

*The Legion in the Woods*



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## POST 245 NEWSLETTER

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### A Landmark Celebration of a 100 Years of Operation: A Job Well Done

On October 19, 1919, Theodore D. Boal, the initial Commander of the newly formed Nittany Post 245 of the American Legion received the charter and Post 245 began its operation. On August 10, 2019, the Nittany Post 245 'Legion in the Woods' celebrated 100 years of continuous service to their members and to the community at large. How many organizations can say that they are 100 years old and still going strong? Post 245 can state that fact very proudly as we move into the 2nd century of operation.

The 100th Anniversary Celebration began under a fabulous blue sky thanks to Chad Bahrmann, PSU Meteorology. In the neighborhood that is located directly behind the Post home, a Parade started off the days' activities. The final destination was Post 245, where the Opening Ceremonies were led by Commander Rich Seifert. After some opening remarks, the Pledge of Allegiance, our National Anthem and the opening prayer, Commander Seifert introduced Capt. R. Scott Young, U.S. Navy, NROTC Commander, Penn State University, who gave the keynote address. Capt. Young shared with those in attendance some history concerning the Boal Mansion and Museum where the Penn State NROTC unit participates in the United Way Day of Caring. It was here that he learned quite a bit about Theodore Boal, who was our first Post 245 Commander. Capt. Young also shared what our Legion means to him and his family as he closes out his 28 years of service to our country. Post 245 has now given him a feeling of belonging to a 'bigger' family and to the community as he retires to State College. In closing out the Opening Ceremonies, Mike Boonie, SAL Chaplain, lead us in the closing prayer.

For the Anniversary Celebration, whether it was in the parking lot or under the circus sized tent next to the club, there were plenty of activities for young and old to participate in. To name a few, the Alpha Fire Company was on hand to provide Aerial Lift Bucket rides, the Wild Turkey Federation had a BB Gun and an Archery shoot for the kids, the clowns Freckles and Buttons were on hand to entertain the kids with their balloon magic. We also had 3 Food Trucks on site during the afternoon to feed the crowd that was in attendance. Additionally, we had representatives of the different military branches and several veterans' organizations on hand that provided information as well as displaying some military hardware such as jet engine. Sgt. Bob and then the Chris Bell band entertained us musically throughout the day.

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#### 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, \$8.25/dozen or

\$4.50/ ½ dozen, 5-10pm

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On the driveway leading into the Legion, approximately 60 historic American flags were flown throughout the day. Later that afternoon, a lecture on the History of Flags was conducted by Class A member Tom Palchak. To cap off the days' events, a catered buffet style meal was served under the big tent followed by the Chris Bell Band that played well into the night.

As we start our 2nd century, we must remember and honor those Veteran's that came before us and the job that they did to get us to the place where we are at today. If they would not have done their job, we may not have had anything to celebrate. So we are indebted to them. At this time, we also must thank all of the volunteers that made our 100th Anniversary Celebration such a success. Rather than list the names and possibly forget a person or two, it is just easier to say Thank You to the Post 245 American Legion Family for all of their hard work to have an event such as this. Members of the Post, Ladies Auxiliary, SAL and the Riders came together to create a day of memories for a Celebration that will be remembered for a long time. This was a Job Well Done.

Anniversary Committee Co - Chairs  
Larry Hess,  
Chris Solo  
Bob McCool

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## FROM THE COMMANDER,

I have to start off by saying WOW!!!! What a 100th anniversary party was that. I know everyone has heard this but, GREAT job to all that took part in the planning and executing of the day's events.

It's membership time again. We missed our goal last year by less than ten members. Thank You to all who recruited a new member. We (all groups) did well recruiting at the Party. I handed out several Class A and SAL papers. Congratulations to the SAL for receiving an award for new members recruited. Great Job!!!

Thank you to all that helped with Project Healing Waters. The Vets and guides all had a good time visiting our Post. Dave had some very nice words to say about the Scerbo's. They were a Big supporter of Project Healing Waters.

The new Officers for the up coming year remain the same. Thank you all.

Veterans Day is coming up. Make plans to join us at the Post for our ceremony Honoring Our Past Veterans. Also in November is Election Day!!! Get out and vote !!!!

If you are a Class A member come out to a meeting and see what we are all about. We do a lot for Veterans and the community.

Commander, Rich Seifert

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**NOTICE:** There have been several burial plots donated to our post in the past several years. We hold the deeds to these and they are at the Memorial Park Cemetery. Our intention is to provide these to Veterans who do not have the expenses to afford a final resting place. If you know of a veteran or member for that matter who is need, please contact our post manager with a name and phone number.



## NEWS FROM THE LADIES AUXILIARY...

It was so nice to see so many people at the 100th Anniversary celebration. What a gorgeous day, excellent food, great entertainment, and an overall great time! Nice job by everyone involved.

We would like to extend a huge welcome to our newest members: Michele Spanos, Julia Rater, Virginia Shawley, Margo Clouser, Roberta Jennings, Marcy Garman, Kathleen Rickley, Veronica Perlick, and Autumn Dickey. We are so happy that you have joined and hope to see you at a future meeting or event. Please remember that the Auxiliary holds a monthly meeting the fourth Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Our next meeting will be held August 27th, 2019, at 7:00 pm.

The next Home Show Bingo will be held Sunday, October 13th, 2019. 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.

We hope to see some new faces at our next meeting and look forward to seeing everyone at a club event.

Donita Gibboney, Auxiliary 2nd Vice-President

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## NEWS FROM THE SAL...

Hello to all,

Summer is about over but we have had a good summer here at Post 245, Our car and motorcycle show was a great success again this year. On August 10th we Celebrated the hundredth year Anniversary of the American Legion and of post 245, with a parade to kick off the event. There were food vendors, games for the kids a silent auction and a slide show of the different flags from the beginning of our country to the present day, it was very informative. The evening meal was very good. A great time was had by all. There was a large crowd in attendance. I am also pleased to announce The S.A.L. of post 245 has received a plaque for the Squad with the largest number of new members.

Here's wishing you all good health and happiness.

George Fye, S.A.L. Commander

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**NEEDED:** Volunteers to join our Color Guard/Honor Guard. We perform services such as Memorial Day services at Shiloh Road and Pine Hall Cemeteries to remember our fallen Veterans, Flag Day ceremonies at the Boalsburg Military Memorial to retire our nations worn flags. We also perform 21 Gun salutes at veteran funerals at the request of their loved ones. On average we perform anywhere between 10 to 20 services per year. By joining our group, it allows us more versatility to have a full contingent for these services. Joining the group does not require anyone to be at all services but we would greatly appreciate help at the ones that you can attend. We welcome Men and Women of all ages to support these endeavors. You need not be a member of a specific group. All members are welcome to join us.

If you are interested in participating in our group please contact me at [rwjackson707@gmail.com](mailto:rwjackson707@gmail.com) or call at 814-571- 4695

Sincerely,  
Richard W. Jackson

## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER...

So we just celebrated our Post's 100th Anniversary, and what a great time it is to witness this event. Many onlookers will look at the elder membership of our organization with pride on the service we had performed in the past as well as the achievements this post has made to its members and the community. 100 years of organizational sustainability is quite an accomplishment.

However, it works the other way as well. The elder membership looks with pride, excitement, and anticipation toward the younger members who are starting to come forward and ready to carry the guidon of the post into the future. The best way to honor the past is to create a brighter future. That makes this organization well on its way to the next 100 years.

Since we are made in God's image, it should not come as a surprise that God looks onto us in the same fashion. He looks at our past from where we came to face challenges and tribulations, and still come out as the creations that He made. While the look at our past may cause God to judge us, we are reminded that he is also a forgiving and loving God. Likewise, He looks with excitement and anticipation at our future and to what we will become, knowing that no matter how things turn out He will always continue to love us, and claim us as His own.

So, Happy 100th Birthday American Legion Post 245, with many more to come.

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

Ron Quinn Jr., Post Chaplain



### HVH BINGO NEWS!

VA Bingo will be held on the following dates  
at 2:00 PM.

September 17, October 15, and November 19.

There is no Bingo in December so we will be  
donating \$100.00 to their Christmas Fund.

Anyone who would like to volunteer to assist with  
these Bingo's can contact Bill Long via email at  
[marengobill@hotmail.com](mailto:marengobill@hotmail.com) or via phone at 692-8535  
for leave time and gathering location.

### DO NOT DISCARD YOUR WHITE DOOR CARD.

The white door card is to be used from year to year. The door card is the property of Post 245 and must be returned if you cease membership in Post 245. If you lose your door card, it will cost you \$10 to replace it.

Your American Legion, Auxiliary, Sons of the American Legion, Social and House membership cards are to be on your person when visiting the club.

**FROM THE EDITOR...** The deadline for the Dec 2019 - Feb 2020 edition is **Friday, Nov 15th, 2019**

Comments and suggestions are welcome and can be emailed to [mayesb76@icloud.com](mailto: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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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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### **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 - Vacant  
Chaplain Ron Quinn  
Service Officer – Bill Long  
Judge Advocate – Justin Bish

### **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 George E.Fye  
1st Vice Galen Mellott  
2nd Vice Mike Wirtz  
Adj./Treas. Jigs Poorman  
Sgt. At Arms Guy Williams  
Chaplain Mike Boonie  
Historian Rick Dills

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

#### **Class of 2019**

Barry Dickman  
Rich Seifert - Secretary  
Don Hartzell

#### **Class of 2020**

Dan Verdoorn - President  
Kim Selmer-Larsen  
Lewis Watt - Treasurer

#### **Class of 2021**

Larry Hess  
Chris Solo - Vice President  
Vacant

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Ex-Officio: Aux. President, Rhonda Spear; Social, vacant; SAL Cmdr., George Fye;  
ALR-President, Scott Spear; 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  
Vacant

### **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, Rick Rickley

### **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,  
George Fye, 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, Rick Rickley



### **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

<b>S E P T</b>	9/2	.....	Labor Day
	9/2	.....	CLUB OPEN / Kitchen Closed /Labor Day
	9/6	8pm.....	Jeopardy / Trivia Game Show
	9/7	730pm.....	Penn State / Buffalo Tailgate (H)
	9/8	10am-1pm ...	Sunday Morning Club Breakfast Brunch
	9/9	6pm.....	Monday Evening Rib Night Dinner Special
			..... Starts @ 6pm goes to 9pm / While Supplies Last
	9/11	.....	Patriot's Day
	9/14	12noon.....	Penn State / Pitt Tailgate (H)
	9/22	TBA.....	Men's Golf League Banquet
	9/27	8pm.....	Penn State Football / Maryland / NO TAILGATE (A)
	9/28	11:30am.....	SAL / Luncheon for HVH Veteran's

<b>O C T</b>	10/4	8pm.....	Jeopardy / Trivia Game Show
	10/5	12noon.....	Penn State Football / Purdue (H)
	10/6	10am-1pm ...	Sunday Morning Club Breakfast Brunch
	10/7	6pm.....	Monday Evening Rib Night Dinner Special
			..... Starts @ 6pm to 9pm / While Supplies Last
	10/12	TBA.....	Penn State Football / Iowa A
	10/13	1pm-4pm ....	Ladies Auxiliary Home Show Bingo
	10/14	.....	Columbus Day
	10/14	1230pm-530pm ..	**Red Cross Blood Drive
	10/19	TBA.....	Penn State Football / Michigan (H)
	10/25	8pm-11pm....	Club's Halloween Party
	10/26	TBA.....	Penn State Football/ Michigan State (A)
	10/26	TBA.....	Fall Festival Soup Party at the Club
	10/27	2pm.....	** Club's Children Halloween Party
	10/31	.....	Halloween

<b>N O V</b>	11/1	8pm.....	Jeopardy / Trivia Game Show
	11/9	TBA.....	Penn State Football / Minnesota (A)
	11/10	10am-1pm ...	Sunday Morning Club Breakfast Brunch
	11/11	.....	Veteran's Day
	11/11	11am.....	Post 245 / Veteran's Day Service
	11/11	1130am-1pm.....	Post 245 / Veteran's Day Luncheon
	11/11	330pm.....	Ladies AUX / Veteran's Day Dinner / Early Seating
	11/11	630pm.....	Ladies AUX / Veteran's Day Dinner / Late Seating
	11/16	TBA.....	Penn State Football / Indiana (H)
	11/21	1130am.....	Post 245 Thanksgiving Meal
	11/23	TBA.....	Penn State Football / Ohio State (A)
	11/28	.....	Thanksgiving Day
	11/30	TBA.....	Penn State Football / Rutgers (H)

<b>D E C</b>	12/1	1pm-3pm ....	** Club's Children's Christmas Party
	12/6	8pm.....	Jeopardy / Trivia Game Show
	12/7	8pm.....	BIG 10 Football Championship Game (A)
	12/19	11am.....	Post 245 Christmas Day Meal
	12/25	.....	Christmas Day / Club Closed
	12/31	TBA.....	New Year's Eve Party / Speak Easy Theme

### \*\* NON SMOKING EVENTS

### PINE HALL FLAGS at Pine Hall Cemetery

9/2	.....	7am	Flags Raised ( Full Staff ) - 7pm - Flags Lowered
9/11	.....	7am	Flags Raised ( Full Staff ) - 7pm - Flags Lowered
11/11	.....	7am	Flags Raised ( Full Staff ) - 5pm - Flags Lowered

Organization Meetings: (Post: 9/19; 10/17, 11/21) (Auxiliary: 9/24; 10/22; 11/26)  
(SAL: 9/19; 10/17, 11/21) (Riders: 9/5; 10/3; 11/7)