

Melvin Roads Post 1231

MELVIN ROADS NEWS

JUNE/SUMMER 2018



Upcoming Events...

**June 2nd
Installation of
Officers Dinner**

**June 7th
Flag Retirement**

**June 22nd
Valley Cats
Baseball Game**

**August 2nd
SONS baseball game**

**September 11th
Patriots Day**

**September 15th
Poker Run**

**November 10th
Comedy Night**

**November 11th
Veterans' Day**

Commander's Message...

Dear Legionnaires:

My first year as Commander has come to an end and I wish to thank all the officers and members of Melvin Roads for their support throughout the year. I would personally like to thank Past Commander and Treasurer Beverly Baker and Past Adjutant and Board of Director Michele LaRock for their guidance and helpfulness. Our programs were successful this year because of their support.

We had over one hundred supporters at our Patriots Day Program last September and Veterans Day was very well attended also. We will get the word out this coming season for a better response to our Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day ceremonies so that we have a more decent turn-out. The successful Turkey Raffle provided over twelve hundred dollars to veterans programs. We had a great turn-out

for the American Legion Birthday/St. Patrick's Day Dinner with over 80 persons attending to share in the joy of the evening, including the winning of over 40 raffle drawings. I look forward to another year supporting veterans and veterans program.

June 2nd this year is our Installation dinner and June 7th is set for our annual flag retirement ceremonies. The later will be held behind the East Greenbush Town Hall at 6pm.

We have postponed holding a veterans benefits fair at this time as several other groups are holding such a program in this time-frame. We will come up with a useful and helpful program down the road.

New member cards come out in July; look forward to receiving yours and responding with your annual dues payment.



Commander Hugh J. Blake

As always, if you want to be in touch with me, you can send a letter in the mail to the Post to my attention or email me at

Commandermelvinroads@gmail.com.

Hoping to see more at our monthly meetings, I am

Hugh Blake, Commander

INSTALLATION AND SERVICE AWARDS DINNER TO BE HELD JUNE 2ND

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The annual Installation of Officers Dinner will be held the evening of Saturday, June 2nd, 2018 at the Post. Commander Hugh J. Blake encourages everyone in the Legion family to make every effort to attend. Years of Service Awards will be presented to those Post members who have been active for 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 60, 65 and 70 years. The names of those to be recognized that evening are included in this

newsletter. Anyone on that list as well as our bingo workers will received one free ticket; a second ticket may be purchased for \$25. Regular tickets are \$30 each or two for \$50.

As is our tradition, the incoming officers of the Post, Auxiliary, SONS and Riders will be installed that evening.

Dinner will be provided by Al Pollock of Teagan's fame who

now oversees the kitchen at Melvin Roads. The menu will include Al's famous Chicken Parme!

We are looking for a great turn-out from our Legion members as well as the Auxiliary, SONS, and Rider's. Cocktails will be at 5:30 to 6:30 with dinner following. Music for your listening and dancing pleasure will follow the ceremonies presented by one of our local DJ's, Johnny O.

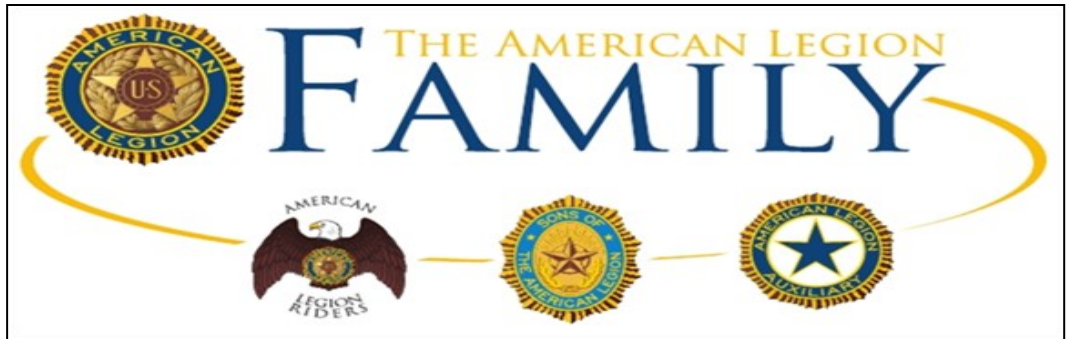
Post sponsoring Valley Cats Game

On June 22nd, members of the post, family members and friends are cordially invited to attend what has become an annual tradition, a night of baseball at Joe Bruno Stadium located next to Hudson Valley Community College. The evening includes an all-you-can-eat buffet at the picnic pavilion, a Valley Cats baseball cap and a reserved seat to the game. The Valley Cats, an affiliate of the World Champion Houston Astros will be playing the Lowell Spinners of the Boston Red Sox organization. The cost is \$26/per person, \$21 for children. Checks should be payable to Melvin Roads Post 1231. You can sign up at the Post lounge or see Ed Pratt or Bob Doherty. Last date to make a reservation is June 18th. So let's get into the batter's box, and "Play Ball!"

Having a family get-together in the future? Or maybe a wedding or baby shower? 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 Leslie Millhouse 518 462-7006



Ladies Auxiliary...

Dear Auxiliary Members,

Hope all is well with you! I would like to take this time to congratulate the new incoming officers for the year 2018-19: President Lori McFarland, 1st Vice President Leslie Millhouse, 2nd Vice President Cheryl Cramer DeRusso, Treasurer Linda Doherty, Secretary Donna Cleary, Chaplain Helene Reed, Historian Liz Koenig.

Summer has finally arrived and we have a break from our monthly meetings. The Convention will be coming up in July and will be held in Rochester. This is Department President Pat's convention; it has been a wonderful year for her as president. She has done a great job, and we can't wait for her return to our Post on a more regular basis.

Poppies are out for distribution so look for your mailing. Dues are due; remember if you haven't paid your dues by December 2017, you are no longer a voting member, and until your dues are paid, you cannot vote so please get your dues in asap!

I would like to thank everyone who has helped me through the year; you members make me proud to say I am your president. Have a great summer

*Lori A. McFarland
President*

From the Sons...

The SONS annual baseball outing at "The Joe" will be held on Thursday evening, August 2nd. Tickets are only \$5.00 and are available from Bill Baker. He can be reached at 518-211-4773.

Officers for 2018-2019 are as follows: Commander Kevin Harrington, Vice Commander/Membership Dominic Indelicato, Treasurer/Adjutant Bill Baker, Chaplain James Williams, Sgt.-at-Arms Jack Cain.

*Kevin Harrington
Commander
(kevinmrsq1231@aim.com)*

From the Riders...

Upcoming events on our Riders' schedule are as follows: September 15th is set for our annual poker run; registration for that day begins at 9am; kick-stands up at 10:30. Our weekly rides are on Monday evenings; kick-stands up at 6:30pm. Our ride begins at the Stewart's on Columbia Turnpike near the Hoffman's car wash. Our Comedy Night has been set for November 10th so set your calendars now! In the meantime, enjoy the summer!

*Steve Shannon,
Riders' President*

The Ladies Auxiliary has mailed out the May Poppies. You should have received yours in a recent post, but if not stop by the lounge and get a poppy and make a donation!

Bingo Report

Attendance at bingo has picked up as of late. From April 4th through May 16th, we had 845 total players or an average of 121. Bingo receipts for that period of seven weeks was \$26,307.00. Prizes awarded amounted to \$18,900. Bingo supplies and fees for that period totaled \$1,146. Post bills paid during this time frame totaled \$4,493.38.

Our Wednesday night bingo provides a significant source of income for the Post. That is why all members who are available and able are encouraged to help out with this weekly program. We have two time frames that one can volunteer for: 5:30 to 7:30pm or 7:30 to 9:30pm. If you can spare two hours on any given Wednesday night, please just show up; we'll find a slot for you to assist. If we get enough volunteers we would like to set up "shifts" for weekly volunteering.

STUDENTS ASSIST POST WHILE LEARNING JOB SKILLS



The Columbia High School job coaching program has come to Melvin Roads! A Questar III class has been working weekly at our American Legion Post since September. The purpose of the program is to provide opportunities for the students to gain experience at an entry level position at a local business. They may clean, organize, participate in customer service activities and any other entry level responsibility. They also learn how to interact with management, take instructions from a supervisor and work as part of a team.

At Melvin Roads the students have helped clean up after Wednesday night bingo, assisted with light housecleaning, folding laundry, and preparing mailings to be sent to post members.

Pictured above on the right are Grace Salisbury, Mark Alvarez and Andrew Yetto.

Pub Poker every Monday and Thursday Eve, 6PM!

FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The following announcement is presented by the Board of Directors of Melvin Roads American Legion Post 1231:

The Board of Directors has voted to change the operating hours for the Melvin Roads Lounge to better reflect the actual amount of traffic in the lounge. The new hours effective June 4th will be as follows:

Monday thru Thursday 3:00pm until close
Friday 11:00am until close
Saturday 11am until close
Sunday 3pm until close

The schedule will be adjusted—as it has been—for special events, music events, and sporting events. The Board appreciates the membership's patronage of the lounge and looks forward to seeing everyone in the near future.

FLAG RETIREMENT TO BE HELD JUNE 7TH

Every June, our country celebrates Flag Day on the fourteenth of this month. In keeping with the spirit of this tradition every June, the Melvin Roads Post 1231 American Legion will once again hold its annual Flag Retirement Ceremony on **Thursday, June 7th, 2018 beginning at 6:00pm**. The solemn ritual will take place behind the East Greenbush Town Hall Offices, at the corner of Southern Avenue and Hudson Avenue in Hampton Manor. Commander Hugh J. Blake has extended an invitation to the public to attend and encourages everyone to bring any American, POW/MIA, New York State flags that are worn or in disrepair to be included in those to be retired. The ceremonies will be assisted by the Clinton Heights Fire Department under the direction of Chief Steve Bestler, and the Department of Public Works of the Town of East Greenbush. Other community organizations will be joining us for this event. The Post is grateful for their presence and participation. Following the retirement ceremonies all are invited to the Post for light refreshments. The Post is located at 200 Columbia Turnpike across from the Hampton Avenue entrance to the Manor.

Line Dancing continues at Melvin Roads during the month of June. All begins at 6pm.



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 let us know:*

Vincent Catalfamo
George Corbari
Scott J. Collins
Ty Harrington
Jim Rosencrans
Mark Becker
Dan Yates, Jr.
Michael Burdette
Daniel Richardson
Spencer Boyd

Alicia Howard
Robert Kleamoviich
Glen Roberson

May They Rest In Peace:

This Memorial Day let us remember all our departed veterans

May they Rest in Peace.

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**Honoring the men and women
of the United States Army,
Navy, Air Force,
Marines, Coast Guard,
Merchant Marines**

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

*Lunch is being offered at Melvin Roads
Heroes' Lounge, on Fridays 11:30am to 2pm.
Bar Fare and Specials are available on
Monday thru Friday evenings, 5-8pm!*

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Post News Notes.....

- Members are requested to **send their email address to the Post** so we can send along notices as well as this newsletter. Send that information to: commandermelvinroads@gmail.com.
- **Pub Poker** is held every Monday and Thursday evenings here at the Post. There is no admission charge! Our regular food menu is available.
- The **Queen of Hearts** continues to be a big hit at the Post. Drawings are every Sunday afternoon. Until the Queen is "hit" the jackpot climbs weekly!
- Monthly, the Town of East Greenbush holds their **Honor-A-Veteran Ceremony**. Watch for the monthly recognition by going to the East Greenbush Town website.
- At a recent monthly meeting of Melvin Roads Post, Commander Hugh Blake was pleased to report that we have an **92.8%** dues collection.
- The **American Red Cross** has extended their thanks to the members of the post and general public who participated in their recent blood drive here at Melvin Roads!
- Melvin Roads Post members participated in the annual **Memorial Day Parade** this past May 26th. A nice turn-out of veterans made this event the tribute it is meant to be on behalf of our deceased veterans. The VFW hosted this year's event.
- Regrettably, Melvin Roads was not able to send delegates to the 2018 **Boys' State Program**. There was not the interest this year as has been the case in the past. We'll work on this for 2019!
- And thanks go out to our **SONS** for their respectful placing of flags on veterans graves May 24th.



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