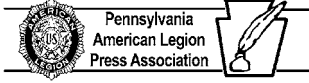
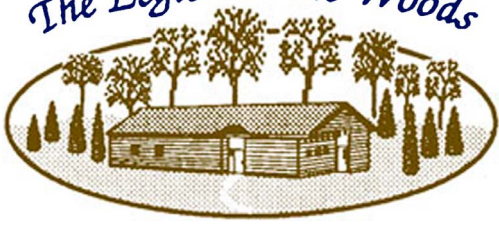


The Legion in the Woods



POST 245 NEWSLETTER

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~ 2021 MEMBERSHIP ~

I hope that everyone had a very safe Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year despite the Governors shut down. As I write this article, our membership has fallen behind last year's pace. We stand at 556 for 2021 verses 564 for 2020. If you know of anyone that is a veteran and is not a member of our Post, or a member of another post outside our area, please try to sign or transfer them to our Post to help our numbers. Also, our Post will pay the membership for active-duty Military personal. Our goal for 2021 membership is 694. If we all pitch in, I am sure we can meet our goal one member at a time.

Larry Hess – Post 245 Adjutant

FROM THE COMMANDER,

Hoping everybody had a joyous and safe holiday. They did a really good job of decorating the Post. It looked very festive. Hopefully things will be back to normal next year. I miss all the parties and cheer.

Again I want to thank Crystal and her staff for keeping the doors open. Also a BIG Thank You to all who came in and had a lunch or dinner. Every little bit helps and the food is good. With today's announcement it looks like we will be going to take-out!!! Crystal will be making that decision soon.

On November 22 Troop 245 awarded its second Eagle Scout. D.J. Watkins received the award at a Court of Honor held at the Post. The ceremony was well attended by family, friends and fellow scouts. Rumor has it there will be a lot more Eagle Scout ceremonies coming up. Please support any Scout programs that you can.

Early reminder March is the Corporation Meeting. All are welcome to attend, Class A members bring your membership card to vote. Three new Board members up for vote.

Don't have much to write about with the pandemic shutting all events down. Thank you all for all you do to keep the Post open.

Rich Seifert, Commander



Club Hours:

11am - 11pm, Daily

Kitchen Hours:

Grill: 11am - 8pm daily
Fryers: 11am - 10pm daily

Happy Hour:

Monday 7-9pm

**EVENING
SPECIALS
NIGHTLY!**

FRIDAY

Wings, \$8.75/ dozen or
\$4.75/ ½ dozen, 5-10pm

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A Message from the Special Events Committee

Happy New Year!

I hope that the New Year finds us all of us safe and healthy. I am sure that everyone feels like I do, I just want to get back to normal but what is normal these days. I hear that there is a new normal, does anyone really know what that is ? If you look at the back page of this newsletter, there are not too many events scheduled for the first three months of 2021. I know that is not our normal. I am hoping that the COVID19 vaccinations help to eliminate this disease or at least help to control it better. This past year, we have had to cancel numerous events at the Club because of COVID, but I am very happy to say that we are still open for business when some businesses have had to close. The reason that we are still open is because of our Manager Crystal Myers and her staff. They have had to deal with so many new and complex issues, but they have succeeded in overcoming each of them. So to start out the New Year, please come out to the club for a Meal, a Beer or just to see some old friends. And while you are there, Thank the Staff for their fine job in 2020.

Larry Hess and Bob McCool Co-Chairmans

Trip to Gettysburg Battlefield

This summer, the Post is considering offering a two-day bus trip to the Gettysburg Battlefield. Early plans are for a Fullington Bus ride to the new Gettysburg Museum and Visitors Center. We'll watch a short film of the three-day battle, and visit the museum and Cyclorama map. Next we're off to a guided tour of the battlefield, ghost tour in the evening, overnight stay in a local hotel, and morning tours the following day. We'll have an early departure and a dinner at the Gettysburg American Legion.

If you are interested in this Legion sponsored event, please email me:
tompalchak@gmail.com

Future plans will be provided through the newsletter.

Thank you, Tom Palchak, Post 245

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER...

HAPPY NEW YEAR! 2020 is over, and we are all ready to change into 2021.

That will be the operative word this year, change. It will be change in many ways. For good, or bad, we will be changing presidents, that will entail a change in the way that our country functions. That will in turn affect the way that our states and local governments function. The virus that was looming last year, that changed all our lives, might be diminishing, we pray, and our lives will change again, but maybe not the way we used to do things. We might be able to make more money or may have to spend more. Our jobs may change, or at least how we do them. Schools and education will be changing, maybe back or to a different approach.

Our kids and grandkids will be getting older, and there will always be changes occurring in their lives. Friends and loved ones will die, and new lives will be born, creating more change, in all our lives. However, the biggest change will be in ourselves.

The Greek philosopher Heraclitus said, "The only thing constant is change." The way that we conduct our lives must always incorporate and allow for change to occur. Failing to do so can weaken us and our progress. When the Creator created the universe from the tiny speck into the vastness of worlds that we have today, and in the short time span, it is evident that it is a universal rule that there will always be change. It is through the change of time, change of seasons, change from day to night that brings us challenges, but also brings us hope. As the song says, there is always tomorrow.

While some may not readily recognize it, change is a gift from God. Like all His gifts it is what we do with that gift that makes all the difference. The gift of change gives us the chances to turn our lives around for the better. The chance to reach out to family and friends who may be needing assistance. In effect, changing their lives for the better.

So, don't fear God's gift of change. Embrace it. Use the change for good, as we should with all of God's gifts. Along with making all those resolutions that hopefully create change for the better, I ask that you include one more. Resolve to increase your faith in the Almighty. Visit His house of worship. Study the scriptures more. Pray more. Many gifts come with instructions on how to use it properly. Visiting and conversing more with God will give you the instructions on how to use the gift of change properly for peace and love for all.



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

Ron Quinn Jr., Post Chaplain



NEWS FROM THE SAL...

2020 is Finally Over.
The New Year brings us hope of once again having events at the club. Please check in for the details on when these events maybe happening.

THANKS to the Honor Guard for the job that they have done during these troubled times. It means a lot to the families when you show up and honor their loved ones.

Please remember that the sign in the club states " In this Club, there are no strangers only friends who have not met.

Rick Dills
SAL Commander

FLAG DETAIL.

Thanks to the following Post 245 members and friends for volunteering to raise and lower flags at Pine Hall Cemetery in 2020 on National holidays and special occasions: Larry and Judy Hess; Butch James; Susan Lechtanski; Todd, Ashley, & Parker Fuller; George Fye; Rich, Karen, Dan & Jessica Jackson; Joe and Caroline Fye; Ron, Claire, & Denise Quinn; Ron Strouse; Scott & Kelly Harron; Mike Boonie; Snook Foster; Rich Seifert; Rex Rexter; D.J. & Alexis Wilson; Tom Palchak; Jim, Suzie, and Kelly DeWolfe; Ken Lusht; Mitchell Davis; Jenn & Rick James; Gerry Thompson; Ernie & Dora Harpster; Dale Cox; Irene & David Herron; the men and women of the USAF 193d Special Operations Wing; Kelly Dietz; Tina Hoy; Kathleen Rickley; Rick Richards; Mary Hartzell; and service dogs Barracuda & Kelp!

Don Hartzell

Thank You Porter Paint and Wallpaper

If you are driving on West College Avenue and you are heading over to the Legion in the Woods, you pass our Gill Field Baseball Scoreboard. This scoreboard has stood tall overlooking our Legion Field for many, many years. Recently, it has been refurbished as an Eagle Scout project managed by Luke Surevec, a scout from Post 245. At this time, we want to thank Steve Ellenberger, owner of Porter Paint and Wallpaper for his generous donations of paint and supplies to help make this project a huge success. Steve is a current member of the SAL here at Post 245. Thank you Steve!

A Big Thank You to the Kenyon family

for their donation of the masks representing four of the branches of the US service! All of the Veterans that received them on Veterans Day were so pleased! I see them being worn regularly in the Legion.

Bingo Updates

The VA Hollidaysburg Veterans Home is still on lockdown due to the coronavirus. However, the post is still sponsoring VA Bingo's as the veterans have them monthly but we are not physically going to the home. Financially we continue to support them and will be supporting their Christmas party with donation's from both the SAL and POST 245. Even though we can not be there in person, post 245 or SAL 245 still gets the credit for the Bingo,

We are still looking for more volunteers to add to our list for future Bingos!
Contact Bill Long @692-8535 or text 814-441-6635.



NEWS FROM THE LADIES AUXILIARY...

Happy Holidays and New Year from the Ladies Auxiliary. We are all hopeful that 2021 is a better year for everyone!!

The auxiliary is happy to welcome several new members. They are Ashley M. Heimbaugh, Denise A. Gembusia, Meghan Kulka, Jennifer G. Edwards, Kristina L. Claibourn, Dana M. Nelson, Misty D. Hicks, Patricia A. DeArmitt, Heather S. Lutz, Angela R. Musselman, Mary K. Elsner, and Karen S. Benton. We are happy that you have joined and hope to see you at a future meeting. Meetings are held the fourth Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Get involved and learn about all the good things the auxiliary does for veterans, the club, and the community.

Home show bingo will be held Sunday, March 14th, 2021. The doors open at 1:00 p.m., with bingo starting at 2:00 p.m. The cost is \$6, which includes your bingo card and light refreshments. In addition, the kitchen will be open for any additional food items you would like to order. Check out the extensive menu of delicious choices with extremely reasonable pricing!! We will play at least 16 games of bingo, with the winner of each game receiving a prize valued at \$20 or more. There will also be door prizes, and we will hold a 50-50 drawing. There will be many vendors on site that will have cash and carry items available for purchase. Please come out and support these vendors that provide the bingo and door prizes and make this event possible.

Wishing you all good health and much happiness in the New Year.

Donita Gibboney, Auxiliary 2nd Vice-President

Charity	Ticket Count
ALPHA FIRE CO.	556
AUXILIARY	513
BOB PERKS FUND	511
CENTRE CO. VETS	332
S.C. FOOD BANK	814
HOLIDAY VETS	880
S.C.L. POST 245	884
LEGION PRIDERS	305
S.A.L.	387
TROOP 245	1300
PSU TIGER	283
TOYS FOR TOTS	881

In October, the Donation Committee spearheaded by Crystal held a Charity Ticket Bonanza. For a donation of \$10 members were able to get containers of tickets from old rip-off games. Any winners opened could be applied to one of the 12 charities that were chosen. Participants were also treated to homemade soups from the Legion groups. It was a win win afternoon. We were able to donate over \$7000 to the charities and everyone had fun. We are hoping to make this an annual event so watch your newsletter for the next one.



The History of the American Flag

By Thomas Palchak

First in a series

The flag pictured here is known as the Washington Cruisers Flag. It was flown from seven ships outfitted by George Washington personally to aid in his attempt to drive the British from New England. These ships were sailing before the Continental Navy was formed by Congress in late 1775, making them the de facto first Navy of the United States. The idea to use this flag apparently came from Colonel Joseph Reed, an aide to General Washington.

A famous letter dated October 20, 1775 from Col. Joseph Reed, describes the Washington Cruisers Flag that flew on the floating batteries. He is asking Col. Glover if he thinks the same flag would be a good flag to fly from the ships that were just commissioned. A portion of the letter reads as follows:

"We have accounts that the small squadron which sailed some time ago is bombarding Fulmouth and Portsmouth. Our vessels must be careful how they fall in with them. Please to fix upon some particular colour for a flag, and a signal by which our vessels may know one another. What do you think of a flag with a white ground, a tree in the middle, the motto "Appeal to Heaven?" This is the flag of our floating batteries."

The pine tree was a popular and longstanding symbol of liberty in New England at that time. The phrase appeared in a letter written by Dr. Joseph Warren shortly after the Battles of Lexington and Concord on behalf of the Massachusetts Provincial Congress to the citizens of Great Britain informing them of the atrocities the British army had just performed on their own people. The letter states in part:

"...to the persecution and tyranny of his cruel ministry, we will not tamely submit; appealing to Heaven for the justice of our cause, "we determine to die, or be free."

FROM THE EDITOR...

The deadline for the April 2021 - June 2021 edition is **Friday, March 12th, 2021**

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

NO! I do not want the newsletter (4 issues per year) mailed to me.

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Attn: Newsletter Editor Or Email: Becky Mayes w/complete info at mayesb76@icloud.com

POST OFFICERS

Meets 3rd Thursday, 7 p.m.
Commander Rich Seifert
1st Vice Brian Green
2nd Vice John Hammond
Adjutant Larry Hess
Treasurer Chris Solo
Sgt.-At-Arms - Gerry Thompson
Chaplain Ron Quinn
Service Officer – Bill Long
Judge Advocate – Vacant

AUXILIARY OFFICERS

Meets 4th Tuesday, 7 p.m.
President Rhonda Spear
1st Vice Penny Dry
2nd Vice Donita Gibboney
Secretary Kathy Croyle
Treasurer Tina Johns
Sgt.-At-Arms Karen Jackson
Chaplain Jean Folk
Historian - Tina Hoy
Sp. Events Coord. – Brandi Hartman

SAL OFFICERS

Meets 3rd Thursday, 6 p.m.
Commander Rick Dills
1st Vice Bill Shuey
2nd Vice Rich Jackson
Adj./Treas. Jigs Poorman
Sgt. At Arms Guy Williams
Chaplain Mike Boonie
Historian Noah Washington

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

Class of 2021

Larry Hess
Chris Solo - Vice President
John McCabe - Pandemic Officer

Class of 2022

Barry Dickman
Rich Seifert - Secretary
Don Hartzell

Class of 2023

Dan Verdoorn - President
Lewis Watt - Treasurer
Tom Palchak

Ex-Officio: Aux. President, Rhonda Spear; Social, vacant; SAL Cmdr., Rick Dills;
ALR-President, Scott Spear; 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 McMahan

Secretary: Rhonda Spear
Road Captain: Samantha Hartman
Randy Weaver

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP LISTS

BUDGET & FINANCE

Meets as required
Bob McCool and Lewis Watt

BUILDING & GROUNDS

Meets as required
Barry Dickman (Co-Chair)
Don Hartzell (Co-Chair)
Bud Yohe
Gerry Thompson

DONATIONS

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

MEMBERSHIP

Meets as Required
Larry Hess (Chairperson)
Rich Seifert

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,
Rick Dills, Chris Solo

LCB RULES & REGS


Meets as Required
Dan Verdoorn (Chairperson)

NEWSLETTER

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

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,
Tom Palchak, Tina Hoy



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

JANUARY

1/1	1pm	New Years's Day / Club Opens / 1pm
1/4	6pm - 9pm	Food Special - BBQ Ribs
1/9	11am	Take Down Christmas Decorations

FEBRUARY

2/1	11am- 430pm	Red Cross Blood Drive
2/1	6pm - 9pm	Food Special - BBQ Ribs
2/6	8pm	Jeopardy / Trivia Game Show
2/7	6pm	2021 Super Bowl Tailgate

MARCH

3/1	6pm - 9pm	Food Special - BBQ Ribs
3/6	8pm	Jeopardy / Trivia Game Show
3/11	7pm	Post 245 Corporation Meeting
3/14	1pm	Ladies Auxiliary Home Show
	Bingo / 2pm Start
3/27	11am	Ladies Auxiliary Easter Egg Hunt

**** NON SMOKING EVENTS**

Organization Meetings:

(Post: 1/21; 2/18; 3/18) (Auxiliary: 1/26; 2/23; 3/23)

(SAL: 1/21; 2/18; 3/18) (Riders: 1/7; 2/4; 3/4)

(Post 245 Boy Scouts: every Monday)