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POST 245 NEWSLETTER

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MARCH 2022 - MAY 2022

FROM THE COMMANDER,

I hope everyone had a Great Holiday season. It sure went by fast. Now it's time to work on membership. It's the one thing that keeps us strong, the new ideas from New members. With the way things are changing all the time it's the younger members that have the knowledge and computer skills we need. From paying dues on-line to texting District, State and club members it's all new technology that is coming. Our own Newsletter is available on-line. So you New members that want to get involved and have computer skills join Our Team to help us grow into the future.

Like I mentioned before, I made the changes with the Post Officers. Rich Jackson is now 1st Vice commander & Honor Guard Chair, James Lanning is now 2nd Vice Commander & Co-Chair Service Officer. Bill Long is still Co-Chair Service Officer in charge of all things BINGO. Bill loves doing Bingo with his group of volunteers, they know all the ins and outs of how to run Bingo.

Thank You everyone for supporting the Club. It's been tough with the pandemic, but because of Our Great staff and YOU we made it. Things are looking strong and the crowds are coming back. The turn out at events has grown from the Ladies Bingo to the SAL Cash Bash it's you who came out and supported them. Watch for up coming events.

Wishing all a Holy Easter time. And the start of summer is just around the corner. Have a happy Memorial Day, remember Our services at Shiloh and Pine Hall Cemeteries.

See you at the Club!

Rich Seifert, Commander



Club Hours:

11am - 11pm Mon thru Sat
12 noon - 8pm Sun

Kitchen Hours:

Grill: 11am - 8pm Mon - Sat
Fryers: 11am - 10pm Mon - Sat
Grill & Fryers: 12 Noon - 7pm Sun

Happy Hour:

Monday 7-9pm

EVENING SPECIALS NIGHTLY!

FRIDAYS

Wing Night 5-10pm

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Post 245 Corporation Meeting

Thursday, March 10th, 2022 at 7pm

Class A members, please remember to bring your 2022 Membership Card.

Membership Renewal

I need to ask you that if you have not renewed your membership for 2022, please do so right away.

You can leave your renewal fee of \$35.00 with the bar tenders.

You can mail it to: American Legion Post 245
1950 Pine Hall Rd
State College, PA 16801 attention Larry Hess

Or online at Legion.org - Click on the National Database - then click on the Renew and then follow instructions - it is that easy.

There are several members that have not renewed yet and it is important to keep your years as a member consecutive. Thank you in advance for renewing your membership which we value greatly.

Larry Hess - Post 245 Adjutant



NEWS FROM THE LADIES AUXILIARY...

The auxiliary membership continues to grow. We have quite a few new members, and we are excited that you have joined. Please help me welcome the following new members: Bea R. Winkler, Molly Wisniewski, Janet G. Whitmer, Sherry L. Yocum, Keyaira S. Hodges, Shari G. Conrad, Kathie L. Rodland, Burma D. Gummo, Marsha K. Berkheimer, Tyann M. Hess, Kathryn Cramer, Isabella Rupert, Jennifer Stewart, Dana Hanlon, Emma Harshman, Lynn Saccavino, Cynthia Russell, P. Lynn Brown-Miller, Amy Long, Dana Springer, Melissa Spock, and Isabella Gonzales. We hope to see you at a future meeting. Meetings are held the fourth Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Meetings are a great opportunity to meet new friends and learn about future events.

Home show bingo will be held Sunday, March 20th, 2022. 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.

The children's Easter Egg hunt will be held Saturday, April 9th, 2022, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. There will be candy and prize-filled eggs for all the little ones. The Easter Bunny will be there for a picture-taking session. This event is opened to children aged 10 and under. The rain date for this event is Saturday, April 16th.

So happy that spring and nicer weather is right around the corner! Take care and hope to see you at a future Auxiliary and/or Legion event.

Donita Gibboney, Second Vice-President



CHAPLAINS CORNER

April is the time for preparing the soil for planting. Spring brings new growth to a dormant landscape. In nature the cycle of life continues through the seasons year after year as generations of people come and go through the ages. We are on this planet for such a short time to enjoy its grandeur. Try to live in the moment instead of regretting the past or worrying about the future. Love and laugh often and try to practice kindness, mercy, and forgiveness.

With all the tension in the world escalating recently I think we should say some prayers for our service personal stationed in hot spots throughout the globe. May they be safe from harm's way as they serve our country.

Remember to thank those nurses who work on covid floors and I.C.U's for their tireless dedication. Some of them suffer from PTSD from their ordeal.

For those who celebrate Easter or Passover may you enjoy the holidays.

James F Sweeney, Chaplain

Special Events

Now that things are settling down with Covid 19, your special events committee is ready to get back into the swing of things and start having events.

First, we want you to know that the April 2nd Jeopardy has been cancelled.

Our clubs Sunday brunch's are back in full swing, please check the calendar for dates and times.

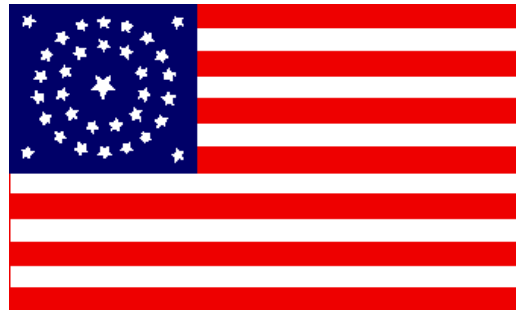
On April 23rd, we are going to revive our traditional Sock Hop hosted by our famous WOWY radio station and the real deal Bob Steel. This is a Saturday and it will be from 8 Pm to 11 PM. There will be prizes and entertainment by the WOWY crew. Please support your Legion by planning to attend. Should be a fun filled night.

So, see you at the Legion?
Larry Hess and Bob McCool, Co-Chairmans

History of the American Flag

Illuminating American History Through the American Flag

Sixth in a Series
By Thomas Palchak



In 1818 the flag was used primarily for government and military purposes. The Navy Commissioners Office stipulated that the canton be one third the length of the flag, with six stripes next to the union and seven longer stripes below. The U.S. Army didn't get around to adopting the Stars and Stripes as its official garrison flag until 1834. In the interregnum between the War of 1812 and the Civil War, the flag stretched from the Atlantic to the Pacific and it flew briefly in the conquest of Mexico as well. In 1847, Gen. Winfield Scott, with 7,000 soldiers and 400 Marines, assaulted Mexico City's main plaza flying the flag and stormed the Castillo de Chapultepec, the famous residence of the nation's rulers, also known as the Halls of Montezuma.

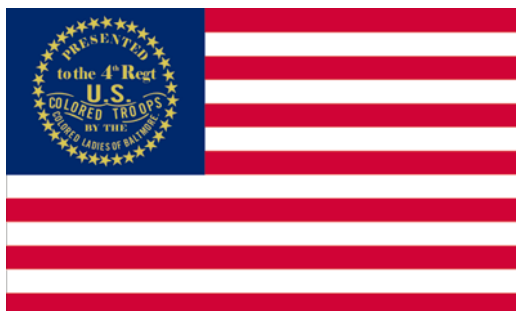
In 1837 Navy officer Charles Wilkes, flying under a twenty-six-star flag, led the first American expedition that explored Antarctica.

Not everyone was ennobled by the symbolism of the Stars and Stripes. In the 1840s and 1850s the Know-Nothings, used the American flag as one of their primary symbols. The Know-Nothings created the Order of the Star-Spangled Banner, the first anti-immigrant nativist movement in the United States. It gained adherents following the large number of Irish and German Catholics who came to the country beginning in the mid-1840s. Their membership was limited to Protestant adults who pledged their belief in God and willingness to abide by the order's rules, secret signals, passwords, and phrases of recognition.

The economic opportunities these early Catholics sought were fundamentally denied and their quest for the American dream would not be fulfilled. By 1853 Know-Nothing membership swelled to one million members in thirty-one states.

Even worse, the issue of slavery, par-boiling in American society since her founding, and the broader issue of states' rights brought the United States into Civil War in 1861. The event that launched the Civil War - the Confederate attack on Fort Sumpter in South Carolina - also precipitated an unprecedented explosion of devotion to the Stars and Stripes that swept over the North when the flag was lowered in defeat in Charlestown Harbor. The Americans in the North looked at the flag as a cherished icon; the Stars and Stripes became a beloved symbol of the Union and the fight to keep it whole.

Maryland remained a slave-state and at great personal risk, black soldiers enlisted in the Union Army. The 4th Regiment, U.S. Colored Troops, organized at Baltimore, Maryland, from July 15 to September 1, 1863. The 4th Regiment consisted of troops who were about half free men and the other half comprising of liberated and fugitive slaves. The 4th Regiment was first sent to Fort Monroe, Virginia, on October 1 before moving to Yorktown, Virginia as part of the XVIII Corps. Their wives remained behind, and formed groups to show support for their men fighting to end slavery. They created this flag and presented it to the 4th Regiment, U.S. Colored Troops.



This flag is one of fewer than 25 flags from US Colored Infantry Troops to survive the Civil War. The original flag is in remarkable condition and is on display at the Maryland Historical Society in Baltimore, MD.

The Civil War became a fight for the flag, and it was expressed in those terms. After the Civil War the American flag became an everyday object and of something that belongs to everyone.

At no time did the national flag lose stars. Abraham Lincoln believed secession from the Union was illegal. He ordered that the flag "continue to bear the stars of all the states of the Union, even the Southern states, a total of 34 stars" ... remained in the canton during the five-year war. Next... "Have nailed the Stars and Stripes to the Pole"

Quilts of Valor Foundation

Recently, Post 245 had veterans recognized by the Quilts of Valor Foundation. Quilts of Valor® (QOV) is a quality, handmade quilt that is machine or hand quilted. It is awarded to a Service Member or Veteran who has been touched by war. The Quilt says unequivocally, "Thank you for your service and sacrifice in serving our nation."



Admiral (ret.) Charles Brickell



Tom and Tina Hoy

If you know of a veteran or active-duty serviceman or woman, and would like to nominate them for a quilt, please see Bob McCool (McCool.Robert@comcast.net) or Tom Palchak for details. Please contact Tom Palchak (tompalchak@gmail.com) for a nomination form. The focus of the Mission is to cover all Nominees as quickly as possible in the order received. However, factors such as the era of service, life circumstances and Nominee's health are taken into consideration during the prioritization process.

Commander Seifert and Bob McCool have graciously arranged with QOV to use our Legion Hall for quilt ceremonies.

Carolyn Foust, their local chapter group leader, would like to see many Class A veterans from our post receive one of these quilts.

~ In Memoriam ~

Elmer Loech ~ Ronald Mullen

FROM THE EDITOR... The deadline for the June, July, August 2022 edition is **Friday, May 13th, 2022**
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.

Member Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

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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 - Rich Jackson
2nd Vice - James Lanning
Adjutant - Larry Hess
Treasurer - Chris Solo
Sgt. at Arms - Gerry Thompson
Chaplain - James Sweeney
Service Officer Co-Chair - Bill Long
Service Officer Co-Chair - James Lanning
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 - Eric Waltz
1st Vice - Bill Shuey
2nd Vice - Terry Bickle
Adj. / Treas. - Jigs Poorman
Sgt. at Arms - Guy Williams
Chaplain - Mike Boonie
Historian - Nate Frey

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

Class of 2022

Barry Dickman
Rich Seifert - Secretary
Don Hartzell

Class of 2023

Dan Verdoorn - President
Lewis Watt - Treasurer
Tom Palchak

Class of 2024

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

Ex-Officio: Aux. President, Rhonda Spear; Social, Tom Houck; SAL Cmdr., Eric Waltz;
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 McMahon

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 2nd Tuesday @ 6pm
Barry Dickman (Co-Chair)
Don Hartzell (Co-Chair)
Rich Jackson, Bud Yohe
Dana Landskroner
Gerry Thompson, D.J. Watkins

DONATIONS

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

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, Carol King,
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

March

- 3/5 8pm..... Jeopardy / Trivia Game Show
- 3/7 6pm-9pm Food Special - BBQ Ribs
- 3/10 7pm..... Post 245 Corporation Meeting
- 3/13 10am-1pm..... Sunday Brunch at the Club
- 3/20 2pm-4pm..... Ladies AUX Home Show Bingo **
/ Doors Open 1pm

April

- 4/4 10am-430pm..... Red Cross Blood Drive
- 4/4 6pm-9pm Food Special - BBQ Ribs
- 4/9 Ladies AUX Easter Egg Hunt **
- 4/10 10am-1pm..... Sunday Brunch at the Club
- 4/17 Easter Sunday / Club Closed
- 4/23 9am..... Spring Work Day at the Club
- 4/23 8pm-11pm..... Sock Hop at the Club
- 4/30 9am..... Spring Work Day / Rain Date

May

- 5/2 6pm-9pm Food Special - BBQ Ribs
- 5/7 8pm..... Jeopardy / Trivia Game Show
- 5/21 Armed Forces Day
- 5/29 2pm..... Memorial Day Services / Shiloh Church
- 5/29 3pm..... Memorial Day Services / Pine Hall Cemetery
- 5/30 Memorial Day
- 5/30 Club Open / Kitchen Closed

**Non Smoking Events

Pine Hall Flag Cemetary Schedule

- 5/21 Armed Forces Day
7am Flags Raised (Full Staff).....7pm Flags Lowered
- 5/30 Memorial Day
7am Flags Raised (Half Staff)12pm Flags Raised (Full Staff)....7pm Flags Lowered
- 6/14 Flag Day
7am Flags Raised (Full Staff).....7pm Flags Lowered

Organization Meetings:

(Post: 3/17; 4/21; 5/19) (Auxiliary: 3/22; 4/26; 5/24) (SAL: 3/17; 4/21; 5/19)
(Riders: 3/3; 4/7; 5/5) (Post 245 Boy Scouts: every Monday)