*Lunch is now being offered at Melvin Roads
Heroes' Lounge, Tues—Fri, 11:30am to 2:00pm
Join us!*

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Post News Notes.....

- Bingo is now being held on Wednesday evenings. Members of the Post Family are encouraged to stop by anytime after 5:30pm to assist. There is always a job for anyone who can offer their time for this important fund-raising effort.
- The Ladies Auxiliary has purchased a memorial stone for the Legion grounds. It reads "For All That Serve." It is found near the gazebo waiting for a more permanent location.
- Members are requested to send their email address to the Post so we can send along notices as well as this newsletter. Send to melvinroads@nycap.rr.com
- Our luncheon chef, Caitlyn Morris is now offering bar fare on most Friday evenings from 4pm to 7:30ish. Sliders, chicken wings and other appropriate specials are offered. End your work week by stopping by the Post and enjoying your favorite beverage with these mouth watering offerings!
- It was reported in an earlier newsletter that the IRS was fining Posts \$1,000 a day if they did not have on file a DD214 for each member. The American Legion met with the IRS in December and that requirement has been modified. Nonetheless, if you have belonged to the Legion for more than 15 years, please mail a copy of your DD214 to our address.
- On February 3, 1943, the Army transport ship Dorchester was torpedoed by a German U-boat in the Atlantic. The four Army chaplains on board stayed aboard, giving up their life-jackets to the other men. On this date every year, the Four Chaplains Award is presented in honor of these clergymen.
- A change in the U.S. Flag Code gives veterans and members of the U.S. Armed Forces authority to render a salute to the flag, whether or not they are in uniform or wearing identifying veteran apparel. All others present should remove any headwear, face the flag and place their right hand over their heart.



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