*Melvin Roads Post 1231*

# Post 1231 Newsletter

## November December 2013

### Commander's Message

Dear Legionnaires:

If you are like me each year Veterans' Day, November 11th, brings back many memories I had experienced while in the service of this great country of ours. I'm sure each of us recalls mustering-out and leaving many of our comrades behind, readjusting to civilian life, reintegrating with our families, and going back to civilian jobs; difficult experiences for most. I remind you to always be proud of the service you rendered and the commitment you made; it is the reason why we all enjoy the

freedoms and life we experience today. I hope all veterans will attend our service in honor of all the men and women who served.

We will be holding that ceremony at the Post beginning at 12Noon, Monday, November 11th (see below). Following the brief ceremony, a buffet will be offered and continue during the course of the afternoon. I ask that you encourage your veteran friends—even if they do not belong to the Post—to join us that day. All are welcome and I look forward to seeing and meeting



many of you there.

**Patrick J. Vallee**  
Commander



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### Veterans' Day Ceremony and Gathering Planned

In celebration of Veterans Day, Monday, November 11th, 2013 Melvin Roads Post 1231 will hold a solemn ceremony at the Post beginning at 12:00N. Led by Commander Pat Vallee, everyone is invited to offer their thoughts and a moment of silence on behalf of those who

have served their country in the military services over the years. Following the ceremony, all veterans and their families are cordially invited to join in a buffet prepared by our noon time chef Caitlyn Morris. The buffet will be offered throughout the day until 5PM.

There is no cost and all veterans, active duty personnel and their families are invited to attend. Last year well over 100 persons honored our veterans by their supportive presence. Mark your calendar now and plan to attend. Again, that is Monday, November 11th 2013.

As President of the **Ladies Auxiliary**, Lori McFarland calls on each member to never forget those who served. The Auxiliary supports and honors the sacrifice of those who serve or have served by enhancing the lives of our veterans, military and their families. On November 11th—Veterans Day—Lori has called upon all members to “thank a vet”, for if it were not for them “we would not be the free country that we are. Let us show our patriotism with a

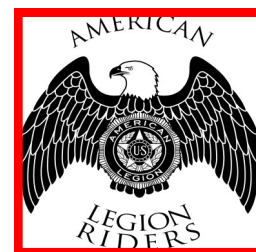


sense of pride!”

On another note, Lori has reminded all Auxiliary members to pay their 2014 dues. Annual dues will be going up beginning January 1st from \$20 to \$25. “Let’s strive for 100% before the end of the year.”

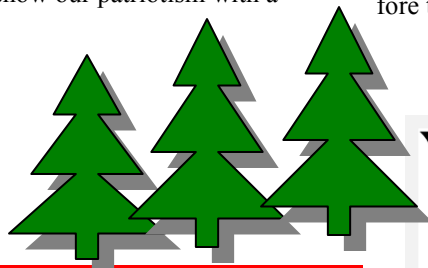


**SONS’** Dan Holmes who has taken over the chair of Bingo reports that during the months of August and September 2013 we had 8 bingo nights with 1,171 players. Gross receipts were \$25,538 with prizes adding up to \$22,783 leaving a profit of \$2,755. Dan is appealing to members of the Legion family to step up and

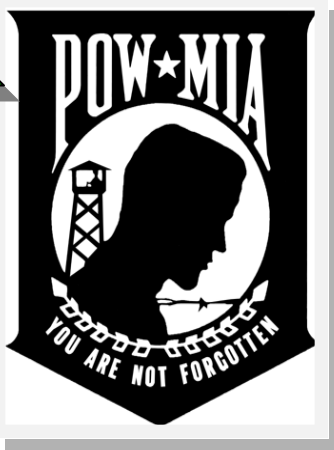


help out at Bingo. Members are needed to call back from 7:30pm to 9:45pm. **Bingo is a major fundraiser for all of us; please volunteer!**

The SONS extend a “thank you” to all who came to their recent Pancake Breakfast; it was appreciated.



*The Internal Revenue Service has notified the American Legion that at each Post a record of each member’s DD214 must be on file. If you have been a member 15 or more years, we likely do not have yours. Please mail one to the Commander. Thank you.*



## Comedy Night Set for November 16th

The Legion Riders will be hosting their 4th Annual Comedy Show the evening of November 16th, 2013. Featured will be 3 comedians, Sandy Beach, Jaye McBride and Shawn Gillie. Doors open at 7:00pm with the show starting at 8PM. Tickets are \$25.00 per person and

includes the show, two domestic beers, soda or well drinks. A menu will be offered and there will be a 50/50 raffle.

Tickets are on sale now and may be purchased at the Post Lounge and at the door. The last 3 shows were sell-outs so patrons are advised to get their tickets early!

**If you are considering your estate, why not include Melvin Roads Post 1231 in your remembrances. We are a 501(c)(19) charity recognized by the Internal Revenue Service.**

## Annual Turkey Raffle Fundraiser Underway

The annual Turkey Raffle is underway. Tickets have been mailed to all members of the Melvin Roads Family: Veterans, Auxiliary, SONS and Riders. This year we are continuing the traditional fun night on Friday, November 22nd. Mark your calendar

to join us for an evening of food, fun and raffles: from 5 to 7PM the Riders will offer fare in the kitchen and then from 7 to 9PM fifteen different 8-12 lbs turkeys will be offered at \$.25 a chance followed by the grand drawings of three twenty+ lbs birds. Free

drinks and snacks will be offered **to those who remain in the back hall** for the drawings. Please return your raffle tickets as soon as possible and please bring this fun-filled evening to the attention of your friends; a pre-holiday festive evening is a sure bet.

## Post Christmas Dinner December 14th

Saturday evening, December 14th has been set for the Annual Members' Christmas Dinner at our newly named **Heroes' 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 during the cocktail hour. The meal will begin (6PM) with a shrimp cocktail. The entrée choices are Prime Rib or Stuffed Chicken Breast which will be followed by a very special dessert. After dinner, K C Entertainment (Chuck) will provide music from 7PM to 11PM. Tickets go on sale November 15th for \$20/pp until the 29th; from the 30th thru December 8th, \$25. Cut off is 12/8.

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. The Board invites every member to make a special effort to join us this year!



## Post Hosts M-F Lunch Menu

This past month, the Board of Directors instituted a daily lunch opportunity at the Post. From 11AM to 2PM M-F our luncheon chef, Caitlin Morris is offering an appetizing menu with specials every week. The price is modest and as always, bar drinks are always available. We encourage members to patronize this new feature at Melvin Roads. Your presence will go a long way not only toward promoting our pro-

grams but provide additional revenues that will help us achieve financial stability!

Having a family get together in the future, or maybe an office holiday party or need for an after-funeral gathering and don't know where to book it? Consider our **Heroes' Banquet Hall**. Call our hostess Ginny Brockley for info at (518) 527-4278

## Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

The attack on Pearl Harbor December 7, 1941 is ever etched on the minds of those who are old enough to remember. For the rest, it is our solemn duty as members of the American Legion to bring this horrific day to the attention of those younger and who may not appreciate the meaning of this solemn occasion. At 12Noon, Saturday, December 7th, 2013 Melvin Roads Post will hold a moment of prayer and remembrance for veterans and the wider community. This day commemorates the attack on Pearl Harbor, Hawaii by the Imperial Japanese Navy. This surprise attack led President Roosevelt to say that "this is a day that will go down in infamy."

## 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 email us*

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

## May they Rest In Peace:

**Joseph G. Hampson Jr.**  
**Raymond L. Van de Wal**  
**Lawrence E. Apple**  
**Charles E. Cunningham**  
**John H. McCullough (SONS)**

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*Lunch is now being offered at Melvin Roads  
Heroes' Lounge, M—F, 11:00am to 2:00pm*

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### Post News Notes.....

- Member Paul Bednarczyk has been activated for a six month deployment once again. Paul is a Major in the Air National Guard stationed out of Westover ARB, Massachusetts.
- Jake Schultz, one of the students Melvin Roads sponsored at Boys State this past June has received an appointment to West Point, Class of 2020. A senior at Columbia this year, the next two years he will be taking language courses from the Army.
- On Friday, November 8th at 9AM, the members of the Interact Club of Columbia High School will host all veterans at the graveside of Melvin Roads for their annual tribute to veterans. All are encouraged to attend.
- The New York American Legion Press

Association has once again honored this paper with an award: *"In the large post category, Editor Edward C. Pratt won first place for Post 1231 Newsletter."* We are grateful for this recognition.

- Bingo is now being held on Wednesday evenings. Members of the Post Family are encouraged to stop by anytime after 5:30pm to assist. There is always a job for anyone who can offer their time for this important fund-raising effort.
- Army Reserve Col. Glen C. Stagnitta has retired after 30 years of service. Glen has been on our list of service members mentioned in each issue of this publication.
- The American Red Cross sends its thanks and congratulations to Melvin Roads Post for a successful blood drive

this past summer. Another drive is scheduled for Friday, December 20th.

- To open their school year orientation program for new students, Columbia High honored area veterans. An American Flag was presented to Commander Vallee. Also, each member of the team wore camouflage shirts with "1231" on the sleeve!



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