

Melvin Roads American Legion

Melvin Roads Post 1231
June/Summer 2011 Newsletter

A Word From the Commander...

Upcoming Events:

- Memorial Day Parade May 28th
- Memorial Day Observed, May 30th (Post Closed, No Bingo)
- Installation Dinner June 4th
- D-Day, June 6th
- Flag Day, June 14th
- June 19th, Fathers' Day
- Flag Retirement June 23rd
- Bloodmobile July 8th

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Outgoing Commander Bob here:

My last commander's corner... I hope I'm finding everyone in good health?? Upcoming events are on the monthly calendar within this newsletter. Two upcoming events of special importance are the Memorial Day Parade (sponsored by Melvin Roads this year) and the Installation Dinner (see below). We hope to see everyone at both functions.

At the last Post meeting held in May, I'm glad to report that we had more than the required 15 members show up (27 to be exact)! Still not the numbers I would like to see, however. Hopefully those numbers will continue to increase in the upcoming months. Next

Post meeting will be June 7th, 2011.

At the May meeting annual elections were held. Those elected are as follows: Commander, Dan Yates; 1st Vice, Michelle LaRock; 2nd Vice, Pat Vallee; 3rd Vice, Ruth Leeson and Financial Officer, George Basher. Elected to the Board of Directors for four years were Tony Rossello, Sr. and myself. Post Chaplain, Brother Robert Francis.

As the outgoing commander, I would like to thank everyone who has helped me during my tenure. These past two years will be something I'll treasure for a long time. Our accomplishments were many, and hopefully all will be long last-



Commander Bob Doherty

ing. Again, "Thank You" for making this time something I will never forget. That's it for now. Hope to see you all through out the upcoming months either at a Post function, meeting or maybe relaxing at the bar.

Commander Bob Doherty

Installation Dinner June 4th to feature Radio Show

The Annual Installation and Service Awards Banquet is scheduled for Saturday evening, June 4th. 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; there are

12 members who have been invited to receive their 25 year pin; 5 members who will receive their 40 year pin, one who will receive his 50 year pin and 3 who will receive their 60 year pin.

Hor'doeuvres will 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 \$18 and may be purchased at the Post Bar during working hours through Saturday, May 29th. Life Members and Past Commanders are entitled to one free ticket for themselves.

Entertainment will follow dinner and be provided once again by World War II re-enactor Gary Ferris whose Home Front Radio Broadcast was very well received last year.

A message from Ladies Auxiliary President Linda Doherty



I would like to thank all of the officers and members for their support this past year. Our members have assisted the Post with bingo, provided Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners to community and military families, distributed poppies to our legion family and attended convention and leadership meetings.

It is always nice to have more hands helping. I hope to see you at our meetings for next year. There are no auxiliary meetings held in June, July or August. Regular meetings are the first Tuesday of the month, however, due to the Labor Day holiday, the next meeting will be

Wednesday, September 7th at 7pm.

Officers elected for next year are: President, Linda Doherty; 1st Vice, Loriann McFarland; 2nd Vice, Leslie Millhouse; Secretary, Barbara Fonda; Treasurer, Merrybeth Scott; Chaplain, Victoria Wiley; Sgt at Arms, Cheryl Cramer and Historian, Ann C. Harrington.

Your Help is Needed: for the past 5 years we have been supporting our active military troops and MWR facilities in Iraq and Afghanistan. Each month we have mailed 4-6 packages of candy and snacks, toiletries or

games and stationery/puzzle books. The Post Office requires that each box have similar items in it for the customs forms. For the summer we are in need of the following donations (there is a collection box at the post bar/lounge for drop-off): June: Hard candy (no chocolates), patriotic decorations, bars of moisturizing soap and plastic travel soap cases. For July, puzzle books, stationery and pens. For August and into the fall months, please call the bar at 462-7006 for information. And as always, letters, cards and messages of support are especially welcome.



SAL News...

The SAL officers for 2011-12 are as follows: Commander, Kevin DeRusso; 1st Vice, Bill Baker; 2nd Vice, Dan Holmes; 3rd Vice, Dennis Helmes; Adjutant, Jim Williams; Treasurer, Tom Thibault; Communications Officer, Kevin Harrington; Chaplain, Paul Rossello; Histo-

rian, Bill Holman; Master Sgt at Arms, Tommy Thibault; Sgt at Arms, Jimmy Thibault; Sgt at Arms, Dominic Indelicato; Post Liaison, Kraig Brooks.

The SONS extend their thanks to all those who attended the Fish Fry Fridays. Also thanks to Dan Holmes and the workers who made this successful fund raiser possible.

The May winner of the SAL Post 50/50 was Tom Griswold. Tom requested that his winnings go back to the SAL in the name of the Sheehy Palmer Post 6776 of Albany.

The Rensselaer County SAL will be meeting at the O'Neil Post, June 7th at 7PM. New County Officers will be elected for the 2011-12 Year.

Legion Riders...

June 11th is the date for the 4th Annual Poker Run benefiting the Veterans House of Ballston Spa. Sponsor is Riders Post 490 of Stillwater where the ride will begin. Registration is from 8:30 to 10:30; \$20 Rider, \$15 Passenger. First stop is Melvin Roads! Further information is posted in the Melvin Roads Lounge or email fish4@rpi.edu.

In preparation for Memorial Day the SONS with the assistance of the Brownies & Scouts will place American Flags at the graves of deceased veterans.

A welcome is extended to the newest members of the SONS: Thomas Grago, Brian Hotaling, Dan Yates, Jr. and Lenard Barcomb.

The 37th annual detachment convention will be held in Binghamton this year. The dates are from July 13 to 16. Detachment John Rogers Home Coming will be held July 30th at Floyd Bennett Post, Brooklyn. SAL Detachment 1231 extends best wishes to John for his service.



Our Banquet Hall has several open dates and is an ideal location for family, business or community gatherings. Call our hostess Ginny Brockley and learn more. Ginny can be reached at 527-4278.

Memorial Day Parade May 28th....

Members of Post 1231 are invited and encouraged to participate in the Town of East Greenbush Memorial Day Parade May 28th. 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 available to ride in. The parade proceeds from Spare Time and heads west to the Prospect Heights Cemetery where a

wreath and prayer will be offered at the grave of a veteran. Then all will continue on to Melvin Roads Post for a brief ceremony. Following, all are welcome for hot dogs and soda.

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

Melvin Roads sends delegates to Boys' State

As has been our tradition for countless years, Melvin Roads Post 1231 American Legion will be sending two delegates to Boys' State. Alexander Lynch, an incoming Senior at Columbia High School, son of Steve and Donna Lynch of East Greenbush will be joined by fellow Senior John Stanley, son of Chuck Stanley and Ann Marie Strano

also of East Greenbush.

Boys State is an annual event held on the campus of Morrisville College and includes incoming high school seniors from all across New York State. They number approximately 1,200 each year. The young men develop a mythical state by nominating and electing fellow Boy Stater's to each office at the city,

Bingo News

Bingo continues to show improvement! Chairman Patsy Cherubino thanks everyone who has lent a hand over the past several months in order to "shore up" our base. Weekly prizes awarded are \$2,300 plus the first casino and the progressive casino cover-alls. In April one winner walked off with \$2,250! Help is always needed; in fact if we have enough volunteers we could set up two or more teams and spread out the work load. Feel free to stop by any Monday evening after 5:30pm and volunteer! Bingo receipts primarily cover our commitment to MR Baseball!



SAL Commander Kevin DeRusso with Congressman Chris Gibson (R 20th) at SAL Regional Meeting this past March

**We now have
WiFi in our
Lounge and on
the premises at
200 Columbia
Turnpike!**

*Get your tickets now
and plan on
attending the
Installation Dinner
June 4th beginning
at 5:00 pm*

Those who serve...

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-](mailto:melvin-roads@nycap.rr.com)

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.



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- A **Veterans Job Fair** will be held June 2nd at the Albany Stratton VA from 10am to 3pm, 3rd floor. Participating employers will include Federal, State and Private companies. All vets are most welcome to attend.
- The **Rensselaer County-Wide Picnic** will be held this year on June 5th at Snyder's Lake Pavilion. Adult tickets are \$15 which may be purchased in the Post Lounge.
- Don't miss the **Blood Mobile** to be held at Melvin Roads Post on Friday, July 8th 1PM to 6PM. Goal is 29 units. For an appointment you may call 1-800 RED CROSS. Walk-ins Welcome.
- **Members who have an email address** are requested to send that information

along to our newsletter editor at melvinroads@nycap.rr.com. It is hoped that an extensive list can be obtained from our membership of 500 in order to send this newsletter out via email and save the postage. Further, online, it will be in color!

- **Check out our website** (note address above). There are great features about our Post and related topics of interest. Just added has been a section on our Melvin Roads AL Baseball Team!
- Our **Melvin Roads Baseball Team** plays its first game vs. Zaloga/Blanchard Post on June 4th at Legion Field (McCarty Ave., Albany [near Exit 23]) starting at 1:00pm. The remainder of the schedule can be found on our web site.

- Prayers and best wishes are extended to member **Floyd Hunt** after a serious hospitalization.
- A **Life Line Screening** is scheduled at Melvin Roads July 19th. For more information call 1-800-679-5192.



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