

The Legion in the Woods



POST 245 NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE COMMANDER,

Hope everyone had a great summer. It was a wet one for sure. Despite the bad weather the 17 veterans who were guests of Healing Water didn't mind. In fact they all caught fish. I've never seen the water on Spruce creek that high and murky in the 7 years we have been going down. Thank you to Lynda Shuey's day care for decorating the lunch boxes again this year. One person takes his home every year and hangs it in the garage. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped with lunch and dinner. A Big Thank You to Bill Long Jr. and Barry and Linda Serbo for their donation to Healing Waters. Also a get well soon to Joe Humphrey after back surgery.

Friends of mine had a Pig Roast/Silent Auction for a Cause. This year's cause is the Centre County Veteran Assistant Fund. With over 160 attending fun was had by all. The food, music and slip & slide were a blast. It's great to see young people in the community doing great things. Thank you Adam, Stef, Mike and Kacie and everyone who helped.

We missed hitting our membership goal. We came up 12 short, but I want to thank everyone who tried to reach our goal. Now is the time to start on 2019. Our goal this year is 690. Please try to get a friend to join. We are a great club. The post needs new blood to help us grow. If we all can get just one new member it would be great.

I need your help locating a banner the post had made. It's about 6 feet by 4 feet and has all the logos on it. It was last seen in the meeting room in the back. If anyone knows where it is or has seen it please let Crystal or me know. Thank You.

Baseball teams had a so-so season. The senior team finished with a 500% record. Some key injuries hurt them in mid-season. The Jr. team made it to the regional were the weather changed the tourney format to a one lose and done. Coach was happy and the teams are looking forward to next year with a few roster changes.

New Officers for 2019: Rich Seifert Commander, Brian Greene 1st Vice, John Hammond 2nd Vice, Larry Hess Adjutant and Treasurer.

Congratulations to Post 245 SAL on receiving two awards for membership at the State Convention.

Wishing everyone a good Thanksgiving.

Commander, Rich Seifert



Club Hours:

11 am - 11 pm, Daily

Kitchen Hours:

Grill: 11 am-9 pm daily

Fryers: 11 am - 10 pm daily

Happy Hour: Monday 7-9pm

EVENING SPECIALS NIGHTLY!

FRIDAY

Wings, \$7.50/dozen or
\$4.25/ ½ dozen, 6-9pm

Like Us On
Facebook 

**2019 Membership
drive for Class A,
SAL, Auxiliary and
Social is under way!!**

**Please have your renewals sent
back as soon as you receive them.**

Thank you, Larry Hess, Adjutant, Post 245

**Please see page 3 for
important information
regarding 2019
Permanent door cards**



NEWS FROM THE LADIES AUXILIARY...

The American Legion Post 245 Auxiliary is hoping to increase their membership in the upcoming months! Membership in the American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) is open to female veterans and to the mothers, wives, sisters, daughters, granddaughters or great granddaughters of American Legion members or deceased veterans who served in the Armed Forces during World Wars I and II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, Granada, Panama, and/or Lebanon conflicts, and the Persian Gulf War during the following dates:

Gulf War/War on Terrorism	August 2, 1990 to date of cessation
Panama	December 20, 1989 - January 31, 1990
Lebanon and Grenada	August 24, 1982 - July 31, 1984
Vietnam War	February 28, 1961 - May 7, 1975
Korean War	June 25, 1950 - January 31, 1955
WW II	December 7, 1941 - December 31, 1946
WW I	April 6, 1917 - November 11, 1918

Our Mission Statement is: In the spirit of Service, Not Self, the mission of the American Legion Auxiliary is to support The American Legion and to honor the sacrifice of those who serve by enhancing the lives of our veterans, military, and their families, both at home and abroad. For God and Country, we advocate for veterans, educate our citizens, mentor youth, and promote patriotism, good citizenship, peace and security.

If you are eligible, you should consider joining. Founded in 1919, the American Legion Auxiliary helps to advance the mission of The American Legion. With nearly three-quarters of a million members, it is the world's largest women's patriotic service organization and one of the nation's most prominent supporters of veterans, military, and their families. ALA members volunteer millions of hours annually, with a value averaging \$2 billion each year. From helping to draft the GI Bill in 1944 to advocating for veterans on Capitol Hill, The American Legion Family has been instrumental in advancing legislation that improves the quality of life for our nation's veterans.

To join as an Auxiliary member:

1. Fill out the membership APPLICATION and have the application signed by a member of Auxiliary Unit 245.

<http://nebula.wsimg.com/e96a28ed3201b6deb02fc793f2ed8095?AccessKeyId=F9A0F49B079B68799583&disposition=0&alloworigin=1>

2. Supply a photocopy of the American Legion member's card on which you are applying or a copy of the veteran's military form DD-214/Discharge Papers if deceased veteran.
3. Supply a photocopy of your current driver's license or voter registration card.
4. Supply a \$25.00 check for annual dues.

5. Return all items to:
 American Legion Auxiliary Unit 245
 Membership Steward
 1950 Pine Hall Road
 State College, PA 16801

Membership cards will be mailed to you following approval of your application at the monthly meeting of The Auxiliary. If you are under age 21, your Post Home Association card will be marked MINOR.

We have several new Auxiliary members: Teresa Crisafulli, Mary Anderson, Tara Mondock, Tracey Greiner, Kelli Pennington, Karen Dzenkonski, and Jeanne Siegenthaler. We are so happy that you have joined and hope to see you at a future meeting or event. The next Auxiliary meeting will be held Tuesday, September 11th at 7:00 p.m. Come to this meeting and see what the Auxiliary does for the community and find out what events we have coming up. These meetings are fun and informative, and we love seeing new faces and listening to your ideas and suggestions.

It's hard to believe that the summer – or should I say the monsoon season -- is coming to an end. Time to look forward to football season and tailgates at the club! Hope to see you at a Post 245 event soon!!!

Donita Gibboney, Auxiliary 2nd Vice-President

2019 Permanent door cards are now available.

You must present your 2019 membership card to receive your new door card. Representatives of each organization will be at the club on the third Friday of September through November from 2:00 pm to 9:00 pm to distribute door cards. Door cards will not be mailed.

Bar staff can get your card during other hours **if they are not busy with bar activities**

This is the last door card that you will receive.

If you lose your card, there is a \$10 replacement charge. These cards must be returned if you cease membership in the club or you will receive a \$10 charge.

BINGO NEWS!

We will begin our fall schedule of VA bingo on September 18 at 2PM at the Hollidaysburg VA Home at MacArthur Hall.

We could use additional Bingo volunteers!
Anyone wishing to volunteer can contact Bill Long @692-8535.

NEWS FROM THE SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE...

WOW! Our 2018 picnic was the best ever. We sold 161 tickets this year and the food was outstanding. The Special Events committee thanks you for attending and we hope everyone had a great time.

Next year is the 100th Anniversary of the American Legion. We will not be doing a Club picnic in 2019. Instead, we will be hosting a celebration day to honor our 100 years. A committee has been formed and they will be responsible for events etc. Stay tuned for further information to come.

We will be starting up our Jeopardy's again starting on September 7th starting at 8 PM each night. Check your calendars for further dates. It has turned out to be a big hit so have fun.

Tail gates will start up on the first game for Penn State which is a home game on September 1 against Appalachian State. Penn State is playing a home game this year every other weekend.

Oktoberfest is scheduled on October 19th. Tickets are \$10 each, it is open to the public. They will play from 7:30 to 10:30 PM. Food starts at 6 PM.

Our Halloween Dance party will be on October 26th from 8 to 11 PM. Marlin Neff will again spin the tunes for us. Open to the public and doors open at 6 PM.

Come and join us for some great nights at our Legion.

Larry Hess – Chairmen

Bob McCool – Co-Chairmen



NEWS FROM THE AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS...

Hi everybody,

By the time this goes out the riding season will be drawing to a close. We've had a busy summer.

Thanks to everybody who made our Annual Car and Bike Show a huge success! We were able to more than double our proceeds this year!

Bike Nights are over for the season. Again thank you to everybody who supported us on Wednesday nights.

We will be doing a Hoagie Sale in October from Powerhouse Subs. Look for the order form behind the bar or see a Riders member.

We have one last ride for the season planned to the Wilderness in Milroy on September 15th. Thanks to our Road Captains Sam and Randy for all the awesome rides we had this year.

As I close I ask everyone to keep our outgoing District Commander Craig Yarger and his family in your thoughts and prayers as he battles cancer. Craig has been an outstanding commander for the Riders and helped to unite the local chapters.

Stay safe and look forward to seeing everyone at our meetings on the first Thursday of the month at 7 pm

Thank you, Scott Spear, ALR President

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER...

We are coming down to the end of what I like to call the patriotic season. We are coming up of the holidays of Labor Day, Patriot's Day, Thanksgiving, and Election Day. Election Day, how does that rank as being mentioned? Well, first it is a duty that all Americans should exercise.

Next, remember the motto " In God we trust." It is through our elections that we trust in our God to help us, individually in the election of our leaders. It also shows our faith in the motto, that we trust in God that we will elect those leaders that will steward our country, with the interest of all.

This is not just a patriotic exercise, but a spiritual one as well. We can look at our history for proof that God's hand and wisdom has guided our great country. We have had current and past leaders that are good and that are and were bad, and yet the country still is plainly the best in the world. It is this testament to our election process that shows that God is truly blessing America. That is why it is so important that we all, no matter the significance of the election, should get out there to vote. Voting is just one of the many gifts that God has bestowed upon us. It is a gift that we should not neglect or abuse.

So as we honor and celebrate the rest of our patriotic days, let's not forget or neglect to do our duty as Americans. Get out and vote on election day. God and country are counting on you.

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

Ron Quinn Jr., Post Chaplain



Men's Darts

Dart season is upon us once again so I have posted a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the pool room. The season will start on September 25. Once again we will not take the long holiday break but only the 3 holiday weeks. Please sign up by September 17 if you plan to play either by team if you have no new members or individually. Start time will remain 7:00 PM. I will be posting a schedule in the next few weeks with the assumption that the same 9 teams will participate.

Dan Verdoorn

PINE HALL CEMETERY - FLAGS RAISED / LOWERED

- 9/3 Labor Day (Mon) 7am - Flags Raised (Full Staff) 7pm - Flags Lowered
- 9/11 Patriot's Day (Tues) 7am - Flags Raised (Full Staff) 7pm - Flags Lowered
- 11/11 Veteran's Day (Sun).... 7am - Flags Raised (Full Staff) 5pm - Flags Lowered

FROM THE EDITOR... The deadline for the Dec 2018 - February 2019 edition is **Friday, Nov 16th, 2018**
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:** _____

Please mail completed form to: American Legion Post 245 ~ 1950 Pine Hall Rd. ~ State College, PA 16801
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 Brian Green
2nd Vice John Hammond
Adjutant Larry Hess
Treasurer Larry Hess
Sgt.-At-Arms Gerry Thompson
Chaplain Ron Quinn
Service Officer – Bill Long
Judge Advocate – Justin Bish
Historian - Vacant

AUXILIARY OFFICERS

Meets Tuesday before BoD, 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
Post Liaison – Vacant

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
Post Liaison – Vacant

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
Gerry Thompson
Chris Solo - Vice President

Ex-Officio: Aux. President, Rhonda Spear; Social, Bob Carson; SAL Cmdr., Brian McMahon;
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
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

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, Jigs Poorman
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. Luke Arble



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

S E P T	9/1	3:30pm	PSU / Appalachian State (H)
	9/1	TBA	Benefit Bike Ride / Open to the Public
	9/3		Labor Day
	9/3		CLUB OPEN / Kitchen Closed /Labor Day
	9/7	8pm	Jeopardy / Trivia Game Show
	9/8	8pm	PSU / Pittsburgh (A)
	9/9	10am-1pm	Sunday Morning Club Breakfast Brunch
	9/11		Patriot's Day
	9/15	12pm	PSU / Kent State (H)
	9/21	9pm	PSU / Illinois / Business as Usual (A)
	9/23	5pm	Men's Golf League Banquet
	9/29	TBA	PSU / Ohio State (H)
O C T	10/5	8pm	Jeopardy / Trivia Game Show
	10/8		Columbus Day
	10/13	3:30pm	PSU / Michigan State (H)
	10/14	10am-1pm	Sunday Morning Club Breakfast Brunch
	10/19	5:30pm-10:30pm	October Fest/Food 6pm/Music 7:30-10:30pm
	10/20	TBA	PSU / Indiana (A)
	10/21	1pm-4pm	Ladies Auxiliary Bingo
	10/26	8pm-11pm	Post 245 / Halloween Party
	10/27	TBA	PSU / Iowa (H)
	10/27	10am	Post 245 / Fall Clean Up Day
	10/31		Halloween
	N O V	11/2	8pm
11/3		TBA	PSU / Michigan(A)
11/4		10am-1pm	Sunday Morning Club Breakfast Brunch
11/10		TBA	PSU / Wisconsin (H)
11/11			Veteran's Day
11/11		11am	Post 245 / Veteran's Day Service
11/15		11am-2pm	Thanksgiving Lunch Buffet
11/17		TBA	PSU / Rutgers (A)
11/18		2pm	SAL Year End NASCAR Party/Race Starts 3pm
11/22			Thanksgiving Day / Club Closed
11/24		TBA	PSU / Maryland
D E C		12/1	11am
	12/1	8pm	BIG 10 Football Championship Game
	12/2	1pm-3pm	Post 245 / Club Children's Christmas Party
	12/7	12:30pm	Pearl Harbor Day Ceremony / Boalsburg
	12/7	8pm	Jeopardy / Trivia Game Show
	12/9	10am-1pm	Sunday Morning Club Breakfast Brunch
	12/15	7:30pm	Post 245 Club Christmas Party
	12/20	11am-2pm	Christmas Lunch Buffet
	12/24	7pm	Christmas Eve / Club Closes @ 7pm
	12/25		Christmas Day / Club Closed
	12/31	8pm	Club New Year's Eve Party

Organization Meetings: (Post: 9/20, 10/18, 11/15) (Auxiliary: 9/11, 10/9, 11/13)
(SAL: 9/20, 10/18, 11/15) (Riders: 9/6, 10/4, 11/1)