

## The Legion in the Woods



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# POST 245 NEWSLETTER

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**JULY/AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2017**

## FROM THE COMMANDER,

On July fourth I will have the honor to present the Fourth Fest Hero Award to America Legion Baseball coach Rick Hall. John Hammond and Brian Greene nominated Rick on behalf of the Post. This is the second time A L Post 245 has had a Hero Award. Bob McCool won several years ago. I'm looking forward to presenting this award to Rick for all his hard work on and off the field for American Legion Baseball.

Speaking of Legion Baseball, the season is under way. Date and times have been in the CDT. Reminder they are playing out at Shaner Field and most games are 6pm starts.

Election of officers were held the other night at the Post Meeting. Ron Quinn has stepped up and become our new 1st Vice Commander, the rest of the officers will remain the same. Ron will be holding a dual role as he is the Post Chaplain too.

On August 8th the Post will be providing lunch and dinner for Healing Waters again this year. This will be our 9th year supporting this program, ever since it came to Spruce Creek. Also the was one of Mary's favorites. We will be making sandwiches at 10:30 if you would like to help and could also use help at 4:30 with dinner.

No meeting this month but please make plans for August 17<sup>th</sup> at 7pm for our next meeting. We need your support to help the club grow. We are not growing we are shrinking ---we Did NOT hit our membership goal. We were about 23 short that is just about the same number of Class A members I read on Veterans Day. So the NEW year has started please try to get one new member and remind your fellow members to renew. Thank You.

A lot of upcoming events at the club, come out and enjoy the fun and camaraderie.

Have a fun and safe summer. Enjoy your vacation where ever you go. See you around the club.

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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## Pine Hall Cemetery Flag Schedule



7/4 Independence Day .....7am Flags Raised (Full Staff) --- 7pm Flags Lowered  
9/4 Labor Day .....7am Flags Raised (Full Staff) --- 7pm Flags Lowered  
9/11 Patriot's Day .....7am Flags Raised (Half Staff) -- 7pm Flags Lowered





## NEWS FROM THE AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS...

Hello everyone!

Riding season is upon us and the Legion Riders have been busy! We just had a fabulous ride to the Rusty Rail in Mifflinburg. The weather was perfect, the food was awesome and the company was even better! We had 9 bikes and a Jeep with a total of 18 people! We have another ride planned for July. We will be riding to Traditions restaurant on July 15th. Keep your eye on our facebook page for updates. Hope to have even more Riders make this ride! We had election of officers at our June meeting. Our new officers are: President-Scott Spear, Vice President-Randy Weaver, Secretary-Rhonda Spear, Treasurer-Jeff Gonet, Sargeant of Arms-George Fye, Chaplain-Brian McMahon and Road Captains-Samantha Hartman and Randy Weaver. Congratulations to our new officers and a BIG thank you to our outgoing officers for a job well done. We will be having our 2nd Annual Car and Bike Show on Saturday, July 8th from 10-3. It is open to all cars, bikes, and Military vehicles. Registration is from 10 to 12 and is only \$10. Come out and check out all the fun and vote for your favorite! The public will be our judges! We are still having Bike Nites on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month through August from 6 to 9. This is open to the public. Come join us on the patio for a fun night of bikes, music, food and drink specials, and an all around good time! Hope to see you all at the club for some of our events! Ride safe!

Scott Spear, ALR President

### **BINGO news and volunteers!**

Post 245 sponsored a bingo at the veteran's home in Hollidaysburg on March 21st. Volunteers were Dean Dreibelbis, Bill Klucher, Ernie Harpster and Bill Long. Both residents and volunteers had a great time, and the residents very much appreciated us providing the Bingo. They were also looking forward to their upcoming visit to our Post!

Post 245 sponsored a bingo at the VA Home on April the 4th at MacArthur Hall with a great crowd of the residents participating. Volunteers were Bill Long, Ernie Harpster, Jean Folk and Rosemarie Long from Auxiliary 245.

Post 245 sponsored a bingo at the VA Home on May 16. Volunteers were Bill Long, Ed Dionis, Ernie Harpster and Bill Klucher.



## NEWS FROM THE LADIES AUXILIARY...

So glad that we are finally to this wonderful time of year. Time for outdoor picnics, conversations and parties on the patio, bike nights, and watching the new TV outside! What a wonderful club we have at the Legion Post 245!!!

We are pleased to announce our newest members: Kathryn Regopoulos, Nicole Plouffe, Maxine Weaver, Melissa Meyer, Lindsey Harpster, Aly Baer, Jill Toto, Jessica Bricked, and Penny Bechtol. Please join me in welcoming all these new members! We would like to invite new and existing members to join in our monthly meetings which are held the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Please note that there will not be a meeting in June and August. The next meeting will be held Tuesday, July 11th, 2017. These meetings are fun and informative – come out and see for yourself!!

Looking forward to seeing you outside on the patio or at an upcoming Legion event!

Donita Gibboney, Auxiliary 2nd Vice-President

## NEWS FROM THE SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE...



Half the year has gone by, are we having fun yet? On August 5th, we will be hosting our annual summer picnic. The tickets are on sale now behind the bar. I encourage you not to wait until the last minute to buy your tickets. We only printed 220 tickets. We have lifted the restriction on how many you can buy. Cost is only \$10 and you get lunch and dinner. So, please purchase your tickets early. Cutoff date to buy is July 29th.

On the calendar for the next three months:

July 9th – Woman's clothing party – 7 pm to ?

July 22nd – Club cash party – 4 pm to 8:30 pm

August 5th – Club picnic – 11 am to 7 pm

Club is closed after picnic.

September 22nd – Jeopardy/Trivia game show – 7 pm

As always, see you at the Legion.

Larry Hess – Chairmen

Bob McCool – Co-Chairmen

## Past SAL Commanders at our 25th Anniversary Celebration in April!

Front Row/Left-Right: Mike  
Boonie, Sam Lykens, Bill  
Shuey, Bill Long, Bob McCool,  
Scott Spear

Back Row/Left-Right: Jigs  
Poorman, George Johns, Moe  
Ghaner , Rick Richards, Bud  
Yohe

Missing: Rick Dills, Bo Itinger  
and Brent Becker



### NEWS FROM THE SAL...

Hello everyone hope your summer is going good ! Lots of stuff going on here at the legion in the woods, once again SAL members helped out at special Olympics games at Penn State. Everyone had a good time playing games with the kids. If you missed the bus trip to the Pittsburgh Pirates baseball game we'll be doing it again next June, everyone had a great time and the weather was great. June 14th was flag day at the Pine Hall cemetery, big thanks to everyone that helped with raising and lowering the flags! The post 245 Legion has had a few upgrades done with some new flooring and trim. The club looks great. Come out and enjoy the out door patio with a large screen TV the SAL put up. Big welcome to all the new SAL members hope to see everyone this summer at the club. Enjoy the summer, be safe!

Brian McMahon, S.A.L. Commander

### VETERANS MULTI-SERVICE CENTER

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### **SPECIAL THANKS to ALL our wonderful volunteers!**

Spring clean up day helpers: Scott Spear, Brian McMahon, Cody McMahon, Jim DeWolf, Tina Johns, Jeff Bailey, Mike Wirtz, Ron Simpson, Bob McCool, Guy Williams, Rick Richards, Stone Cole, Carl Maehr, Larry Hess, Rick Jackson, Karen Jackson, Billy Johns and Terry McGrory



## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER...

“For God and Country” and “Because I told you to!” How many times have we heard these expressions used in our lives? How many of us have used them? Here is why I’m thinking of these expressions. I recently went to some patriotic ceremonies and noticed the maturity level of those in attendance. Where are all the young people? I then went to church on Sunday, as always, and noticed the same thing. Where is the youth?

In both of these occasions, these were times to show love. Love for our country and love for our God. To be honest the youth that I saw were youngsters that parents can’t leave home alone. From babies to elementary ages, but where’s the youth from elementary to those in their 30’s. These are the ones that need to be attending because they can begin to understand as to why we should feel strong and proud about our country, and to learn about its nobility. It’s the same for religion. It’s in this period that the youthful should be able to understand the words, the love, and the spirit of what God is expressing to us.

A question that the youth usually ask is why they should go and attend such functions and services, and many hear and use that familiar line “because I told you to!” Like with me this was usually a short term fix to answering the question, but if we don’t follow it up later with the reasons that support the experience, the young look at attendance as a drill, and not as an opportunity to gain an enriching experience. If they don’t have the knowledge of our history, our traditions, our readings and scripture, then they will lose that which, makes our faith and our nation so special. What will happen if our youth does not have the feeling of love for God and country? Unfortunately, both may get lost along with our youth, and our future.

I have heard from many that express the difficulty of getting the teenagers and twenty somethings to go to patriotic ceremonies, or to go to faith services. That they feel that these occasions should be an individual decision. That has merit, but how can a decision be made without all the information. Information that can’t be received if they are not attending. Even more frustrating is if “because I told you to” is not followed with sound reasoning, which means that many of us must do our homework as to what the experience is all about, and set the example.

Let’s pledge to do better in getting our youth to show a love of country that many of us have worked, fought, and died for. Because God and country are intertwined we need to get our youth back to church or temple. For the simple reason that “God told us to,” but God will always give us the reason if we come, listen, and love. That is the way to ensure that in our future we will still have a God and country to love.

Thank you, and as always, God bless our country, our Legion, and Post 245.

Ron Quinn Jr., Post Chaplain



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**FROM THE EDITOR...** The deadline for the October/November/December 2017 edition is **Friday, Sept 15th, 2017**. Comments and suggestions are welcome and can be emailed to [mayesb76@icloud.com](mailto:mayesb76@icloud.com)

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Becky Mayes, Editor

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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

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

#### **Class of 2017**

Dan Verdoorn - President  
Kim Selmer-Larsen  
Don Hartzell

#### **Class of 2018**

Larry Hess - Treasurer  
Carl Lauck  
Karen Reed

#### **Class of 2019**

Jim DeWolfe - Vice-President  
Rich Seifert - Secretary

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

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### **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

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## **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

### JULY 2017

3 <sup>rd</sup>	6pm-9pm	**Legion Riders Bike Night
4 <sup>th</sup>		CLUB CLOSED Independence Day/July 4th
8 <sup>th</sup>	10am-3pm	ALR/2nd Annual Car and Bike Show
9 <sup>th</sup>	1pm-5pm	**Women's Fashion Party
15 <sup>th</sup>	7pm-?	**SCAHS All Class Reunion/Open to the Public
17 <sup>th</sup>	6pm-9pm	**Legion Riders Bike Night
22 <sup>nd</sup>	4pm-8:30pm	**Club Cash Party/Ticketholders Only

### AUGUST 2017

5 <sup>th</sup>	11am-7pm	Post 245 / Club Picnic / \$ 10.00 Plus Cup Lunch 12pm-1:30pm Dinner at 5:30pm Tickets Available Now
7 <sup>th</sup>	6pm-9pm	**Legion Riders Bike Night
8 <sup>th</sup>		** Operation Healing Waters / Lunch / Dinner
12 <sup>th</sup>	8pm-11pm	** ALR sponsored 'Bonejack' Band /Open to Public
21 <sup>st</sup>	6pm-9pm	**Legion Riders Bike Night

### SEPTEMBER 2017

2 <sup>nd</sup>	TBA	Penn State Football / Akron Tailgate (H)
4 <sup>th</sup>		CLUB OPEN / Kitchen Closed /Labor Day
9 <sup>th</sup>	TBA	Penn State Football / Pittsburgh Tailgate (H)
11 <sup>th</sup>		Patriot's Day
16 <sup>th</sup>	TBA	Penn State Football / Georgia State Tailgate (H)
22 <sup>nd</sup>	7pm	Jeopardy / Trivia Game Show Night
23 <sup>rd</sup>	TBA	Penn State Football / Iowa Tailgate (A)
30 <sup>th</sup>	TBA	Penn State Football / Indiana Tailgate (H)

### OCTOBER 2017

6 <sup>th</sup>	7PM	Jeopardy / Trivia Game Show Night
7 <sup>th</sup>	TBA	Penn State Football / Northwestern Tailgate (A)
14 <sup>th</sup>	11:30am	SAL Luncheon for HVH Veteran's
20 <sup>th</sup>	6:30pm	** October Fest
21 <sup>st</sup>	TBA	Penn State Football / Michigan Tailgate (H)
22 <sup>nd</sup>	TBA	** Ladies AUX Bingo
27 <sup>th</sup>	8pm-11pm	** Post 245 Halloween Party / DJ/Open to Public
28 <sup>th</sup>	10am	Post 245 / Fall Clean Up Day
28 <sup>th</sup>	TBA	Penn State Football / Ohio State Tailgate (A)

### \*\* NON SMOKING EVENTS

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**Organization Meetings:** (Post: 8/17, 9/21) (Auxiliary: 7/11, 9/12)  
(SAL: 7/20, 8/17, 9/21) (Riders: 7/6, 8/3, 9/7)