

**Melvin Roads Post 1231**

# Post 1231 Newsletter

## June Summer 2014



### Upcoming Events:

- **June 7th  
Installation and  
Service Awards  
Dinner**
- **June 12th Flag  
Retirement**
- **June 14th  
Flag Day**
- **June 16th  
Executive  
Committee**
- **Fourth of July!**

## Commander's Message

Dear Legionnaires:

I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone for the honor of serving as Post Commander the past two years; I only hope that I have lived up to your expectations. I have had the privilege of working with some very dedicated people. My Vice Commanders, Beverly Baker and Michelle LaRock, were there every time I needed them; many of our fundraisers were a success because of them. The Post Board of Directors—Tony, Bob,

Patsy and George—gave me advice when needed, and supported me throughout these last two years. Ed Pratt, my Adjutant, made my job so much easier and I cannot even begin to express my gratitude for his service; I could not have succeeded without him. The officers of the Ladies Auxiliary, The SONS, and the Riders came through time and time again when they were needed. And for those so many others who serve the Post—and there were many—I cannot thank them enough. From the bottom



of my heart, I thank you all.

**Patrick J. Vallee Commander**

## Board of Directors has a new face!

At the Annual Post Membership meeting this May, the Board of Directors took on a new face! Tony Rossello Sr. after countless years of service chose not to run again, and Patsy Cherubino has relocated out of state and resigned from his position. A new Commander was elected and another seat had been vacated. The new membership is Bob Doherty, President; Ed Pratt, Vice President and Secretary; George Basher, Treasurer with

at Large members Herb Bauer, Dave Lake and Beverly Baker, our new Commander. There is one vacancy on the board that needs to be filled. At their first meeting, the new board elected officers (just mentioned) and took several additional actions. Steve Shannon has been hired by the Board to be the Facility Manager (see article page 3), and the Board ratified the move being made by the Post membership to increase the board membership with advisory rep-

resentatives from the Auxiliary, SONS, and Riders.

On April 24th, the Board met once again with the leadership of the Post family to update all on our financial situation. Comparing the first quarter of 2014 with that of 2013, we have realized a \$15,000 increase in income over expenses. It was noted that steps are continually being reviewed to make the Post viable and solvent.

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The SONS are pleased to announce that Detachment Commander John Chang will be holding his homecoming at Melvin Roads Post, June 28th. The **American Legion Riders (ALR)**, had a nice presence at the East Greenbush Memorial Day Parade, May 24th. The **Ladies Auxiliary** has begun their annual poppy drive (look for your mailing and please respond generously).

## A Word from Commander-Elect Baker

*Hello Everyone!  
I wish to take this opportunity to thank you for electing me Commander. I look forward to working with the Auxiliary, SONS, and Riders in making this a very successful year for Melvin Roads. This should be an exciting time, especially with the 75th Anniversary of our Post coming up. I look forward to meeting even more of the membership in the coming months. Enjoy the Summer!*

*Beverly Baker*

*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  
Heroes Banquet Hall*

*For all your catering  
needs*

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



## Queen of Hearts Continues

This past January, we had a grand prize winner on our first attempt at the Queen of Hearts. An individual walked off with \$12,000! That's right! We continue this game of chance here at the Post. Tickets are \$1.00 each. The grand prize pool increases weekly until the Queen of Hearts is drawn from a sealed deck of 54 cards displayed at the Post. This time around

there is a little better incentive to play: when any 2,3,4, or 5 is drawn, the winner gets 5% of weekly sales. Any 6,7,8, or 9, 6% of weekly sales, Any 10, Jack or King, 8% of weekly sales, Any Ace, 10% of weekly sales, Any Joker, 15% of weekly sales and any Queen other than Hearts, 20% of weekly sales. The grand prize shall be 60% of the grand prize pool up to 60% of \$25,000. Tickets on sale in the Lounge.



## Flag Retirement Set for June 12th

In honor of Flag Day (June 14th), on Thursday evening, June 12th at 6PM, Melvin Roads Post will hold their annual ceremony to retire worn American Flags. The public is cordially invited to attend. The Legion members will follow the formal protocols used to put to rest the Stars and Stripes no longer in use. The event will be held on Southern Avenue, Hampton Manor, immediately behind the East Greenbush Town Hall. The Town will assist with the ceremonies as well as the Clinton Heights Fire Department. Following the ceremony all are invited to the Post Lounge for refreshments. Anyone who has a flag that should be disposed of is invited to bring it to the gathering.

*If you are planning  
your estate, consider  
including Melvin  
Roads Post 1231 in  
your remembrances.  
We are a 501 (c) (19)  
charity per the IRS.*

*The Wheelbarrow of  
Cheer was won by  
Jim Gaul.  
Congratulations and  
thanks to all who  
participated!*

*Note: The Executive  
Committee of Melvin  
Roads Post will hold  
their annual meeting  
at 200 Columbia Tpke  
on Monday, June 16th  
at 7PM. The calendar  
for the 2014-2015 Le-  
gion year will be pre-  
pared at this time.*

## Bingo Report

Since April 2nd [thru May 28th], we have had 9 evenings of Bingo bringing in 1,205 participants. That's an average of 134 a night! Gross receipts totaled \$31,945 with prizes awarded in the amount of \$24,300. After fees and program expenses, we realized a net profit of \$6,612.49. We are now giving out \$2,700 in prizes plus two casinos.

## Annual Installation Dinner set for June 7

The **Annual Installation and Service Awards Banquet is scheduled for Saturday evening, June 7th.** 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.

**Bingo Wednesday's 7:30pm!**

## Post Hosts Lunch Menu

*Lunch is Served!* Melvin Roads Post is now offering a lunch menu in the Lounge. From 11:30AM to 2PM, Tuesday thru Friday our luncheon chef, Caitlin Morris, offers an appetizing menu with specials every day! The price is modest and as always, bar drinks are available. Caitlin is also offering bar fare, Fridays from 4pm to 7:30pm

New York State Commander Ken Governor has graciously agreed to install the new Post officers while Linda Doherty will install the Auxiliary officers, Kevin Harrington will be installing the SONS' new officers and Bob Doherty has been called upon to swear in the new Riders' officers. State Commander Governor will be the guest speaker for the evening.

### Chaplain's Corner

*My wonderful Comrades*

*Merciful God, Father of Heaven, whose love is so profound, a ransom for our souls has found, before your throne we sinners bend, to us your pard'ning love extend. Almighty Son, Incarnate Word, Our Prophet, Priest, Redeemer, Lord, before your throne we sinners bend, to us your saving grace extend. Eternal Spirit, by whose breath the soul is raised from sin and death, before your throne we sinners bend, To us your quick'ning pow'r extend. I love you Lord, my strength, my rock, my fortress, my savior.*

**Robert-Francis Matthews,  
Fsd, Chaplain**

## Steve Shannon appointed Facility Manager

**Steve Shannon**, a member of the SONS and Riders has been appointed by the Board of Directors to be the Facility Manager of Melvin Roads Post. Steve will be responsible for the management and oversight of all activities as they relate to the Post. This oversight includes but is not limited to all employees, contractors, vendors—anyone who holds an interest in the daily operation of our programs, buildings and grounds. Further, Steve will be the point of contact for the coordination and scheduling of all events held on our premises. He joined the staff on May 27th. The Board would expect all to cooperate with Steve and welcome him as together we promote the Melvin Roads Post to our Legion family and the general public.



### Welcome Home

**Robert Brockley**

*After 26 years in*

*Service to our*

*Great*

*Country*

**Grant Staats  
Michael Burdette  
Spencer Boyd  
Matt Raymond  
Sean Markham  
Joshua Stickle  
Michael Sciarino  
Bill Daniels  
Jerry Mulaney**

### May they Rest In Peace:

**March 21, 2104  
Clarence Lebrecht**

## 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 notify us:*

**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  
Kyle Anderson  
Mark Becker**



### Note Well Post Membership

At the June 10th, 2014 meeting of the Post Membership, two amendments to the Constitution will be considered:

1. That the Board of Directors include a representative from the Auxiliary, SONS, and Riders; and
2. That the number for a quorum at meetings be reduced from 15 to 9.



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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.....

- Melvin Roads Post will once again be sending two students to **Boys' State** this June. David Unser Jr, a member of our SONS detachment and a Junior at Christian Brothers Academy will be attending with Tim Groshaw, a Junior at Columbia High. They will be departing from Melvin Roads on Friday, June 27th at 7:45am. All are welcome to join in on their send-off.
- The Ladies Auxiliary has sent out their **annual poppies**. Hopefully all have received theirs in the mail and will respond with a generous donation.
- At the annual meeting of the Post, the membership voted to **increase the dues for 2014-2015 to \$47.00**. This was necessitated by the State increasing their share of your dues payment. For the local post to keep pace, this increase was

necessary.

- Commander-Elect Beverly Baker has requested that soon-to-be Past Commander Pat Vallee represent the Post at the annual Awards Ceremony at Columbia High School June 12th. Two **American Legion School Award Medals** with their respective certificates and gift will be offered to two students who have demonstrated the outstanding qualities of honor, courage, scholarship leadership, and service.
- There is a Bloodmobile scheduled to be held at Melvin Roads Post, July 7th. Watch for further details; you can always call the Red Cross to make an advanced appointment.
- 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](mailto:melvinroads@nycap.rr.com)

- We have several new music groups coming to the Post for our **Friday night gatherings**. Also, bar fare is now being offered Friday evenings as well. Gather your friends and join us at the Post!



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