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POST 245 NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE COMMANDER,

You did it !!!! You hit our membership goal 100% + 1. Thank You everyone it was a tough one but we did it. The District hit 100% also. Now comes the hard part... we have to do it again this year!! Thank you Larry Hess for your hard work sending out letters. Congratulations to the Aux. and SAL on hitting their goals too. It's because we have a great club, great events, great food and atmosphere that bring new members in.

We will be accepting nominations for Post Officers at the next meeting. All positions are open, come out and make Your Post strong and help us grow. It would be great to get some new blood on board with new ideas and energy. Final nominations and voting is at the June meeting so you have some time to think about joining Our Team. Reminder No meeting in July.

Lots of activities coming up this summer. Come out and support the Club, Aux., and SAL at their events. From the Car Show to Cash Bingo there is some fun for everyone. Just meeting friends and having a cold one brings a smile to your face. The Club picnic is always a good way to meet new members, watch for tickets to go on sale soon. Legion in the Woods is the place to go!!!

Flag Day is coming up. We will be doing our ceremony with the Elks and Troop 245. We will be retiring a flag. Taps and the rifle squad will all be part of the ceremony. It lasts about one hour so make plans to join us at 6pm on June 14th. The Elks program about the Flag is really enjoyable.

The winner of this year's Mary B. Foster Award is Katherine Lundy. She will be attending Penn State in the fall. Congratulations Katherine.

Everyone have a safe and happy summer. See you at the Club!!!

Rich Seifert, Commander



Club Hours:

11am - 11pm Mon thru Sat
1pm - 8pm Sun

Kitchen Hours:

Grill: 11am - 8pm Mon - Sat
Fryers: 11am - 10pm Mon - Sat
Grill & Fryers: 1pm - 7pm Sun

Happy Hour:

Monday 7-9pm

EVENING SPECIALS NIGHTLY!

FRIDAYS

Wing Night 5-10pm

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2022 Club Picnic - August 13th - Save The Date

Advance Ticket Sales - Adults \$15 - Children \$8 - Age 5 or Under FREE

Tickets at the Door - Adults \$20 - Children \$10

**Club Opens at 11:00 AM - Lunch at 12 Noon -
Dinner at 5 PM - Club Closes at 8 PM**

**Jeopardy From 2 PM to 4 PM -
NWTF Will Have Their BB Gun Range - and More**



NEWS FROM THE LADIES AUXILIARY...

Greetings from the Ladies Auxiliary!!

The auxiliary is happy to welcome quite a few new members. They are: Tarynn Herlocher, Kristine Eng, Abby Potts, Kelly Coffman, Anna Sponseller, Bonnie Kendig, Noel Heisler, Virginia Patterson, Kelly Chronister, Sarah Milito, Erikka Snyder, Kathy Warner, Veronica Bubb, Meghan Davis, Suzanne Berezniak, Tara Johnson, Jerolynn McBurney-Rogers, Jennifer Roan, Samantha Hassinger, and Kerry Hutchings. 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. **PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE WILL NOT BE AN AUXILIARY MEETING IN JULY.** Come to a monthly meeting to get to know the other Auxiliary members and learn about all the good things the Auxiliary does for our veterans, the club, and the community.

Home show bingo will be held Sunday, October 9th, 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.

There will be a cash bingo event on Sunday, November 6th, 2022. The doors for this event open at noon with the event beginning at 1:30 p.m. Tickets are \$20 in advance (\$25 at the door). There will be 20 games of bingo played, with prizes of \$25 to \$50 per game, and a grand prize of \$250. There will be rip-off tickets for purchase and a 50/50 drawing will be held. The kitchen will be opened for any food you would like to purchase. Please check with the club for any updates or changes to this venue, as well as an opportunity to purchase tickets.

Wishing you all good health and much happiness as we welcome warmer weather and the opportunity to gather outside!!!

Donita Gibboney, Second Vice-President



CHAPLAINS CORNER

As the summer months are upon us, I'm reminded of an old farmers advice; When you see the tops of the corn fields knee high by July know the corn is healthy. When the tops are waving in the air with their golden tassels pollenating their cobs know the harvest is near.

Summertime is the time of the year when sitting on the porch in the evening, with a refreshing beverage, watching the world go by heals the tattered soul. With so much going on in the world that is out of our control, taking the time to unplug from the information overload is a benefit for the body and soul. I find gardening satisfies my need for peaceful time alone. Watching my vegetables and herbs grow recharges my mental batteries.

My Planters Prayer: Lord Bless these seeds, for those it feeds, may our labor sustain our crops, until a bountiful harvest abounds.

Whatever activity you enjoy for your down time be grateful that in this country freedom is still alive by the grace of God. Enjoy your summer

James F. Sweeney, Chaplain

History of the American Flag

Illuminating American History Through the American Flag

Seventh in a Series

By Thomas Palchak



The image above is a forty-five-star American flag (1896-1908). This was the flag raised by Navy Rear Admiral Robert E. Peary on the North Pole on April 6, 1909. Robert Peary was born May 6, 1856, in Cresson, Pennsylvania.

Preparations for his exploration of the Arctic regions began in October, 1904. The vessel was constructed at Bucksport, Maine. After the hull was completed, she was towed to Portland, where her machinery, steel plating, spars, and navigation equipment was installed. Peary's ship was christened *Roosevelt*. She sailed to New York, anchored in the North River where supplies were put aboard. On the 16th of July the *Roosevelt*, with the Stars and Stripes waving from the mizzen-truck, sailed from New York towards the northern terminus of the Greenland ice sheet and beyond.

In 1898 Josephine Peary made a large, gold-fringed, taffeta, forty-five-star American flag for her husband as he was about to embark on a four-year expedition to the Arctic.

On September 6, 1909, a telegraph crackled to life from the Smoky Tickle telegraph station at Indian harbor in Labrador. Peary telegraphed his wife, Josephine, at their summer home on Eagle Island in Casco Bay off the Main coast. The message was understated yet profound... "Have nailed the Stars and Stripes to the Pole."

Next: The Great War

Quilts of Valor

On April 24, 2022 Don Hartzell was the recipient of a quilt from the Quilts of Valor Foundation. The ceremony was held at the Old Fort American Legion in Centre Hall.

Congratulations to Don and Mary Hartzell.

If you would like to nominate a veteran to receive a hand-made quilt from this organization, please contact tompalchak@gmail.com



Don Hartzell

From Boy Scout Troop 245:

The Scouts will be making fire starters this fall and would greatly appreciate any donations of old candle ends, candles or unused household wax. Please place any candle ends, old candles or unneeded household wax in the box labelled "Boy Scout Wax Donations" near the front door. Thank you!



Armed Forces Day 2022

We raised 53 flags at Pine Hall Cemetery on May 21st for the day, our first event of the year. Thanks to Boy Scout Troop 245 for all your help. If you want to help in the future, just send a note to Don Hartzell at donhartzell46@gmail.com or call 703-347-5059.

~ In Memoriam ~

March: Clifford Wilson, William Stark Sr., Val Cunningham,
Edward Kopanski, Thomas Pryde

April: Clarence McCool, M D Holderman,
Charles McLaughlin, Glenn Clouser, Paul Gordon

May: David Patterson, David Bartraw, James Kenney

FROM THE EDITOR... The deadline for the Sept, Oct, Nov 2022 edition is **Friday, August 12th, 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: _____

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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 - 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 2023

Dan Verdoorn - President
Lewis Watt - Treasurer
Tom Palchak

Class of 2024

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

Class of 2025

Laura Smerbeck
Rich Seifert - Secretary
Don Hartzell

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

6/4	8pm.....	Jeopardy / Trivia Game Show
6/5	2pm-5pm.....	Eagle Scout Awards **
6/6	6pm-9pm	Food Special - BBQ Ribs
6/10	12:30pm-4:30pm....	Celebration of Life / N. Puffo **
6/11	TBA.....	National Guard Deployment Gathering **
6/14	6pm.....	Flag Day / Ceremony Outside with Elks
6/14	MOAA / Army Birthday **	
6/17	5pm-7pm.....	SAL Social outside on the Patio
6/18	4pm.....	Wedding Reception / Chance + Nicole **
6/19	.....	Father's Day
6/20	10am-4:30pm.....	Red Cross Blood Drive **
6/25	5pm-7pm.....	" Meat the Legion " Guest Chef Tony Sapia **
7/4	.....	July 4th / Independence Day
7/4	.....	July 4th / Club Closed
7/9	8pm.....	Jeopardy / Trivia Game Show
7/16	9am-5pm.....	7th Annual / ALR Car and Bike Show **
8/1	6pm-9pm	Food Special - BBQ Ribs
8/4	.....	MOAA / Coast Guard Birthday **
8/6	.....	Summer Splash **
8/13	.....	Legion Summer Picnic **
8/13	2pm-4pm.....	Jeopardy / Trivia Game Show **
8/20	.....	Diane Pighetti / Washer Tournament **
8/27	12:30pm	Dave Hegy Party w/ Band **
8/29	10am-4:30pm	Red Cross Blood Drive **
9/1	TBA.....	Penn State Football / Purdue / Thursday Night (A)
9/5	.....	Labor Day
9/5	.....	Labor Day / Club Closed
9/10	.....	Penn State Football / Ohio (H)
9/10	8pm	Jeopardy / Trivia Game Show
9/11	.....	Patriot's Day
9/17	.....	Penn State Football/ Auburn (A)
9/18	.....	MOAA / Air Force Birthday **
9/24	.....	Penn State Football / Central Michigan (H)

**Non Smoking Events

Pine Hall Flag Cemetary Schedule

6/14 7am Flags Raised (Full Staff)..... 7pm Flags Lowered

7/4 7am Flags Raised (Full Staff)..... 7pm Flags Lowered

9/11 7am Flags Raised (Half Staff)..... 7pm Flags Lowered

Organization Meetings:

(Post: 6/16; 7/21; 8/18) (Auxiliary: 6/28; 8/23) (SAL: 6/16; 7/21; 8/18)

(Riders: 6/2; 7/7; 8/4) (Post 245 Boy Scouts: every Monday)