

Melvin Roads Post 1231 American Legion

# Post Newsletter

## From the Commander...

Commander Bob here:

I hope I'm finding everyone in good health as we begin a new year! Upcoming events are on the monthly calendar within this newsletter. There were Post meetings held in November and December and I am glad to report we had more than the required quorum of 15 members. Still, we are not near the numbers I would like to see. Hopefully those numbers will continue to increase in the upcoming months. Next Post meetings are February 8th and March 8th beginning at 7:30pm. I hope to see you there.

Bingo Chair Dan Yates has resigned due to all the problems we are having with the games. A

replacement has not been designated as of yet. However, someone has stepped forward with the possibility of filling that role; we'll keep you informed. Given that Bingo has had many problems of late, we discussed it at length at the December meeting. Consideration is being given to closing down Bingo but because of the tremendous source of revenue it could/should be, we are trying our best to save it. So once again, I have to request and/or beg for assistance on Monday nights. Last year about \$40K was realized. These proceeds significantly help us pay our bills in this tight economy; these funds are also used to support our Championship base-



**Commander Robert Doherty**

ball team. Please consider helping; any questions call me at 727-4633 or just show up Monday night. That's it for now; we invite you to stop by the Lounge anytime and please mark your calendar to attend the Post meetings.

*Commander Bob*

### Upcoming Events:

- County Visitation at Wynantskill Post, January 20th
- Mid Winter Conference, January 21-23rd, Desmond
- Cabin Fever February 12th
- **Veterans Appreciation Day February 19th**
- SONS Spaghetti Dinner March 6th
- Legion Birthday/ St. Patrick's Day Party March 12th.
- Zumba Dancing to benefit cure for Breast Cancer March 19th.
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## Veterans Appreciation Day scheduled for Melvin Roads

A Veterans Appreciation Day highlighted by informational kiosks will be held Saturday, **February 19th from 10AM to 3PM** here at Melvin Roads Post 1231. The day's activities will include the offering of assistance to veterans by the Albany Veterans Administration Medical Center. The VA will provide the opportunity for Vets to join the health care program and received their related ID Card. Further, health clinics will

be offered both for finger sticks and blood pressure. The New York State Division of Veterans Affairs will be available to provide all veterans with the necessary input needed in order to receive the benefits available to them. The New York State Department of Labor will also provide the opportunity to receive input on employment benefits for those who have served their country in the military forces.

The day is one more example of how Melvin Roads Post is caring for our veterans. The program is being coordinated by Member George Basher with the assistance of Vice Commanders Dan Yates and Michelle LaRock. All veterans are welcome along with their families. Mr. Basher is suggesting that "each vet, bring a vet." There is no admission charge and refreshments will be served.



## Ladies Auxiliary News....Legion Riders...

**Ladies Auxiliary** President, Linda Doherty reports that this past November and December were busy months for the auxiliary. Three active military families were given a Thanksgiving Dinner and in December three families were adopted. These families had seven children among them and all received Christmas gifts. Such activities are made possible by the auxiliaries fund raising efforts such as

the Ham Raffle held each December. Linda requests that all members make an honest attempt to attend the monthly meetings held the first Monday evening. By doing so more hands would be available to help with these most worthwhile projects.

The Auxiliary for the Department of New York is asking for donations of newly packaged socks to be sent to our troops in

Afghanistan. Sad truth is, most personnel have to make one pair of socks last a week. A drop off point has been placed in the Lounge to receive sizes 9-12 in black, gray, brown or white, crew style socks.

Our **Melvin Roads Post Legion Riders** has received a note from the East Coast Riders thanking them for their support of their charitable efforts this past year.

## Sons Activities...

SONS Commander, Kevin DeRusso has noted a number of activities coming of interest to the **SONS**. On Sunday, **March 6th here at Melvin Roads, the annual benefit spaghetti dinner** will be held from 4PM to 6PM. The public is invited. The SONS will also be holding "**Fish Fry Friday's**" starting **March 11th** running through April 15th here at the Post. Servings will be offered between the hours of 6-8PM. Cmdr Kevin reminds

the SONS of the Mid-Winter Conference being held at the Desmond from January 21st thru the 23rd. In conjunction with this event, the SONS are invited to attend the annual visitation dinner on January 20th, starting at 6:00pm at the North Greenbush Post. Kevin has tickets which cost \$25 per person. Squadron meetings are held the second Tuesday of the month beginning at 7PM. Dues are payable to either Paul Rossello or may be dropped off at the Lounge and

placed in the SAL mail slot. District Visitations will start in Albany and Greene Counties March 11th to 13th. Anyone wishing to attend please contact Tom Thibault or Kevin. Finally, the SONS welcome new member Robert A. Strunk. Robert is the great great nephew of WWI hero Sergeant Alvin York. And a thanks goes out to those SONS who have helped at Monday night Bingo.

## Legion Birthday/St. Patrick's Day, March 12th

The annual **Legion Birthday coupled with the St. Patrick's Day Celebration** has once again been scheduled at Melvin Roads Post! The date is March 12th, Saturday evening from 5:30pm on. Participants will have the choice of entrees. Beer, Wine and Soda are in-

cluded.

Music will be provided from 7:30pm to 11:30pm. Tickets will be available in the Lounge at the Post in the near future; watch for information posted there. Tickets must be purchased **NO LATER** than March 7th so the committee can plan accordingly.



## Cabin Fever set for February 12th...

Getting itchy over these frigid and snowy days? Looking for some way to celebrate in the midst of this winter weather? Well then, join in the fun at the annual **Cabin Fever Party!** The date is **Saturday,**

**February 12th 2011 running from 12:30PM to 6pm here at our Melvin Roads**



**Post** location. Join in for the clam bake starting at 1:00pm.

Clams, soups, sausages, salads will be offered. And at 5:00pm what everyone looks forward to each year, the pig roast with all the fixin's.

Beer and soda is included with the price of \$35.00. This year's

theme is **"Mystery Island Adventure."**

Throughout the afternoon you can look forward to theme contests and other surprises. Door prizes will be drawn all day. For entertainment, music from 1:00pm to 5:00pm will

be provided by *Party with Marty*, a favorite DJ here at the Post. Tickets are now available at the Post Lounge.



## Press Association elects Anne and Kevin Harrington... Post Newsletter Award

Melvin Roads Post is honored to have two members actively involved in the **New York American Legion Press Association (NYALPA)**. Outgoing President Kevin Harrington ((SONS) has been elected Secretary for the 2011 season. And Anne Harrington is Vice President (NYAL-PA) this year.

NYALPA is a non-profit organization made up of men, women, boys and girls of all ages who are interested in furthering the aims of the American Legion Department of New York.

Ed Pratt, Melvin Roads Adjutant is also a member and the editor of this newsletter. Each

year the NYALPA holds a communications contest for various categories. This "American Legion Post 1231" newsletter has won recognition for the second year in a row, this year being awarded second place in the Post Publications with over 300 members category. Special Recognition was also awarded for the bi-monthly calendar.



**Press Association Award Presentation**

## 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](mailto:melvin-roads@nycap.rr.com): Robert Brockley, Vincent Catalfamo, George Corbari, Joshua Getz, George Lovely III, Patricia Bor-

deau, Adam Kraus, 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  
from their labors-**  
John Kugler, Jr.

April 10, 2010

Vincent Declementi

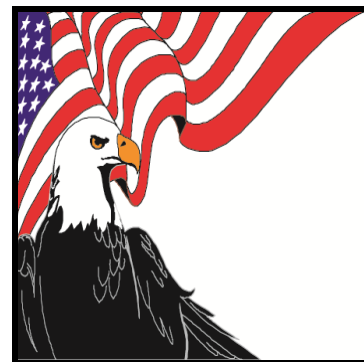
June 21, 2010

Alexander Federchuck

Dec 20, 2010

Albert L. Dodge

January 3, 2011



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## Melvin Roads Post 1231 Newsletter February/March 2011

### News Notes...

- The "City Texans" are holding a benefit Zumba Dance here at Melvin Roads March 19th. Proceeds will benefit research for a cure to breast cancer. The public is invited to attend. Times are 11AM to 5PM.
- This newsletter (in color!) is also published on our Melvin Roads website at [www.melvinroads1231.org](http://www.melvinroads1231.org). It may be found there under the calendar icon.
- As just noted, our website is found at [www.melvinroads1231.org](http://www.melvinroads1231.org). There is much helpful and interesting information there.
- Our banquet hall has many available dates. Call our hostess Ginny Brockley (518 527 4258) for ideas for your group's dinner, luncheon, wedding reception, rehearsal dinner or family reunion! Check out the menu on our website also.
- Several members' families have used the Post Lounge for gathering after funeral services. Please call us so we can be helpful to you in your hour of need.
- Members who are behind on their dues are urged to contact Membership Representative, Ed Levesque or Pat Vallee at the Post (see mailing address and phone number on masthead of newsletter). Annual Dues are \$32.00.
- During 2010 Melvin Roads Post laid to rest 20 of its active veterans. Their absence will never be filled because of personal giftedness but we have added the same number of new members who now count themselves as Legionnaires.
- When at the Post be sure to check out the military display cases located in the lounge and in the Banquet Hall entrance way. Bill Holman gets a round of applause for his work. If you have anything military and you'd like to have that displayed please bring it to the Post for Bill or Kevin DeRusso to set up for you.

*Veterans'  
Appreciation Day  
February 19th  
Each Veteran  
Bring a Veteran!*