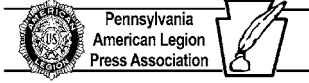


The Legion in the Woods



# POST 245 NEWSLETTER

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MARCH, APRIL, MAY 2021

## HVAC Financial Appeal

This letter is an appeal to the approximate 1,900 members that make up our membership within Post 245. Whether you are a Class A member, or part of the Ladies Auxiliary or the SAL or even if you are a Social Member, we need your help.

The COVID 19 pandemic has affected us all this past year in many different ways. It has even affected the operation of our Club. We have had to close down at least twice within the past year. We have had to reduce our business hours and we are currently only allowed to operate at 50% occupancy. With these directions that we were forced to follow, we have had to dip into our Savings Account just to pay the bills in order to stay open. The balance in our Savings Account is now at a level where there is no wiggle room to handle any emergencies. What we have on hand now is our only safety net.

Why are we asking for your help?

Two of the three HVAC units that heat and cool the building are over 30 years old and are in need of immediate replacement. If these units fail, our Legion cannot operate and it would force us to close our Club for the foreseeable future. The Board of Directors and more specifically, the Building and Grounds Committee, have procured 3 bids from local HVAC companies for installation of new units.

The cost to replace these 2 units is approximately \$ 35,000.00. We are making this direct appeal to you, our members, for any financial assistance to help us pay for this project. Any donation of any size would be greatly appreciated. Donations should be payable to: American Legion Post 245. Please put "Donation, 2 HVAC's" on the memo line. Please consider making a donation to the Club that will benefit everyone and, more importantly, allow our Club to remain in operation as we start our 102nd year of service to the community.

There will be more information forthcoming in our newsletter and on Facebook. If you have any questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact any member of the Board of Directors.

Send donations to: **American Legion Post 245**  
**Treasurer**  
**1950 Pine Hall Road**  
**State College, PA 16801**

Thank You,  
Tom Palchak  
Board Member Post 245



### Club Hours:

11am - 11pm, Daily

### Kitchen Hours:

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

### Happy Hour:

Monday 7-9pm

**EVENING  
SPECIALS  
NIGHTLY!**

### **FRIDAYS**

Wing Night  
5-10pm

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### FROM THE COMMANDER,

Hope this finds you all well. I have to start again by Thanking Everyone who has come in for lunch or dinner to help support the Post. I know these are trying times for all of us, so if you can PLEASE support YOUR club any way you can. The food is great and they keep coming up with different specials to wet your appetite. There has to be a WING flavor that is your fave!!!!

WE are doing good with our membership drive! Keep-up the good work. I know 23 seems like a lot to recruit but I know we will make it. Once you bring your friends in and they see everyone have fun and the good food they will want to join too. If you have any ideas just drop a note into the comment box.

Thank You to all who bought Gun Raffle tickets and to those who sold tickets too!!! It was just about about a sell out. There were less than 40 tickets unsold. The Winner is J. Campbell from Pa. Furnace, Pa. Congratulations!!! Also, a Big Thank You to Admiral Charles Brickell for donating the rifle.

Hopefully this pandemic will be over soon and we can resume our normal activities, Pig Roast and Parties!!! Keep your eyes on the Post calender for up coming events. It's always a good time at The Legion in The Woods.

Please support the Post when ever you can.

ThankYou!!  
Rich Seifert, Commander



## NEWS FROM THE LADIES AUXILIARY...

The auxiliary is happy to welcome a couple new members: Danielle Betz and Alison Weimer. We also had one transfer: Kelly Barbers. 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.

There will be a paint and sip event on Wednesday, March 24, 2021, at the Arena to benefit the Auxiliary. The cost is \$15 with \$5 of those dollars coming back to the Auxiliary! The event starts at 6:30 p.m. You must preregister at: [northlandbowl@northlandbowl.com](mailto:northlandbowl@northlandbowl.com). We are looking for raffle donations and will have a 50/50 drawing. This is an excellent way for the Auxiliary to make some money. If you have any questions or donations, please reach out to Tina Hoy at [tmh21@psu.edu](mailto:tmh21@psu.edu).

The Cheers to Art Information follows for your information:

- Masks are required to enter the restaurant and may be removed once seated at your table to eat and drink; however, must be worn if traversing to the restroom, leaving, etc. Our employees have their temperature taken before clocking in each day, wear masks, continuously wash hands, sanitize pens, and all surfaces. Our tables are spaced 6 feet apart and the bowling lanes have physical barriers in place.
- For Cheers to Art (and any event) reservations will be *required* to ensure we can accommodate those interested while socially distancing each group from the next. "Entertainers" are also asked to maintain 6 foot distance while on stage and wear a mask while traversing.
- We ask that you reply with a full group list that will be sitting together when registering their names for Cheers to Art. Group sizes can be no larger than 10 though we could sit another part of the group nearby.
- Once we begin to confirm reservations it will be difficult to rearrange the seating as a floor-plan comes into place. Seating will be assigned. *No requests to change seats will be accepted* upon arrival. The table arrangement you may have been accustomed to at past events will not be the same, but there will be a great line of sight due to the spacing and Jackie is a FANTASTIC instructor!
- We will have personal plates of paint at each seat and pre-sanitized brushes at each seat as well. No artists will be able to retrieve their own supplies or replace dirty water, etc. Our staff will assist as needed to ensure everyone has what they need when they need it while limiting movement around the room. All supplies will be left on the table upon completion, and we ask everyone to keep social distancing upon arrival and departure and our staff will clean up everything.

We are raffling off an eagle carving. The chainsaw-carved statue will be on display at some point this month and is approximately 4 feet tall. Raffle tickets are \$5 and will be on sale through April 27th.

The children's Easter Egg hunt will be held Saturday, March 27, 2021 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. with candy and prize-filled eggs for all the little ones. The Easter Bunny will be there for a picture-taking session. Should future COVID-19 restrictions limit in-person events, this event will be held as a drive-thru to minimize any potential exposure.

With this cold weather, why not warm up with some soup! Quarts are available for \$8 each. Two soups are offered for purchase: chicken noodle and beef vegetable. There is a sign-up sheet at the bar. You must sign up by March 7th. Soup can be picked up the same day as Home Show Bingo - March 14th.

Stay warm and safe!!!

Donita Gibboney, Second Vice-President

## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER...

I have been your Post Chaplain for over 14 years, and it has occurred to me that not many of you know about the position, and what services might be available to you from my position.

Many think that all the chaplain must do is say opening and closing prayers at various post sponsored ceremonies, and that is a narrow perspective of what a post chaplain does. In a nutshell, that might be the very bare bones minimum. The chaplain position can be so much more.

For example, if you need someone to talk to, I can listen and offer some personal advice, but I'm not a professional counselor. I'm not a supporter of one faith over another, but I can pray with you if needed. I'm not a clergy, but I personally have had some theological education from St Vincent University. I have performed burial and memorial services for our deceased members, but I'm not a better substitute for your regular clergy. I can't perform weddings, that is a task for your clergy or justice of the peace. I can make sure that activities at the post are non-offensive, and morally sound, but I can't tell you how to live your lives. If you have troubles in your life, and are at your wits end, and don't know where to turn, I do have knowledge of faith-based and government programs available to you.

In short, I'm not just here for the ceremonies. I am another resource for you that may seem to be underutilized. If you need help, I want to help as best I can, but I'll be the first to tell you that I don't have all the answers. As an old NCO told me back in the days, I may not know all the answers, but I have a pretty good idea as to where to find them.

So put me in your quiver as another arrow for your use. I also encourage you to find your faith, study your faith, practice your faith (because nobody is that good that they don't need to practice), and gather regularly with others in the faith. Where two or three are gathered, He is there.

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



Ron Quinn Jr., Post Chaplain



### NEWS FROM THE SAL...

I would like to give a big Thank You to Crystal and her staff at the Club. They have done a great job working under the conditions that they have had to go through under these crazy times.

Hopefully, warm weather will soon be upon us and we in the SAL are working on ideas to be able to have events outside this spring.

I hope that the Ground Hog is wrong and that spring comes early. But it looks as if the groundhog's cousin Gus has been right as of late.

Be safe and stay warm.

Rick Dills, SAL Commander

### GUEST CHEF NIGHT – SATURDAY, MARCH 13

What's better than a Saturday evening? A Saturday evening with comfort food that will fill you up and leave you smiling! You're invited to Guest Chef Night on Saturday, March 13th when our very own Board Vice President and Post Treasurer Chris Solo will be cooking up a family favorite for everyone to enjoy. Make your reservations now for Chicken Paprikash, a Hungarian dish of tender chicken thighs simmered in a creamy paprika sauce served with homemade dumplings, green beans, and fresh bread to mop up the rich sauce. This dinner will be available for eat-in and take-out, but you need to call the club at (814) 237-6880 to reserve your meal. This is one dinner you won't want to miss!

### *~ In Memoriam ~*

BARRY SCERBO, JERRY J. OWENS, DANIEL DIGIANNANTONI,  
DAVID R. LAING, DONALD J. WATKINS AND JAMES RILEY

**FROM THE EDITOR...** The deadline for the June 2021 - August 2021 edition is **Friday, May14th, 2021**

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

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If you know of a member without computer access, please pass this information along to them. Becky Mayes, Editor

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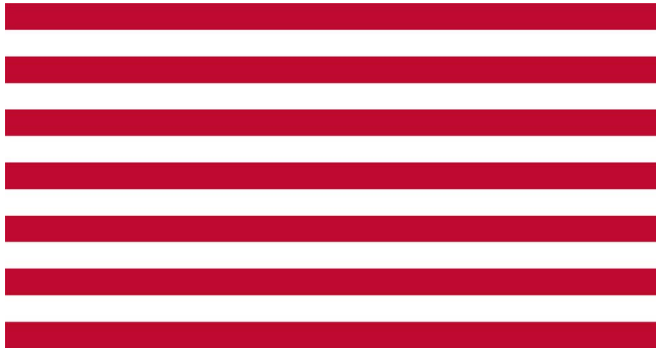
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## The History of the American Flag

### The Continental Colors

By Thomas Palchak  
Second in a series

A flag having 13 horizontal red and white stripes was used by Commodore Esek Hopkins (Commander-in-Chief of the Continental Navy) and by American merchant ships during the war. Red and white were common colors of the flags, although other color combinations were used, such as green and white or yellow and white.

Hopkins was appointed a brigadier general to command all military forces of Rhode Island on October 4, 1775. He immediately began to strengthen Rhode Island's defenses with the help of his deputy, William West. A few months later, December 22, 1775, Hopkins was appointed Commander in Chief of the Continental Navy authorized by the Continental Congress to protect American commerce.

The only written description of the Continental Navy jack contemporary with the American Revolution appears in Commodore Hopkins's "Signals for the American Fleet." Hopkins mentions using a "striped flag" as a signal. In January 1776 Esek Hopkins sent a "Signal for a General Attack-or the whole Fleet to Engage-The Standard at the Main top Galant Masthead, with the strip'd Jack and Ensign at their proper places."

Since American merchant ships often displayed a simple red and white striped flag, there is a good chance that the striped jack to which Hopkins refers was the plain, striped flag used by American merchant ships.

After the successful effort to repeal the Stamp Act, a Sons of Liberty 9 striped flag was modified to 13 horizontal stripes to represent the unity of all the colonies. That 13-striped flag became the one enshrined in our popular culture. More importantly the use of alternating stripes in flags during pre-Revolutionary War America began to take hold in the collective consciences of her leaders.

Note: The modern Navy Jack flag is often seen with a rattlesnake and the words, "Don't Tread On Me" on the bottom and is frequently mistaken for the original battle flag of the U.S. Navy. This tradition dates to 1880, when this design appeared in a color plate in Admiral George Henry Preble's influential *History of the Flag of the United States*. There is no historical evidence showing the Continental Flag -with rattlesnake and words- was ever used during the Revolutionary War.

## 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

## Flag Facts

**Q:** Why are some American flags outlined in gold fringe? Does gold fringe on American flags signify Admiralty Law or Martial Law?

**A:** When giving talks on flag history and flag etiquette, this is one of the most common questions I receive.

Gold fringe is used on the National flag as an honorable enrichment only. It is not regarded as an integral part of the flag and its use does not constitute an unauthorized addition to the design prescribed by statutes. It's a decorative feature that can either be added to the American flag or left off.

It's origin dates to the 1930's and used by the U.S. Army, though you can now find gold-fringed American flags elsewhere.

It is customary to place gold fringe on National flags that are carried in parades, used in official ceremonies, and displayed in offices, merely to enhance the beauty of the flag. The use of fringe is not restricted to the Federal Government. Such flags are used and displayed by our Armed Forces, veterans, civic and civilian organizations, and private individuals. However, it is the custom not to use fringe on flags displayed from stationary flagpoles and, traditionally, fringe has not been used on internment flags or burial ceremonies.

Have a question about our flag?

Email me at tompalchak@gmail.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 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, 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

### MARCH

- 3/1 6pm-9pm..... Food Special - BBQ Ribs  
3/6 8pm ..... Jeopardy / Trivia Game Show  
3/8 1pm-6pm..... Red Cross Blood Drive\*\*  
3/11 7pm ..... Post 245 Corporation Meeting  
3/13 5pm ..... Guest Chef Night at the Legion / Featuring Chris Solo /  
Reservations Required / Call 237-6880  
3/14 1pm ..... Ladies Auxiliary Home Show Bingo / 2pm Start  
3/24 6:30pm ..... Ladies Auxiliary / Offsite Event at the ARENA /  
Paint and Sip Party  
3/27 11am ..... Ladies Auxiliary Easter Egg Hunt

### APRIL

- 4/3 8pm ..... Jeopardy / Trivia Game Show  
4/5 11am-4:30pm ..... Red Cross Blood Drive\*\*  
4/5 6pm-9pm..... Food Special - BBQ Ribs  
4/24 9am ..... Spring Work Day

### MAY

- 5/1 8pm ..... Jeopardy / Trivia Game Show  
5/2 11:30 ..... Ladies Aux Cash Bingo 1pm - 4pm  
5/3 11am-430pm ..... Red Cross Blood Drive\*\*  
5/3 6pm-9pm..... Food Special - BBQ Ribs  
5/30 2pm ..... Memorial Day Services / Shiloh Church  
5/30 3pm ..... Memorial Day Services / Pine Hall Cemetery  
5/30 4:30pm ..... Memorial Day Luncheon  
5/31 ..... Memorial Day  
5/31 ..... Club Open / Kitchen Closed

### JUNE

- 6/5 8pm ..... Jeopardy / Trivia Game Show  
6/7 6pm-9pm..... Food Special - BBQ Ribs  
6/21 11am-430pm ..... Red Cross Blood Drive\*\*

**\*\* NON SMOKING EVENTS**

### Pine Hall Flags

- 5/15 **Armed Forces Day**  
7am Flags Raised (Full Staff).....7pm Flags Lowered
- 5/31 **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: 3/18; 4/15; 5/20) (Auxiliary: 3/23; 4/27; 5/25) (SAL: 3/18; 4/15; 5/20)  
(Riders: 3/4; 4/1; 5/6) (Post 245 Boy Scouts: every Monday)