

The Legion in the Woods



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POST 245 NEWSLETTER

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OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2017

FROM THE COMMANDER,

Greetings everybody! Hope everyone had a great summer. Is it me or did the summer go real fast? On Saturday I went to post 402 in Panama City Beach for their POW/MIA remembrance ceremony. It was really nice to see a ceremony at a different post. They had a small turn out but it was a real nice ceremony honoring those missing and unaccounted for.

That brings me to a bunch the ceremonies we have coming up at the post. First on October 4 the moving wall will be coming to Penn State and we will have our color guard squad there when the wall arrives. We will also have some of our legion riders among the thousands of riders escorting the wall to PSU. The wall will be there until October 8th. I hope you get a chance to visit the wall, it's really impressive. I don't know exactly what I will say but I am giving some kind of a speech/closing remarks on the closing day.

And then comes November, don't forget to vote we need to make our voices heard to make this country strong. Then we have Veterans Day one of the most important days for the American Legion. We will have our usual ceremony at 11am and then two dinners for the veterans that night. Hope you all can join us on this special day. If you cannot please take a moment and remember those who have served and are serving our great country.

I know you don't like me to keep on talking about membership, but we did not reach our membership goal for 2016. So yes again I am asking please get some one to join our post to help make it strong and united.

I want to thank all the volunteers who helped repaint and replace ceiling tiles and all the other work done around the post to make it look great. I've had a lot of comments on how nice the place looks.

Congratulations to the kitchen staff for coming in second place at Tussey Mountain wing off. Personally I think we won because the restaurant that won doesn't have wings on their menu but that's me!!!

Football season is here and that means tailgate parties at the Legion. Please come in and join us for the fun and excitement of PSU football. Also, don't forget to please bring a covered dish.

Hope everyone has a good October and November! Will talk to you all soon.

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

ATTENTION! CLASS A MEMBERS IF YOU HAVE THE FOLLOWING...

1. Class A Membership
2. At least 10 years at Post 245
3. Are at least 80 years old
4. Proof of age

**Post 245 will pay your dues for
the remainder of your life.**

Send proof of age to:

Carl A. Lauck, Adj
Post 245, 1950 Pine Hall Rd.,
State College, PA 16801



NEWS FROM THE AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS...

Hello everyone,

Another riding season is almost behind us. Hard to believe! That doesn't mean that the riders will be dormant. We have a lot of things going on for the fall season. On October 3rd we will be participating in a motorcycle escort for the Traveling Vietnam Memorial Wall to Innovation Park. We will be meeting at our legion at 2pm and riding to the Bellefonte Weis on Zion Rd to assemble with all the others participating. The escort will leave there at 4:30 and proceed up I-99 to Innovation Park. It should be quite a sight to see! We are currently selling sandwiches from Mac's grocery in Tyrone to help fund some of our donations. Sandwiches are \$3.50 each and will be delivered on October 19th. See an ALR member if interested. We are joining forces with some other ALR chapters to raise donations for Operation Major Tom (Thank Our Military). We have set up a collection box in our club and we are asking anyone to donate snack and toiletry items. Some suggested items: jerky, local chips or pretzels, granola bars, slim jims, packaged crackers, drink mixes, baby wipes, lotion, lip balm, foot powder, puzzle books, card games (please nothing perishable, aerosol, glass, or containing batteries). On November 1st we will be packaging and shipping all items to service men and women for Veteran's day.

We'd like to thank everyone who volunteered and/or came out to enjoy our Bike Nights! They were once again a big success. A special Thank You to our club manager Crystal and her staff for all the great food specials!

Ride Safe!

Scott Spear, ALR President



MIXED DART LEAGUE...

Meeting Wednesday November 15, 7 pm. New teams welcome. 6 person teams playing Wednesday nights beginning in January. League "officers" needed for 2018 season.

Penny Dry and Don McClintic



NEWS FROM THE LADIES AUXILIARY...

What are you doing Auxiliary members on Tuesday, October 10th, 2017, at 7:00 p.m.? If you don't have any plans, we would love to have any existing and new members join us at our next meeting. It's a great way to get more involved in activities at Post 245. Our membership continues to grow, with our newest members being Deb Young, Morgan Campbell, Abigail DeWolfe, Susie Solo, Barbara Rausch, Karen Clinger, Nancy Kanzleiter, Jewel Ray, Robin Cooke, Jaylee Agno, Constance Marzin, Alena Sutherland, and Kelsey Snyder. If you see any of these new members, please be sure to give them a nice welcome.

There is a Home Show Bingo tentatively scheduled for October 22nd from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Doors open at 1:00 p.m. Details will be posted at the club when the event gets closer.

Unfortunately it is time to say goodbye to summer – but it is also time for football, holiday parties, and other events at the club! Hope to see some new faces at our next auxiliary meeting, and look forward to seeing everyone at a club event!!

Donita Gibboney, Auxiliary 2nd Vice-President

BINGO news and volunteers!

Bingo will be starting up for our Post sponsorship beginning October 17th @2:00PM at MacArthur Hall @ the VA Home in Hollidaysburg. We will also be sponsoring a Bingo on November 21st at the same location at the 2:00PM start time. We will not do a Bingo in December, however, we are donating \$100.00 to the VA Christmas Party Fund.

The SAL will be sponsoring Bingo's at 7:00PM on the following dates: October 31st, November 14th and December 5th.

As usual, we are always open to having volunteer's join with us by contacting either myself (Bill Long) for Post 245 Bingo's, or Mike Boonie for SAL 245 Bingo's.



NEWS FROM THE SAL...

Once again the fall colors are upon us. Football games and tailgating on the agenda. The Sons of The American Legion are hard at work with bingo at our Vets home in Hollidaysburg. On September 26th the SAL visited the HVH for bingo and had a great time, the Vets really enjoy our visits with them. Big thanks to Jigs Poorman, Mike Boonie, Rick Richards, Guy Williams, Mike Wirtz, Bob McCool and Deb Bauer for all their help. Next visit will be October 31st and again on November 14th. Everyone is welcome to come along so please try to keep those dates open and help out, the vets really enjoy seeing us. Speaking of the Vets home in Hollidaysburg the post 245 SAL and the ladies auxiliary will be bringing them to our post 245 for our annual luncheon on October 14th at 11:30am. We provide them with lunch and play games with them its a lot of fun for everyone and all the vets have a smile on their faces so please try to make it out to help out. October 28th is the fall clean-up at the club starting at 10am hope to see a lot of the SAL guys there to help out for an hour or two, Also don't forget November 11th is Veterans day. We will be serving two meals at the club for our Veterans please try to make plans to help out.

Brian McMahon, S.A.L. Commander

NEWS FROM THE SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE...



We are going to make a slight change to the distribution of the newsletter. This issue is for October and November and contains calendars for Oct, Nov and Dec. We will continue the quarterly issues after this issue. All we are doing is shifting the quarterly issues by one month. We felt that the articles would be better timing for each of the holidays during the year.

Upcoming events for October and November are:

- 10/06/17- Jeopardy / Trivia Game Show – 7 pm
- 10/20/17- Octoberfest – 7 to 9 pm
Food Served at 6 pm to Ticket Holders Only
\$10 Ticket -Public Welcome
The Club Will Be Open To All Members
- 10/27/17 – Post 245 Halloween Costume Party
DJ Marlin Neff – 8 to 11 pm
Open To the Public at 6 PM
- 10/28/17 – Fall Clean Up Day – 10 AM
- 11/03/17 – Jeopardy / Trivia Game Show – 7 pm
- 12/02/17 – Decorate Club for Christmas – Need Help

Also, don't forget all the football tailgates that we have scheduled. Some of the game times have not been announced yet so check the PSU schedule on line.

Thanks for your support.
As always, see you at the Legion.
Larry Hess – Chairmen
Bob McCool – Co-Chairmen

Pine Hall Cemetery Flag Schedule

11/11 Veterans Day - 7am Flags Raised (Full Staff) - 7pm Flags Lowered



Thank You Veterans!

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER...

In scriptures, Mark 14:7 tells us, "The poor you will always have with you...." So who are the poor? Are they the ones who find themselves in poverty, or is poverty just a symptom of the something that makes them poor? Jesus tells us in the beatitudes of Matthew 5:3, "Blessed are the poor in spirit...." So it would make sense that if we are directed to help the poor, then we need to look beyond just those who find themselves in poverty financially.

So again, who are the poor? Who are they who are also poor in spirit? How about those who have lost a loved one, and continue to grieve that loss? How about those who find themselves as the victims of crimes? Don't they also find themselves to be poor in spirit? How about the depressed? The handicapped? Most recently those that are in need of assistance from the devastation of hurricanes, tornados, and wild fires, can you imagine the poverty of their spirits?

We can even extend this thinking to those who are financially wealthy, but in trying to discover true meanings in their life, may also be classified as those who are poor. How many times do we see through the media, those celebrities that had success in society and their craft, only to spiral downward due to the struggles of their poor spirit? Don't we have an obligation to help all of these poor spirits?

A constancy through all faiths is the belief that if we help someone in need that the effort will be returned to us many times over. Therefore, let's start by showing compassion towards each other, and let it be known that if help is needed, we can be that help. Let's reach out to the sick, dying, suffering, lost and forsaken. Look to the victims, the orphaned, the depressed, and the widowed, and to the many others who fall into many other categories. These are also considered the poor, and we are obliged to help them, because we will always have the poor.

If you want to start in the helping of others please consider helping with donating to the National Emergency fund, which can be found at <https://www.legion.org/emergency>, and the American Red Cross. Remember as Jesus said in Matthew 25:40, "Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me."

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

Ron Quinn Jr., Post Chaplain



FROM THE EDITOR... The deadline for the Dec 2017/Jan 2018/Feb 2018 edition is **Friday, Nov 17th, 2017.**
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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City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

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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.

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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

SPECIAL THANKS!

A HUGE thank you to the following volunteers who worked at the Legion on Saturday, August 12th They worked all day in helping us get the New Ceiling installed throughout the Club.

Jim DeWolfe, Don Hartzel, Gerry Thompson, Bob McCool, Jigs Poorman, Bud Yohe, Joan Yohe, Guy Williams, Ed Lutz, Jack Porta, Dave Rinehart, Eric Waltz, Rhonda Spear, Scott Spear, Brian McMahon, Jeff Gonet, Mike Boonie, Mike Wirtz, Bill Shuey, Lynda Shuey, Cody McMahon, Dana Landskroner, Terry McGory

BIG BROTHERS/BIG SISTERS PROGRAM

Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Centre County is in high need of volunteers (Especially male volunteers) who are interested in mentoring children who would greatly benefit from having a positive role model in their life.

Please contact Eli Skinner at skinner@ccysb.com for more information.



Big Brothers Big Sisters



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



Remaining 2017 Penn State Football Schedule

September 30 vs INDIANA 3:30pm
October 7 at Northwestern Noon
October 21 vs MICHIGAN TBA
October 28 at Ohio State 3:30pm
November 4 at Michigan State TBA
November 11 vs RUTGERS Noon
November 18 vs NEBRASKA TBA
November 25 at Maryland TBA
December 2 BIG10 Champ 8:00pm

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

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American Legion Post 245 Upcoming Events

OCTOBER 2017

6th	7PM	Jeopardy / Trivia Game Show Night
7th	TBA	Penn State Football / Northwestern Tailgate (A)
9th	11am-5pm	Red Cross Blood Drive
14th	11:30am	SAL Luncheon for HVH Veteran's
20th	6pm	** October Fest / Open to the Public
21st	TBA	Penn State Football / Michigan Tailgate (H)
22nd	TBA	** Ladies AUX Bingo
27th	8pm-11pm	** Post 245 Halloween Party / DJ / Marlin Neff Open to Public
28th	10am	Post 245 / Fall Clean Up Day
28th	3:30pm	Penn State Football / Ohio State Tailgate (A)
30th		Halloween

NOVEMBER 2017

3rd	7pm	Jeopardy / Trivia Game Show
4th	TBA	Penn State Football / Michigan State Tailgate (A)
11th		Veteran's Day
11th	7am	Flags Raised (Full Staff) Pine Hall Cemetery
11th	7pm	Flags Lowered Pine Hall Cemetery
11th	11am	Post 245 / Veteran's Day Service
11th	3:30pm	Ladies AUX / Veteran's Day Dinner / Early Seating
11th	6:30pm	Ladies AUX / Veteran's Day Dinner / Late Seating
11th	12pm	Penn State Football/Rutgers/HOMECOMING (H)
11th		PSU Football Military Appreciation Day (H)
16th	11am-2pm	Thanksgiving Lunch Buffet \$ 11.00
18th	TBA	Penn State Football / Nebraska Tailgate H
19th	1:30pm	Year End NASCAR Party
23rd		Thanksgiving / Club Closed
25th	TBA	Penn State Football / Maryland Tailgate(A)

DECEMBER 2017

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
16th	7:30pm	Post 245 Christmas Party
21st	11am-2pm	Christmas Lunch Buffet \$ 11.00
24th	7pm	Christmas Eve / Club Closes @ 7pm
25th		Christmas Day / Club Closed
31st	1pm-6pm	New Year's Eve / Club Open / Business as Usual

** NON SMOKING EVENTS

Organization Meetings: (Post: 10/19; 11/16; 12/21) (Auxiliary: 10/10; 11/7; 12/12)
(SAL: 10/5; 11/2; 12/7) (Riders: 10/5; 11/2; 12/7)