

# Melvin Roads American Legion

## Post 1231 Newsletter

### November/December 2011

#### A Word From the Commander...

#### Upcoming Events:

- November 5th  
Comedy Night
- November 10th Columbia HS Tribute at Melvin Roads Grave Site
- November 11th  
Veterans Day
- November 13th Veterans Day Buffet Breakfast
- November 18th Turkey Raffle Get-Together
- November 24th  
Thanksgiving Day
- December 7th Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
- December 10th Annual Christmas Dinner
- December 25th  
Christmas Day

Dear Legionnaires:

It's fall and it's getting colder out there. Now with the summer over I look forward to seeing more people attending meetings and the events noted in this newsletter. Our meetings are the second Tuesday of the month at 7:30pm and all members are encouraged to attend. There are a lot of changes going on in the Post and I would like everyone's input. We are still the largest post in Rensselaer County but others are catching up. We would really like to keep our status as the big-

gest and best Post in the County so bring a friend to the meetings so we can add to our Legion family. We also need help with Monday night bingo. It starts at 6pm selling cards and working on the floor. If you can give us even one Monday a month it would be a great help. Bingo funds our Melvin Roads baseball team that has won many championships over the years and is a great program for the kids. Lastly we need to take care of each other. We have several programs to help veterans. Check with me on how we



**Commander Dan Yates**

can help you; we have several certified veterans' benefits officers. If we don't take care of each other who will!

*Commander Dan Yates*

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## 11-11-11 Veterans To Be Honored at Open House

In celebration of Veterans Day—11-11-2011—this year, Melvin Roads Post will once again sponsor an all-day buffet honoring all veterans as well as those on active duty.

Veterans Day, November

11th falls on a Friday this year and at 12Noon a brief but solemn ceremony will be held in the Post Lounge. Following will be a buffet prepared by our Chef, Ed Ryan. All are welcome to join us through 6:00pm.

There is no cost and all veterans, active duty personnel and their families are cordially invited to attend. Last year, over 100 persons dropped by during the course of the afternoon; let's see you there this year!

## Ladies Auxiliary



The Ladies Auxiliary is sponsoring a breakfast in honor of our veterans here at the Post on Sunday, November 13th. All are invited to come and "thank a veteran" by joining in. Time is from 8:00am to 11:30am. Pancakes, Sausage, Bacon, Toast, Home Fries, Scrambled Eggs, and an Omelet Station

are all planned for this celebration. Cost to Veterans, \$3.00; Other Adults, \$7.00; Children, \$5.00; *Active Duty Personnel are invited free of cost.* The Auxiliary is hoping for a great turn-out for this tribute to our local veterans and active duty personnel.



## Paul Donnelly Scholarship

Children or grandchildren of a member of the Melvin Roads Post family are invited to apply for the \$1,000 **Paul Donnelly Scholarship** which is offered annually. Applicants must be in their Senior year of high school and have applied to or have been accepted at an accredited two or four year college. \$500 is awarded c. August 1st and the second \$500

prior to enrollment in the second semester. Application forms may be obtained at the Post; they have also been made available to the Guidance Office at Columbia and other local high schools. Deadline is March 1st.

America's allies—England and France—began the tradition that has become so much a part of this nation's heritage. Two years after World War I ended on November 11, 1918, those two countries began recognizing the sacrifices made in the war by honoring its unknown victims. In 1926 Congress officially named this Armistice Day. In 1938 it became a National Holiday and in 1954 the name was changed: Veterans Day.

## 2nd Annual Comedy Night Set by Riders

Following last years' success, the Legion Riders have scheduled an Adult Comedy Night, set for Saturday, November 5th.

Five comedians are lined up for the evening: Tony Jackson, Tony Rogers, Steve

Sarsfield, Sandy Beach and Mike Madden. All have performed in New York City and several other venues. It promises to be an entertaining evening. The show will be held in the Banquet Hall at the Post, starting at 8:00pm. Tickets are \$20.00 which

includes two drinks from the bar. The kitchen will also be open 7-9pm serving hot dogs, hamburgers, fries sticks, chicken tenders. Tickets are available at the Lounge or by calling the Post at 462-7006. Proceeds will benefit the local Hero's fund.

## Sons of American Legion



On October 8th, the Third District Sons held their meeting aboard the USS Slater. Members of Melvin Roads Sons in attendance were Kevin DeRusso, Tom Thibault, Tommy Thibault, Jimmy Thibault, Bill Baker, Tom Grago and Todd Wiley.



*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.*

## Annual Christmas, Holiday Dinner December 10th

Saturday evening, December 10th is scheduled for the Annual Members Christmas Dinner at the Post Banquet Hall. This looked-forward-to gathering sponsored by the Board of Directors is open to Post members only (including Auxiliary, Sons, Riders). Each member may bring one guest. An open bar will be featured from 5-6pm and will feature a veggie tray,

block of cheese and that favorite, Schuyler Bakery's 12 foot long bread! In addition there will be three hors d'oeuvres trays circulating the room. The sit down dinner begins at 6pm with shrimp cocktail for all. The entrée choices are Prime Rib or Stuffed Chicken Breast which will be followed by a very special dessert. After dinner, the evening will con-

tinue with the music of Band of Gold, a five piece group with wide acclaim. They will play from 7 to 11pm. The cost is a modest \$20.00. Tickets will be on sale in the Post Lounge beginning November 7th. Remember each member may bring one guest—a spouse is that guest even though he/she may be a member of the Post, Auxiliary, Sons or Riders).



Hampton Manor Lake  
in Winter Glory!

## Pearl Harbor Day Ceremonies

Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day is before us. All are invited to gather at the Post on Wednesday, December 7th, at 12Noon for appropriate ceremonies and prayer.

This day commemorates the attack on Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, Sunday Morning, December 7th, 1941 by the Imperial Japanese Navy. This surprise attack led President Roosevelt to say that

"this is a day that will go down in infamy."

2,345 US military died along with 57 civilians; 1,247 more military were wounded. 4 battleships were sunk, 4 more damaged, 2 destroyers sunk, one other damaged.

Prayers are requested for our beloved dead who made the supreme sacrifice 70 years ago.

## 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 email us at [melvinroads@nycap.rr.com](mailto:melvinroads@nycap.rr.com).: Robert Brockley, Vincent Catalfamo, George Corbari, Joshua Getz, George Lovely III, Patricia Bordeau, 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, Aaron Bentley, Justin Edberg and Sean Racine.

## Turkey Raffle

**The annual Turkey Raffle is underway! Tickets have been mailed to all members of the Melvin Roads family. This year we are returning to the old style fun night held years ago. Mark your calendar for Friday evening, November 18th from 7 to 10pm. Then join us in the back lounge for the raffle of 15, 8-12 lbs turkeys at \$0.25 per chance followed by the drawing for the 3 20+lbs birds! Free drinks and snacks for those who remain in the back hall. Return your mailed raffle tickets ASAP!**

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### **News Notes....**

- The 13th Annual Veterans Brunch sponsored by Rensselaer County is set for Sunday, November 6th from 8:30—11:30am at the North Greenbush Legion, Wynantskill. This is free to all veterans and their immediate families. Further information, 270-2760.
- At the New York American Legion Press Association's annual awards luncheon during the 93rd Department Convention, our own Anne Harrington was elected President of NYALPA. Congratulations, Anne!
- Also at the luncheon during which awards are presented recognizing the work of editors and writers from around the State, The Judges Award Special Recognition was presented to Ed Pratt who produces this Melvin Roads newsletter.
- On November 16th the Rensselaer County Committee Meeting will be held at North Greenbush Post 1489; the December 21st meeting, at Fort Crailo Post 471.
- Everyone should have received their 2012 Membership notices from National. If you have not done so already, please mail your dues to the Post. We'll mail your 2012 membership card promptly. If you are a PUFL, please send us the card you were sent (no dues, of course) and we'll get your new card to you. If you are on active duty, send us the card sent by National to us here at the Post (no dues are paid by those on active duty) and we'll get your new card to you.
- Remember to send your email address to [melvinroads@nycap.rr.com](mailto:melvinroads@nycap.rr.com) to receive this newsletter via email *in color!*



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