

Melvin Roads Post 1231 American Legion

Melvin Roads Post 1231

April/May 2011 Newsletter

A Word From the Commander...

Upcoming Events:

- Fish Fry Fridays April 1 thru 15th 5:30pm to 7:30pm
- April 15th Income Tax Due!
- April 20th Rensselaer County Committee meets at MR
- May 28th East Greenbush Memorial Day Parade
- May 30th, Memorial Day Observed
- Installation Dinner June 4th, 5:30pm
- July 8th, Blood Mobile at Melvin Roads

Commander Bob here:

I hope I'm finding everyone in good health?? Upcoming events are on the monthly calendar within this newsletter.

At the last Post meeting held in March I'm glad to report we had more than the required 15 members show up. Still not the numbers I would like to see, however. Hopefully those numbers will continue to increase in the upcoming months. Next Post meetings will be 4/12/11, 5/10/11 and 6/14/11 at 7:30pm. Hope to see you there.

Two upcoming events are the Memorial Day Parade and the Installation Dinner. At the last meeting a nominating committee was formed. Chairman: Rich Bender, Tellers: Ernie Hotaling,

Todd Wiley and Brother Robert.

They are looking for persons who would be interested in running for any of the Post Offices. If you are interested contact one of them.

New Bingo Chairman Patsy Cherubino is looking for bingo workers. He would like to get enough workers to form 2 teams. This would allow workers to work every other week. Please help out if you can. Just stop in on a Monday night and let him know you are available. No one will be turned away. On a bad note: attendance is way down at our post functions. Cabin Fever had to be cancelled and attendance at the American Legion Birthday/St. Patrick's Day Party was down also. Please try to help the Post by your attendance at up coming functions. SAL is running fish fry



Commander Bob Doherty

nights on the Friday from April 1st to the 22nd. Time is 5:30pm to 8:00pm. Come on down and bring your neighbors. That's all for now. Hope to see you all through out the up coming months either at a post function, meeting or maybe relaxing in our Lounge.

Commander Bob Doherty

Inside this issue:

Ladies Auxiliary	2
SONS	2
Legion Riders	2
MR Legion Baseball	3
Those who serve...and served	3
News Items	4

Installation Dinner Set—All Invited!

The Annual Installation Banquet for Melvin Roads Post 1231 is set for Saturday evening, June 4th, 2011. All newly elected officers for the Post, Board of Directors, Ladies Auxiliary, Legion Riders and SONS will be installed during the formalities of the evening.

Service Awards will be presented to those who have continu-

ous service to the Legion for 25, 40, 50, 60 and 65 years.

Our Banquet staff under the direction of Ginny Brockley and Chef Ed Ryan will offer a full turkey dinner served family style.

Festivities begin at 5:00pm with dinner served at 6:00pm.

Following dinner a special pres-

entation featuring old time radio will be offered, a great success last year.

Tickets may be purchased at the Lounge after May 8th. Cost is \$18.00. Life members and Past Commanders are entitled to one free ticket for themselves. All members are encouraged to attend this very special evening.

Auxiliary News...



For the past several weeks, the Ladies Auxiliary has been collecting "Socks for Soldiers" to be sent to our service men and women overseas. An item of clothing we take for granted is a precious commodity for our troops. Thanks to all who donated, over 20,000 pairs of socks were collected by the auxiliary units in New York State.

Members of the Ladies Auxiliary are encouraged to attend the monthly meetings. The April meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 5th at 7:00pm here at the Post.

The May meeting will be Tuesday May 3rd. This is election time and time to consider the office holders for the coming Legion Auxiliary year. Please

consider attending the upcoming meetings. The Auxiliary is always looking for fresh faces to take on an officer's responsibility. Join and consider running for one of the offices.

SONS News...



The SONS are pleased to host Fish Fry Friday's during Lent. The hours are 5:30pm to 8:00pm and the cost is \$7.50. Chef Dan and his staff look forward to serving you. Hot Dogs and Hamburgers are also available.

Our NASCAR winners this year according to Racer Jimmy Williams were: Ed Pratt & Dominick Indelicato, \$45.00; Ed Caddy & Rob D. \$70.00 and Tim Clasby and Bill H, \$100.00. Thanks to all who participated and thanks to **Jim for a GREAT JOB.**

The SONS are holding a

50/50 raffle with a drawing to be held every 2nd Tuesday, meeting night. Tom Penk was the winner in March. Congrats Tom! For further information, see one of the SONS or Commander Kevin DeRusso.

Congratulations is also in order for "**SAL Historian**" **Bill Holman** who was presented with a Certificate for completing the **Detachment of New York, "Leadership Seminar Workshop"** which he attended during the Mid-Winter Conference in January.

The Third District Visitation



came to a close March 13th as Detachment Commander John expressed thanks to our 3rd District Officers in attendance.

It is with great sadness that the SONS announce the passing of **Jack Williams**, brother of one of our very active members, 2nd Vice Commander Jim Williams.

Legion Riders...

The Riders are once again planning to hold a ham raffle in time for Easter dinner. Friday, April 22nd the Spiral Ham Raffle will be drawn. Tickets may be purchased from any American Legion Rider member or may be found in the Post Lounge. Do-

nation is one dollar.

The riding season is fast approaching and planning for upcoming events will be considered at the next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, April 19th at 7:30pm. All riders and future riders are encouraged to attend.



Melvin Roads Legion Baseball Team Set for 2011

The Melvin Roads 2011 American Legion Baseball Schedule has been drawn up and the players are looking forward to another successful year. They won the New York State Championship both in 2007 and 2009 and hope to repeat again!

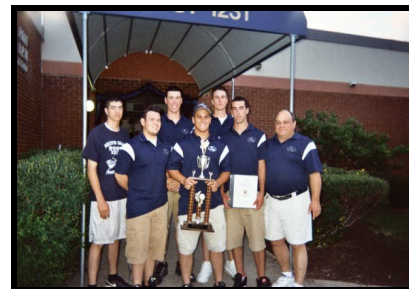
The schedule of games has been posted in the Lounge and members are encourage to show up and support our athletes. The first game will be played June 4th at 1:00pm at Legion Field

which is located just off McCarty Avenue in Albany (near Thruway Exit 23). They will be playing the team from Zaloga/Blanchard Post, Albany.

The manager for the 2011 team is Marc Peluso. Having played on the recent championship teams, Marc continues his second year with this responsibility. Asked about his strategy, Marc said he "stresses the fundamentals as the cornerstone to improving player ability."

Marc will be assisted by Coaches Curtis Nobles and Matt Murphy. Curtis, a former MR player [recording the only perfect game in MR history] was the manager during the 2007, 2009 Championship seasons. Matt also played for MR as a catcher during the 2009 season.

Joe Peluso will once again assist the team as general manager.



Players with the 2009 NYS Championship trophy.

MR Baseball Player Invited to Orioles Spring Training

Former Melvin Roads and Columbia High baseball player, **Matt Montross** has received an invitation to attend **Baltimore Orioles Spring Training** to compete for an opportunity to pitch in Major League Baseball.

Matt pitched the 2009 Melvin Roads team to a New York State Championship compiling a 13-0 record with a 1.33 ERA. He continued to perform well in the Regional Tournament as he

pitched a 10-0 opening round win over Delaware in Morgentown, West Virginia. Matt's success dates back to his pitching dominance while in the East Greenbush Little League. As a member of the 10 year old All Star team, Matt pitched the team to a 3rd place finish in the New York State Tournament. As a member of the East Greenbush-Schodack Devilcats 16 year old Matt pitched the team to the

World Series Championship compiling an ERA of 0.73. He established a World Series tournament record as his ERA was lower than current major leaguer, Jake Peavy.

Matt recently pitched for the Albany Athletics of the Twilight League which competed in the World Series in Houston.

Matt is the son of Jeff and Millie Montross and lives in EG.

Mark your calendar now for the Memorial Day Parade, May 28th and our annual Installation Banquet scheduled for June 4th.

Those who serve... and served

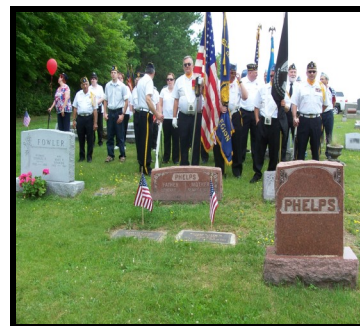
In each bi-monthly newsletter we are proud to publish the names of those who are currently serving in the military of the United States. If you know of anyone else or if you know what follows is incorrect, please let us know via email to melvin-roads@nycap.rr.com: Robert Brockley, Vincent Catalfamo,

George Corbari, Joshua Getz, George Lovely III, Patricia Bordeaux, Alicia Howard, Chris Whalen, Scott J. Collins, Glenn Robinson, Danielle Richardson, Dawn Denton, John Rossello, Caroline Cleveland, Jason Sanabria, Josh Spath, Nicholas Monuteaux, Robert Kleamovich III, Jim Rosencrans, John

Clements, Glen Stagnitta, Jason Nopper, Brittaney Hellwig, Fredy Tellocastillo, Tyson Quink, Tera Quink.

May they rest in peace...

**Joseph A. Comeau, Sr.
William Heintz
William Carpinello**



Memorial Day, 2010

200 Columbia Turnpike
Clinton Heights
Rensselaer, New York 12144

Phone: 518-462-7006
Fax: 518-462-5250
E-Mail: melvinroads@nycap.rr.com

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

Look! We're on the web!
www.melvinroads1231.org

Melvin Roads Post and Legion News April/May 2011

- Bingo Chair Patsy Cherubino is optimistic as our Monday night **Bingo is showing improvement**. Help from members is always welcome and encouraged.
- We are having **WiFi installed** in the Lounge and on our premises!
- In an effort to save on expenses, **we are asking everyone with an email address to send that email address to our web site—melvinroads@nycap.rr.com**. We hope to get word of the newsletter to you electronically. Even now you can always view it on our web site, melvinroads1231.org.
- Have you looked at the web site lately? It is really an exciting and informative source for legion news and events. We **thank Kevin Harrington** for all his hard work and commitment to this on-going project.
- There will be a **Blood Mobile** at Melvin Roads on **July 8th**. Watch for future details but mark your calendar now!
- Have you considered **using our Lounge or Banquet Hall** for a family gathering? Several members have taken advantage of this for receptions after baptisms and funerals. Call the Post for details/arrangements.
- **Encourage your office, bowling league, community organization to use our Banquet Hall**. See our web site for lots of information about possibilities!
- Melvin Roads now offers **Quick Draw** daily in our Lounge. Come in and try your luck! Pull tabs also are offered and a favorite past time!
- The **Paul Donnelly Scholarship** offers \$1,000 given each year to a college student who is a son/daughter, grandson/daughter of a Legion Member. We are always looking for donations to the Fund.



Melvin Roads Post 1231
Columbia Turnpike
Rensselaer, New York 12144