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# POST 245 NEWSLETTER

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JUNE, JULY, AUGUST 2021

## 2021 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

2021 membership renewals end in June and we start renewing for 2022 beginning July 1st. We are currently short of 100% renewal for 2021. If you have not renewed your 2021 membership, please do so as soon as possible. Thanks in advance.

Larry Hess – Post 245 Adjutant

### FROM THE COMMANDER,

Hello everyone I hope this finds you well. Now that some of the sanctions are being lifted and the weather is getting nice we can do more at the Club. Hang out on the patio, play horseshoes and watch tv. Thanks to Crystal and her staff for the Great Job they did keeping the club going. With good food, service and keeping the place sanitized it was a tough job. So come out and have some fun. Watch for upcoming events.

The reason the club looks so good is our Building and Grounds committee's clean-up day. The Boy Scouts regouted the patio, while others did lawn work to power washing the building. The logging is complete, now the clean-up begins. The Boy Scouts will be doing some of the work.

June is election month at the Post. Officers for the coming year will be nominated and elected. As of this writing: Commander: Rich Seifert 1st Vice Commander: Open 2nd Vice Commander: Open Adjutant: Larry Hess Treasurer: Chris Solo have been nominated. Please come to the meeting on the 17th at 7pm. Lend your ideas to help the Post grow and vote. June is also Flag Day. We will be doing our ceremony with the Elks on 6/14/2021 at 6pm at our monument. It will last about 1 hour. Troop 245 will be supporting by carrying the flags.

July is a quiet month. No Post meeting as it conflicts with convention. The convention is in Harrisburg from the 15th to the 18th.

In August things pick up a little. The Club picnic is always a good time. Watch for upcoming events.

Thanks to all who have come out to support the Club through this tough time. It was hard on all of us but we made it. It's because of members like you that make Post 245 a friendly place to come to.

See you all at the Post.

ThankYou!!  
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!**

#### **FRIDAYS**

Wing Night  
5-10pm

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## Summer Picnic 2021

Please **SAVE the DATE**. The Post 245 Summer Picnic is in the planning phase as we speak by the Special Events committee. Since we took last year off due to Covid 19, we have chosen Saturday, August 14th as our picnic date for 2021. This is going to be a Family Friendly Event. The Picnic will start at 11am and will go to 8pm. The cost will be \$ 15.00 per person and we will be planning some activities similar to what we had for our 100th Anniversary. Please be on the lookout for further information on the Picnic at the club as we get into August. Hope to see you there.

Special Events Committee



## NEWS FROM THE LADIES AUXILIARY...

Greetings from the Ladies Auxiliary! We are pleased to welcome some new members: Alice Johns, Patricia Thompson, Patricia Hartley, Catherine Cutter, Madyson Sechler, Nicki Frank, Libbie Shoemaker, Andrea Englehart, Marie Librizzi, Jeanne Krouse, Patricia Ann Pisano, and Marilyn D. McDonald. We also had one transfer: Deborah Ann Heeman. We are pleased to have each and everyone of you as a new member, and 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 fun and informative so please try to attend!!!

**Please take note that there will NOT be an Auxiliary meeting in July.**

For those who haven't heard, the winning ticket for the eagle carving was ticket #22, Tina Hoy. Tina graciously donated the carving back to Crystal and the club, and it will be located in the hero garden. Huge thanks to Tina for her generosity!!

We are so excited for the warmer weather, the eased COVID-19 restrictions, and certainly looking forward to seeing you at the club!

Take care and stay safe!

Donita Gibboney, Second Vice-President

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## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER...

It is summertime. Time for expressing our freedom, and patriotism. Particularly since it appears that we are coming to the end of this pandemic. However, just like the conditions that we were living in, these actions were generally unselfish. It has taken all of us working together and stepping up where needed. This is how Americans, and particularly as veterans show how to defend our freedom and way of life that we enjoy and celebrate.

This is not new to us, particularly when it comes to the needs of our post. Recently we have had key vacancies in our post leadership open, due to the passing of those key members. While nobody could ever fill their shoes, we need to fill the void that has been left behind. One of the ways is for our post to have an injection of new blood. Not just a rise in membership, but a rise in participation. Just as we should be asking new veterans to join, we also need to be asking our members to be more active in their participation. We have members who have done excellent work in some key positions for years. So much so that it has come be expected, and less of a temporary privilege to serve. The responsibility of running our post should not rest on the shoulder of a few, but for all to pick up the mantle to get things done. From board and post positions to set up and cleanup of post functions. Many hands make light work. When more members participate, the organization grows, and we need growth.

We can simply look at the example of Christianity. When the faith was created Jesus left Peter to be in charge but knew he could not perform the tasks needed to grow the faith on his own. Whereupon Jesus left Peter the apostles to aid him. However, Peter knew that such a task of growth was beyond just the apostles. Therefore, all the apostles were tasked to go out and find more members of the faith. Christian institutions are not just comprised of members but are comprised of participants of the faith. Participants are the only way for an institution to survive, it is also the only way for an organization to grow and survive.

If we genuinely want to honor our fallen comrades, we do not need just one to take their place, but rather many need to step up into the positions. That is the way to honor them, to keep the organization going, to enjoy our freedoms, and defend our way of life. It's not if you then who, it's us.

Thank you, and as always, God bless our country, our Legion, and Post 245.  
Ron Quinn Jr., Post Chaplain

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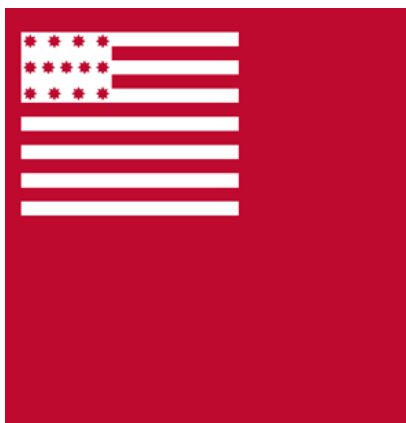
## NEWS FROM THE SAL...

By the time that you are done reading this article, the SAL and the Ladies AUX Pig Roast is over. I hope that you had a good time if you were able to attend our event. Hopefully, this Pig Roast is the 1st event that signals the return to some normal operation for the SAL and the Ladies AUX. Any funds that were raised during this event will be used to replace the tent that was lost during the winter weather.

On Friday night, June 18th, the SAL will be having our Annual Social. We were not able to have the social last year due to Covid 19, so all SAL members are invited to attend the Social. Food and Drinks will be provided on the patio. If you know someone that is eligible to join our ranks in the SAL, please bring them with you and we can sign them up.

Have a good Summer.

Rick Dills, SAL Commander



## The History of the American Flag

### The Brandywine Flag

By Thomas Palchak  
Third in a series

On September 11, 1777 the 7th Pennsylvania Regiment's Company raised this flag at the Battle of Brandywine (also known as the Battle of Brandywine Creek), near present-day Chads Ford, PA. Fortunately this flag still exists and is displayed today in the Philadelphia Independence National Historical Park. This is undoubtedly the closest resemblance of the Stars and Stripes during the Revolutionary War era. The field is solid red with the canton containing small red and white stripes with thirteen red stars.

The flag is unusual in its design, the original is square 52"x 52".

On the morning of battle, 15,500 British Red Coats engaged the Continental Army containing 14,000 troops, 1,000 of whom were militia from eastern Pennsylvania. The British forces routed the Continental Army and forced them to withdraw, first, to the City of Chester, Pennsylvania, and then northeast toward Philadelphia. Brandywine was the single largest battle during the American Revolution engaging more than 30,000 troops. It was also the longest single-day battle of the war, with continuous fighting for 11 hours.

George Washington committed a grievous error in leaving his right flank unprotected and his army was nearly annihilated, they lost 11 of 14 canon pieces and over 1,000 casualties.

Captain Robert Wilson carried this banner at two other Pennsylvania battles; Paoli on September 21, and Germantown on October 4, both considered minor skirmishes allowing the Continental Army to escape and fight another day.

So why isn't this flag remembered as the first American flag? The Brandywine flag was in fact, one of the first American flags with stars and stripes, but it was only a militia flag, not an official standard of Washington's army.

Final Note: The British continued to advance and encountered a greater force of Continentals behind the stone walls on the Old Kennett Meetinghouse grounds. The battle was fought at mid-morning around the Meetinghouse while the pacifist Quakers continued to hold their midweek service. One of the Quakers later wrote, "While there was much noise and confusion without, all was quiet and peaceful within".

## Flag Facts

**Q:** Where did the phrase "Old Glory" originate?

**A:** William Driver, a sea captain from Salem, Massachusetts, received on his twenty-first birthday a twenty-four-star flag from his mother. When he first hoisted the banner and it unfurled in a brisk wind, Driver was moved to name it "Old Glory."

Later on, Driver moved to Tennessee with his family. They found the old tattered flag and Driver's wife and daughters removed the old stars and sewed thirty-four new ones on to it. On May 7, 1861 Tennessee seceded and the Driver family hid the flag away by sewing it inside a bed quilt.

Twice during the Civil War Confederate partisans came to the Driver home and demanded that he surrender the flag. He adamantly refused, saying, "If you want my flag, you'll have to take it over my dead body."

On February 25, 1862, federal troops occupied Nashville. Driver celebrated the event by liberating Old Glory from inside the quilt and took it to the Tennessee State Capitol Building.

In December 1864, Confederate General John Bell Hood tried to retake the city and Union troops under Gen. George H. Thomas defeated Hood's army. "The morning of battle, December 15," Mary Roland wrote, "my father hung Old Glory out the third-story window, in plain sight."

Now sixty-one years old, Driver left his family to defend the city at Fort Negly, he "called together the entire household and said, 'If Old Glory is not in sight, I'll blow the house out of sight, too.'" The nickname stuck. Today the original Old Glory is on display in the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History in Washington.

Have a question about our flag?

Email me at [tompalchak@gmail.com](mailto:tompalchak@gmail.com)

## SPECIAL THANKS!

**Thank you to the 15 or so Scouts from Troop 245 and 11-12 Legion members that helped out on Spring Clean Up Day. Together, we were able to:**

**Power wash the back porch and rear of the patio.**

**Power wash the concrete pad by the dumpsters, the recycle bins, some building siding, the bar floor mats, and the grille and fryer exhaust vents.**

**Power wash the Memorial paving stones (thanks Jason and Amanda Holsinger).**

**Spread sand to fill in the cracks around the paving stones in the patio.**

**Cut up and stack lots of brush from the recent foresting in our woods (thanks Troop 245).**

**Rack up lots of leaves.**

**Don Hartzell**

## Flag glossary of terms

- Banner: A flag or piece of cloth bearing a symbol, logo, slogan, or message.
- Canton: A rectangular area, usually at the top hoist corner of a flag. Sometimes contains a symbol of national unity.
- Colors: A flag, ensign or standard born in an army or fleet. A country's national flag.
- Emblem: A graphic design used as part of a flag.
- Ensign: A flag, banner, or standard showing office, rank, or nationality, especially of an army or ship.
- Flag: A piece of cloth often flown from a pole or mast. Used symbolically for signaling or identification.
- Field: The backdrop color to a flag. The portion of the flag not including the canton.
- Finial: A distinctive or decorative ornament at the top of a flagpole.
- Fly-end: The free flying end of a flag, opposite the hoist or heading.
- Fringed: A flag or banner containing decorative fringe around all or part of its perimeter.
- Ground: A plain surface (excluding the canton) to which a decoration is applied.
- Half-mast or half-staff: The position of a flag approximately half way up a flag pole. Used in mourning, distress, or as a symbol of respect.
- Halyard: A rope or tackle for hoisting and lowering the flag.
- Heading: The reinforced vertical part of the flag to which the lanyards are attached; part of the flag which uses grommets.
- Hoist: The vertical height of the flag. The side used to attach the flag to a pole. To raise the flag.
- Jack: A small flag flown at the bow of a ship, usually to indicate nationality.
- Lanyard: Devices or line used to attach the halyard to the flag, usually by connecting a device or rope to the gromet holes on the flag's hoist end.
- Standard: A conspicuous object formally carried at the top of a pole; to serve as an emblem. The personal flag of the head of state. An organization flag carried by mounted or motorized military unit.
- Storm flag: The smallest United States flag, flown at many army posts and on Navy and Coast Guard vessels in stormy weather.
- Truck: The device that covers the top of the flag pole, holds the finial in place, and may contain pulleys to which the external halyard is attached.
- Vexillology: Is the study of the history, symbolism and usage of flags or, by extension, any interest in flags in general.

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## HVAC Project Update

To my fellow members of Post 245, your response to our financial appeal for assistance on the HVAC project has been truly remarkable! To date, we have received over \$12,000 in donations for this project and the donations are still coming in.

### THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Please note that any and all of these donations will be allocated towards this project and nothing will hit the general fund for operations.

Back in March / April, the Board of Directors chose the McClure Company of State College to do the HVAC work. I am very proud to say that at this time that the new HVAC system is in and it is operational and ready for the Summer cooling season. So the next time you are out at the Club, please take note of the new units that are in operation, they look great.

As a side note, with the number of donations that we have received, we have contracted Clean Air of Huntingdon, PA., to completely clean the ductworks throughout the building. This was something that was needed to be done too.

We also want to take the time now to recognize our members that have donated to us to make this project a complete success. WE could not of done it without you and you help. SO THANK YOU.

Tom Palchak, Post 245 Board Member

**Donors:** Admiral Charles Brickell, Jr., Carl Lauck, Jeannie Glenn, Don Hartzell, Ruth Haldeman, Carol and Joe Stewart, Chris and Janice Musser, Tom Mira, Elmer and Catherine Fry, Earl Lutz, Edward Book, Charles Mong, Jerry and Jonell Benzio Condo, Tony Perrotta, Ken Kulp, Tom Palchak, Bob McCool, Bernice Matyaz, Tom Gazda, W. Dale and Martha Zimmerman, Robert Adams, David Soltesz, Terence Oheron, Paul Kline, Ron Grothey, Robert Beadle, James Scanlon III, Darlene ' Penny' Smith, Rich Seifert, William H. Parsonage, June Krumrine, Susan Spayd, Douglas R. Powell, Fred Matthews, Dave Kline John Goertz, Joseph Delauter, Tom and Tina Hoy, Lance Cooper, James Small, Dave and Bonnie Spotts, James A. Knapp, Nicholas and Nancy Budd, Barry Weaver, Edwin Donovan, Vicky Fong, Greg Grieco, Curt and Kathy Bechtel, William E. Haner, Jr., Scott Ohs, Arthur Reede, Jr., Robert Abernethy, Bruce Valoris, Ken Benner, Mark Woytowich, Carl Maehr, Lewis Watt, G. O. Hawbaker Corp., Robert Johnson, Dave Love, Melanie Rupert, Joseph Januszkiewicz, Paul Kloss, Steve Teaman, Rebecca Reese, William Gush and 1 Anonymous.

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**FROM THE EDITOR...** The deadline for the September 2021 - November 2021 edition is **Friday, August 13th, 2021**

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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 - 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

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## **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

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

### JUNE

6/2 6pm - 9pm ..... ALR Bike Night  
6/7 6pm - 9pm ..... Food Special - BBQ Ribs  
6/12 8pm ..... Jeopardy / Trivia Game Show  
6/14 Flag Day / Ceremony Outside the Legion w/ ELK's  
6/16 6pm - 9pm ..... ALR Bike Night  
6/18 5pm - 7pm ..... SAL Social  
6/21 11am - 430pm ... Red Cross Blood Drive

### JULY

7/4 July 4th / Independence Day  
7/4 July 4th / Club Closed  
7/5 6pm - 9pm ..... Food Special - BBQ Ribs  
7/7 6pm - 9pm ..... ALR Bike Night  
7/10 8pm ..... Jeopardy / Trivia Game Show  
7/10 11am - 3pm ..... 6th Annual / ALR Car and Bike Show  
7/21 6pm - 9pm ..... ALR Bike Night  
7/24 1pm - 9pm ..... Post 245 and VFW ' Summer Splash 2021 ' Party  
7/26 11am - 430pm ... Red Cross Blood Drive\*\*

### AUGUST

8/2 6pm - 9pm ..... Food Special - BBQ Ribs  
8/4 6pm - 9pm ..... ALR Bike Night  
8/7 8pm ..... Jeopardy / Trivia Game Show  
8/14 ..... Club Picnic  
8/23 11am - 430pm ... Red Cross Blood Drive\*\*

**\*\* NON SMOKING EVENTS**

### Pine Hall Flags

6/14 Flag Day ..... 7am Flags Raised (Full Staff) -7pm Flags Lowered  
7/4 Independence Day ..... 7am Flags Raised (Full Staff) -7pm Flags Lowered

### Organization Meetings:

(Post: 6/17, 7/15, 8/19) (Auxiliary: 6/22, 7/24) (SAL: 6/17, 7/15, 8/19)  
(Riders: 6/3, 7/1, 8/5) (Post 245 Boy Scouts: every Monday)