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POST 245 NEWSLETTER

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DEC 2017, JAN 2018 AND FEB 2018

FROM THE COMMANDER,

Hi everybody. Hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving and got time to spend with family and friends. Also remember the service men and women that can't be with their loved ones who are giving it their all. I remember being away for the holidays and it's tough.

I want to Thank all who came out on Veterans Day for our ceremony. The twenty or so who braved the cold weather are true patriots. A BIG THANK YOU to the Wonderland Charter School for the great singing they did during our inside program. It's great to see our youth participate on Veterans Day. On Monday a Post Flag Squad participated in a patriotic program put on by the second grade at Park Forest Elementary School. Again to see the children talk and sing about the Liberty Bell, Bald Eagles, and our country was a real joy. Earnie Harpster, Rich Jackson & myself were glad we stayed around to watch the program. Thank You Ms. Patty Begg for inviting us.

Come join the Post Rifle Squad this December 7 at the Pa Military Museum at 12:30pm. It's the Pearl Harbor ceremony. It's a short ceremony but very worth while.

It's Toy for Tots time!!! We will have the toy box set up soon. Please give so the LOCAL kids can have a Happy Christmas. You remember what it was like to open a toy on Christmas morning so bring that thrill to a child this year. Any unwrapped toy will do.

Thanks to Ron Quinn and John Hammond for their work on getting local veterans to transfer into our Post. This takes a lot of paper work to get this done. GREAT JOB men.

There's a lot of things going on at the Post with the holidays coming up. Make plans to join us in all or some of the great events from luncheons to parties come out and have fun at your Post.

Post meetings are on the third Thursdays at 7pm. Please come and join us to make the American Legion Post 245 strong.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all.

Commander, Rich Seifert



Club Hours:

11 am - 11 pm, Daily

Kitchen Hours:

Grill: 11 am-9 pm daily

Fryers: 11 am - 10 pm daily

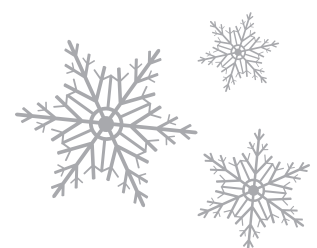
Happy Hour: Monday 7-9pm

EVENING SPECIALS NIGHTLY!

FRIDAY

Wings, \$7.50/dozen or
\$4.25/ ½ dozen, 6-9pm

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----- ATTENTION VETERANS -----

It has been brought to our attention that, as a veteran, you may not be aware that you may still be eligible for benefits from the VA system. If you are currently taking or took benefits and think you do not have any left, we encourage you to check with the Centre County Veterans Office in Bellefonte. If you don't ask, then you will not know. This is just an FYI.



NEWS FROM THE AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS...

Hard to believe the holiday season is already upon us! We've been busy over the last few months so I thought I would give everyone an update. We were honored to be invited to participate in the motorcycle escort for the Vietnam Memorial Wall! With over 400 bikes involved you can bet it was a sight to see. The service after was very emotional and heart-felt. Thank you to all the riders and post members who helped with that awesome tribute. We did a sandwich sale which was very successful. Thank you to everyone who sold and also purchased sandwiches. We collected food and personal care items for our troops overseas for Operation Major Tom (Thank Our Troops) With everybody's generous donations we were able to send 5 full boxes! We also had the privilege of honoring our veterans at the Veterans Day Ceremony at the post. The Riders donated the carnations and helped cook and serve. What a busy and rewarding day that was! Just a reminder that we will be having our holiday meal at our meeting on Thursday, Jan 4th. Also remember that there will be NO meeting in February. Happy Holidays,

Scott Spear, ALR President



MIXED DART LEAGUE...

DEADLINE TO SIGN UP FOR COED DARTS LEAGUE IS: DECEMBER 16, 2017

There will be a 2nd meeting on December 20, 2017 at 7 pm to assure we have all team information and players. If you're interested in playing and you don't have a team already, please call me at 717-443-1144 as there is always a need for single players.

6 players are required per team. Must be a current member of Post 245. (We already have 8 teams and the start of a 9th team but we can host 10 teams!!) Cost is \$30.00 per player. There are prizes at the end of the season! **Sign up is in the pool room** Minimum 2 woman per team. First game will be Wednesday, January 3, 2018. Games will be every Wednesday, 7 pm for approximately 12 weeks. Would love to have you!

Tina Johns



NEWS FROM THE LADIES AUXILIARY...

All Auxiliary members are invited to attend our annual Christmas party to be held in place of our monthly meeting. The party will be on Tuesday, December 12, 2017; with a happy hour beginning at 6:00 p.m. At 7:00 p.m. we will enjoy dinner, followed by a white elephant gift exchange. If you plan to attend and want to participate in the white elephant gift exchange, you will need to bring a wrapped \$15 gift. In order to give the club advanced notice of how many plan to attend for food planning purposes, please RSVP to me by December 9th by texting 814-574-2943 or emailing me at donita.gibboney@gmail.com.

We would like to extend a huge welcome to our newest members: Susan Glad, Caitlyn Grisnik, Jenna Marzin, Misty Hicks, Susan Mickelsen, Linda Stabley, Sherry Lonsdale, Cheyrl Mellott, Kerri Warner, Dana Witherite, and Leigh Steingraber. We are so happy that you have joined and hope to see you at a future meeting or event.

A huge thank you to all who helped with the Veteran's Day dinner. This is the first year I've attended and helped with this event, and I was so impressed with how everyone pulled together to make this extremely rewarding to all who attended and helped. The food was fabulous (the SAL rocked the kitchen), the room looked amazing, the entertainment was incredible, and the Veterans were truly grateful and appreciative. What an amazing day!

We hope to see some new faces at our Christmas party and look forward to seeing everyone at a club event!!

Donita Gibboney, Auxiliary 2nd Vice-President

BINGO news and volunteers!

On October 17th, Ernie Harpster, Bill Klucher and Bill Long held a Bingo at MacArthur Hall at the VA Home in Hollidaysburg sponsored by Post 245.

The residents all had a good time, and they thanked Post 245 for sponsoring the Bingo.

Volunteers for the Nov. 21st bingo at the VA Home were Dean Dreibelbis, Rick Dills, Bill Klucher, and Mike Boonie.

There will not be bingo in Dec. However, Post 245 has donated \$100 to the Hollidaysburg VA Home for their Christmas party.

Vice Commander's Notes

I would like to take this opportunity to first wish all of our members a Merry Christmas, a Holy Hanukkah, and a blessed holiday season. As the Vice Commander it is one of my responsibilities to look after the membership program for our post. I will say that we are a rare breed to other legion posts in that our membership program is active, and consistent, and we all should take pride in that fact. Please keep up the great work!

As we move into the new year, I would also like to point out that as an organization we have reached a complacency within our membership, where we have the same people in the same places doing the same things. In many cases many of these members wear many hats to keep the organization functioning. When a plant ceases to grow, it eventually dies. Organizations are much like plants in that regard.

We all want to see our organization grow, but to do so we need more membership participation, not just member in name only. We need younger blood with fresh approaches to step up and relieve those who have been in positions for many years. If you know any of our members who are doing more than one job for our post, ask to help or if you can take one of their positions onto yourself. Older position holders, learn to let go, and/or accept the help of others. If you see a need within the post that you feel is not being addressed, ask the board if you can take charge to ensure the need is covered. You'll be amazed how open the board is to such voluntarism. If you see a problem, don't just point it out, be a part of the solution. As the saying goes, if you're not part of the solution than you are part of the problem.

Post 245 does a lot of good for the veterans of our community, be they members or not, but also a lot of good for the community at large. I could list all the things that we do, and the programs that we offer, and what positions there are in the Post, but I don't like to type that much or that long. Many say, "I would help if someone would ask." I'M ASKING! Please help and don't just be a member, be an active and vibrant member. Participate!

I will say right now in anticipation that many of you will answer the call, thank you.

Ron Quinn Jr. Vice Commander



NEWS FROM THE SAL...

The holidays are upon us once again and the SAL has been busy all fall. On October 14th the SAL and Ladies Auxiliary hosted a luncheon for the vets from Hollidaysburg at the post 245. We had a good turnout and a great time. Our next trip to the Hollidaysburg Vets home for bingo will be November 14th at 7pm and again December 5th. Veteran's day dinner this year was a great success. Both seating's went well and even though the numbers were down this year everybody enjoyed a good meal. Big thanks to all the SAL and Ladies Auxiliary members that stepped up and helped out with the preparing and serving the meal for our Vets. The year end NASCAR party will be on November 19th at 1:30 pm. come out and enjoy the day. Lots of door prizes and stuff to win, and don't forget to bring a covered dish to share! January 27th we will be having our annual cash party. Tickets will be \$25 and on sale when you get this news letter. Try to make it out to the club that day its always a great time. Be safe and enjoy the holidays.

Brian McMahon, S.A.L. Commander

NEWS FROM THE SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE...



The Special Events committee wishes all of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We sincerely hope that you enjoyed our events. 2018 should prove to be a good year and I hope that more of our members will take part in our dances, Jeopardy, parties and special events throughout the year.

If anyone has anything that would like us to look at, please drop your suggestion in our comment box at the front door.

Watch the shadow box at the front door for the calendars to stay tuned for upcoming events.

Thanks,

As always, see you at the Legion.

Larry Hess – Chairmen

Bob McCool – Co-Chairmen

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER...

"Prepare ye the way of the Lord..." Not only is this scriptural, but it happens to be the beginning of the opening song from the musical "Godspell". This phrase is sung over and over again, and again, all in anticipation of a miracle coming. That is what this period in our calendar is all about. Through the various faiths we look for the Christmas miracle, the miracle of Hanukkah, the miracle of a new year, and new beginnings. All considered miracles of hope.

Why do we search for these miracles of hope? It is because during this time of cold, and stillness of life that we desire hope the most of all. We know that hope leads to rebirth, and the joy of new life. It brings warmth to those in the most desperate of needs. It's these miracles that will usually spawn smaller miraculous acts. Acts of love and charity to those in need and for each other.

There are many who are in need of hope, the elderly, the homeless, the unemployed, estranged family members, the chemically dependent, the warriors coming home from war, and those getting ready to take their place. The widows, the orphans, the mentally and physically impaired, the children and babies that are the weakest among us, they all seek hope.

As people of faith, as Christians, Jews, Muslim, Buddhist, Hindu, Agnostics, secularist and Atheist, we all share the common bond of hope at this time. It is my hope that during this time that you all experience the joy, the hope, and the love of this and upcoming seasons.

One last thing as always, check on our elderly. Make sure they are warm, and their snow is shoveled.

Have a Merry Christmas, a Holy Hanukkah, and a blessed holiday season. Thank you, and as always, God bless our country, our Legion, and Post 245.

Ron Quinn Jr., Post Chaplain



VETERANS MULTI-SERVICE CENTER

Do you know A Veteran who is HOMELESS, FACING EVICTION or In a HOUSING CRISIS?

We can help! (Call: 844-226-0368) We are a non-profit organization located in State College, Pa dedicated to the housing of Veterans in need. If you qualify we can also help with utilities, car repairs, food, vehicle fuel, bedding, clothing and many others. You served us so please give us the opportunity to serve you.



VETERANS MULTI-SERVICE CENTER: Reggie Falls - Outreach Specialist
233 Easterly Parkway, Suite 103 State College Pa. 16801

Cell: 717-810-6767 Office: 844-226-0368 Fax: 814-862-9131

US Army Retired

FROM THE EDITOR... The deadline for the Dec 2017/Jan 2018/Feb 2018 edition is **Friday Feb 16th, 2018**
Comments and suggestions are welcome and can be emailed to mayesb76@icloud.com

If you **DO NOT** want your newsletter mailed, please fill in the form below and send it in.
If you know of a member without computer access, please pass this information along to them.

Becky Mayes, Editor

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Member Name: _____

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POST OFFICERS

Meets 3rd Thursday, 7 p.m.
Commander Rich Seifert
1st Vice Ron Quinn
2nd Vice John Hammond
Adjutant Carl Lauck
Treasurer Larry Hess
Sgt.-At-Arms Gerry Thompson
Chaplain Ron Quinn
Service Officer – Bill Long
Judge Advocate – Justin Bish
Historian - Jim DeWolfe

AUXILIARY OFFICERS

Meets Tuesday before BoD, 7 p.m.
President Rhonda Spear
1st Vice Penny Dry
2nd Vice Donita Gibboney
Secretary Kathy Putt
Treasurer Tina Johns
Sgt.-At-Arms Karen Jackson
Chaplain Jean Folk
Historian - Tina Hoy
Sp. Events Coord. – Brandi Hartman
Post Liaison – Vacant

SAL OFFICERS

Meets 3rd Thursday, 6 p.m.
Commander Brian McMahon
1st Vice George Fye
2nd Vice Cody McMahon
Adj./Treas. Jigs Poorman
Sgt. At Arms Guy Williams
Chaplain Mike Boonie
Historian Mike Wirtz
Post Liaison – Vacant

POST 245, INC. OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS - Meets 2nd Wednesday @ 6 p.m.

Class of 2018

Larry Hess - Treasurer
Carl Lauck
Karen Reed

Class of 2019

Jim DeWolfe - Vice-President
Rich Seifert - Secretary
Don Hartzell

Class of 2020

Dan Verdoorn - President
Kim Selmer-Larsen
Lewis Watt

Ex-Officio: Aux. President, Rhonda Spear; Social, Bob Carson; SAL Cmdr., Brian McMahon;
Club Manager, Crystal Myers

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS 245 – Meets 1st Thursday @ 7 p.m.

President: Scott Spear
Treasurer: Jeff Gonet

Vice-President: Randy Weaver
Chaplain: Brian McMahon

Secretary: Rhonda Spear
Road Captain: Samantha Hartman
Randy Weaver

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP LISTS

BUDGET & FINANCE

Meets as required
Karen Reed (Co-Chair)
Vacant (Co-Chair)

BUILDING & GROUNDS

Meets as required
Jim DeWolfe (Co-Chair)
Don Hartzell (Co-Chair)

DONATIONS

Meets Monday before BoD @ 7 p.m.
Larry Hess (Chair)
Bob McCool (Co-Chair)
Karen Jackson, Rich Seifert,
Bud Yohe, Crystal Myers

HOUSE RULES & BY-LAWS

Meets as Required
Dan Verdoorn (Chairperson)

HOUSE

Meets 1st Thursday @ 6 p.m.
Dan Verdoorn (Co-Chair)
Larry Hess (Co-Chair)
Bud Yohe, Rich Seifert,
Crystal Myers, Rhonda Spear,
Brian McMahon, Jigs Poorman

LCB RULES & REGS

Meets as Required
Dan Verdoorn (Chairperson)

MEMBERSHIP

Meets as Required
Carl Lauck (Chairperson)
Rich Seifert

NEWSLETTER

Meets as Required
Larry Hess (Chairperson)
Becky Mayes (Editor)

SPECIAL EVENTS

Meets Monday before BoD @ 6 p.m.
Larry Hess (Co-Chair)
Bob McCool (Co-Chair)
Crystal Myers, Karen Jackson,
Bud Yohe, Tina Johns



Are YOU interested in volunteering?

Please do the following:

1. Go to <http://www.post245.com>
2. Click on the Volunteer Form link
3. Print it out and fill it in and drop off completed form at club

American Legion Post 245 Upcoming Events

DECEMBER 2017

1st	8pm	Jeopardy/Trivia Game Show/ Sponser ALR
2nd	11am	Decorate Club for Christmas
2nd	8pm	BIG TEN Football Championship
3rd	1pm-3pm	Post 245 / Club Children's Christmas Party**
7th	12:30pm	Pearl Harbor Day Ceremony / Boalsburg
9th		SC Borough Christmas Party
15th	7:30pm	Post 245 Christmas Party
18th	7pm	MY MY Christmas Party
21st	11am-2pm	Christmas Lunch Buffet \$11.00
24th	7pm	Christmas Eve / Club Closes @ 7pm
25th		Christmas Day / Club Closed
26th	11am-5pm	Red Cross Blood Drive
31st	8pm	Club New Year's Eve Party

JANUARY 2018

1st	1pm	New Year's Day / Club Opens 1 pm
5th	8pm	Jeopardy / Trivia Game Show
6th	11am	Take Down Christmas Decorations
13th	1pm-6pm	Club Remodeling Thank You Party
27th	4pm-8:30pm	SAL Cash Party / Ticket Holders Only **
		Club Closes @ 10 PM

FEBRUARY 2018

2nd	8pm	Jeopardy / Trivia Game Show
4th	6pm	Super Bowl Party / Pot Luck
14th		Valentine's Day
18th	2:30pm	SAL / Daytona 500 Party
25th	12pm	Penn State / Pink Zone Game

MARCH 2018

2nd	8pm	Jeopardy / Trivia Game Show
3rd		Men's Dart Tournament
10th	7pm	5th Annual / SAL Washer Tournament
17th		Men's Dart Banquet
17th		St. Patrick's Day
22nd	7pm	Post 245 Corporation Meeting

**** NON SMOKING EVENTS**

Organization Meetings: (Post: 12/21; 1/18; 2/15; 3/15) (Auxiliary:1/9; 2/13; 3/13)
(SAL: 12/21; 1/18; 2/15; 3/15) (Riders: 12/7; 1/4; 3/1)