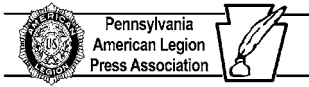


The Legion in the Woods



POST 245 NEWSLETTER

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APRIL/MAY/JUNE 2017

FROM THE COMMANDER,

Now that spring is here, outdoor events will start happening at the Post. Try and make it to some of the great events that will be taking place like the Easter Egg Hunt, Pig Roast, Car Show, Bingo and more. Bike nights too!!!! A lot of fun is had by all who attend these events so come out and support your club.

The new paint and other improvements sure have spruced up the place. Now we need your help to keep it that way. Please report spills or anything you see that needs repair to management. Treat it like it's your home.

It's getting into the home stretch for our membership drive. Please try and get a friend or colleague to join and help our club grow. The more members the stronger the club.

At the May Post meeting we will be taking nominations for Officers for the upcoming year. Any Class A member can run for office. You do not need to be there to be nominated but you **MUST BE THERE** to be voted on. The vote takes place at the June meeting. All Class A members are encouraged to attend these two meetings. Thank You!!

The Spruce Creek Chapter Of Trout Unlimited has a free fly fishing outing on Sundays at Fishermans Paradise. Check the video board for more details.

We will be needing people for differant events in the next few months. Ernie or myself my be calling for flag detail, color guard, or rifle details. Memorial Day and Flag Day come to mind.

Have a safe and healthy Spring and start to Summer. See you at the Post.
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/ 1/2 dozen, 6-9pm

SAL/25th Anniversary Social

Friday, April 21st, 2017

Dinner 5pm-7pm

SAL Members and Guests Only

DJ / 7:00pm - 10:00pm

Open to all Club Members

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Pine Hall Cemetery Flag Schedule

5/20 Armed Forces Day.....7am Flags Raised (Full Staff) -- 7pm Flags Lowered

5/29 Memorial Day.....7am Flags Raised (Half Staff)-- 12pm Flags Raised (Full Staff)--7pm Flags Lowered

6/14 Flag Day7am Flags Raised (Full Staff)--- 7pm Flags Lowered

7/4 Independence Day7am Flags Raised (Full Staff)--- 7pm Flags Lowered



NEWS FROM THE SAL...

With warm weather right around the corner it will soon be time to put away that snow shovel and get those summer clothes out. A lot has been going on at the post 245 Legion the last few months, some new paint on the walls a few renovations with a lot more to come. The SAL and the Ladies Auxiliary went together and purchased three new and bigger flat screen TV's for the club. They are a great addition to the club February 26th was the SAL/Daytona 500 party. It was a great time with a lot of good food. Big thanks to Bill and Linda Shuey , Rick Richards and everybody that helps with that! March 4th the SAL held our 4th annual washer tournament at the club, we had a great turnout once again with a lot of good shooters and good competition hope to see everyone there again next year! April 16th the SAL will be having an Easter dinner for the Hearts for Homeless starting at 1:00 pm. Hope everyone can make it out to help raise some money, its a great cause. April 21st is the SAL social, This is our 25th anniversary this year and its going to be a good one with a lot of great food and also entertainment. Starts at 5:00 and you can bring a guest to enjoy the night with you. Hope to see everyone there! May 6th the SAL will be having our pig roast/cash party open to ticket holders only so don't hesitate, get your tickets fast because they don't last long! Hope everybody can make it out to the club to see all that going on!

Brian McMahan, S.A.L. Commander

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DJ / 7:00pm – 10:00pm... Open to all Club Members



MEN'S DARTS...

Our season is winding down to a close and our last week of league play is March 28. The first round of our tournament is April 4 with the final rounds on the following Saturday April 8.

We will be having our banquet on Saturday, April 22 with a social hour from 5:00 to 6:00 and dinner immediately following. I'm looking forward to a good turnout again this year.

Dan Verdoorn



NEWS FROM THE LADIES AUXILIARY...

After a very long winter, it's nice to know that Spring is right around the corner. Since March was so brutal, I'm sure you all share our warm thoughts!!!

We are pleased to announce our newest members: Stacey Lyons, Connie Coolick, Chelsea Kirby, Judith Watt, Mary Walker, Patricia Wenrick, Dawn Quinn, Alyson Caplea, Kylie Smith, and Sarah Ray. Please join me in welcoming all these new members! We would like to invite new and existing members to join in our monthly meetings which are held the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. The next meeting will be held April 11th, 2017. These meetings are fun and informative – you really should join us to see all the great things that the Auxiliary does for the Veterans and members of our community.

Save the date: The Easter Egg hunt for kids 12 and under will be held on April 1st, 2017. The event runs from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Looking forward to seeing you outside on the patio real soon or at an upcoming Legion event!

Donita Gibboney, Auxiliary 2nd Vice-President

NEWS FROM THE CLUB MANAGER...

Hello everyone! I hope everyone is enjoying the updates at the Club! Right now the focus is on the kitchen and the deep cleaning and facelift it is receiving. The painting is finished and decorations are starting to be hung. Please give Terry McGrory a big thank you for the wonderful paint job!

The patio will soon be cleaned and set up just in time to enjoy the warmer weather to come. Keep the Club in mind this Spring on the nice days for your lunch plans!

Also, the menu is being updated as the kitchen is being revamped. Stop by and check out these tasty changes!

Business is picking up and we all thank you for the continued support of our Club!

Crystal Myers, Club Manager



NEWS FROM THE AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS...

Spring is just around the corner and with spring comes riding season. We can hardly wait to get the bikes out for another summer!

We'd like to thank everybody that supported our sandwich sale. We exceeded our goals! With riding season comes our Bike Nights.

We have moved bike night to Monday this year so as not to compete with other events in the area. The first bike night is Monday, May 1st. They will be on the first and third Monday of each month. Even if you don't ride come out and join us on the patio for great food and fun people!

Our Bike and Car Show was such a success last year that we will be doing it again this year. The date is set for July 8th with more details to follow closer to that date.

This season we are planning a lot more rides. Anyone is welcome to join us on a bike, or in a vehicle. Check out our facebook page for ride details (State College American Legion Riders Post 245).

Hope to see everyone at the club!

Scott Spear, ALR President

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US Army Retired

NEWS FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS...

We held our annual corporate meeting on Thursday, March 9 and once again the Class A attendance was dismal at best. We had 14 Class A's show up and they have our gratitude for that. I find it very difficult to understand why it's so hard to come out for one night a year to show support for your club and offer input for the betterment of the organization. Many of you have no problem showing up when there is a free meal or for a pig roast or cash party.

Well enough on that, we did conduct the meeting and filled the vacancies on the board for the year. Dan Verdoorn and Don Hartzell were re-elected and Kim Selmer-Larsen was elected to replace Tom Hoy who chose not to run. We have one spot left to fill which will be an appointment by the board and will be finalized at our next board meeting in April.

Dan Verdoorn, Board President

NEWS FROM THE SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE...



Our committee hopes you enjoyed the entertainment that we provided over the last three months.

Here is what is coming up for the next three months.

April 7th – WOWY Dance Party

7:30 to 10:30 PM – Public Welcome

April 28th – Jeopardy/Trivia Game Show 7:30-9:30 PM

April 29th – Spring Clean Up Day

10:00 AM – Lunch Provided

May 5th – Chris Bell Entertainment – Public Welcome

May 19th – Jeopardy/Trivia Game Show 7:30-9:30 PM

June 3rd – This is the Tentative Date for the Celebration of Life For Mary Werdal - Check for Times Later

August 5th – Club Picnic

11:00 AM to 7:00 PM - \$10.00 Plus Mug

Please check out the shadow box at the front entrance for all events coming up at the club.

Thanks for your support and if you have an idea, please let Bob or myself know so we can consider it.

As always, see you at the Legion.

Larry Hess – Chairmen

Bob McCool – Co-Chairmen

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER...

“In God we trust”. The motto of America. Is there anything more American, and more inclusive than the American motto? While many secularist, and atheist would like to see this motto eliminated, they can't fathom how this motto is anywhere near inclusive.

Those who would like to see the motto eliminated don't understand that if there is no motto because of the insertion of God, then there would be a clear division in this country between those of faith, and those who would be proponents of “anything goes.” In short, a feel good anarchy, with nothing to compel unity.

Those of a radical progressive movement are really disappointed in the founding fathers. Why? Because this country's morals and values were founded and based on Judeo-Christian values. These values formed the writing and intentions of our Constitution and our laws. To a more simpler point, the laws that govern our behavior are based on the Ten Commandments. Go down our laws, and you'll see that they all fall under the heading of one of these commandments.

We all know where the Commandments come from, they come from God. They have worked pretty well, and have helped to form the American spirit. So if one believes in the rule of law, particularly American law, how can you not trust that God knew what he was doing in telling us how we need to behave to get along with one another? As it is said, “Love is the law, and God is love.”

While our laws are always under attack, we have to trust that God will not let this great nation fall into anarchy. Therefore, the motto is fitting. However, even more appropriate, where the motto says, “In God we trust”, it doesn't designate which God. That means that no matter what faith one believes, if we all accept that this universe is guided by a Divine Power, then we can all come together as Americans and proclaim the motto, “In God we trust.” Since God is love, it permits us to also include the secularist and the atheist, which does not happen if God is eliminated.

So no matter how bad things may appear to be, and one's faith may be challenged in these trying times, take comfort that things will work out. Because, “In God we trust.”

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



Post 245 sponsored a Bingo at the VA home in Hollidaysburg at MacArthur Hall on January 3rd. Volunteers were Bill Long, Ed Dionis, Dean Dreibelbis, Ernie Harpster and SAL member Rick Dills. All the resident's were appreciative of our sponsorship and we had a record of 4 winner's on the coverall of the last game.

Post 245 sponsored a Bingo at the VA home in Hollidaysburg at MacArthur Hall on February 7th. Volunteers were Ed Dionis, Dean Dreibelbis, Rick Dills from the SAL and Bill Long. A good time was had by all the residents in attendance!

~ In Memoriam ~

James Stewart
James Gingrich
Robert A. Jeanmenne

FROM THE EDITOR... The deadline for the July/August/September 2017 edition is **Friday, June 16th, 2017.**
Comments and suggestions are welcome and can be emailed to mayesb76@icloud.com

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Becky Mayes, Editor

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Commander Rich Seifert
1st Vice Brian Greene
2nd Vice – Vacant
Adjutant Carl Lauck
Treasurer Larry Hess
Sgt.-At-Arms Gerry Thompson
Chaplain Ron Quinn
Service Officer – Bill Long
Judge Advocate – Justin Bish
Historian - Jim DeWolfe

AUXILIARY OFFICERS

Meets Tuesday before BoD, 7 p.m.
President Rhonda Spear
1st Vice Penny Dry
2nd Vice Donita Gibboney
Secretary Kathy Putt
Treasurer Tina Johns
Sgt.-At-Arms Karen Jackson
Chaplain Jean Folk
Historian - Tina Hoy
Sp. Events Coord. – Brandi Hartman
Post Liaison – Vacant

SAL OFFICERS

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1st Vice George Fye
2nd Vice Cody McMahon
Adj./Treas. Jigs Poorman
Sgt. At Arms Guy Williams
Chaplain Mike Boonie
Historian Mike Wirtz
Post Liaison – Vacant

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

Class of 2017

Dan Verdoorn - President
Kim Selmer-Larsen
Don Hartzell

Class of 2018

Larry Hess - Treasurer
Carl Lauck
Karen Reed

Class of 2019

Jim DeWolfe - Vice-President
Rich Seifert - Secretary

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: Steve LaMar

Vice-President: Jeff Gonet
Chaplain: Brian McMahon

Secretary: Rhonda Spear
Road Captain: Samantha Hartman
Randy Weaver

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP LISTS

BUDGET & FINANCE

Meets as required
Karen Reed (Co-Chair)
Vacant (Co-Chair)

BUILDING & GROUNDS

Meets as required
Jim DeWolfe (Co-Chair)
Don Hartzell (Co-Chair)

DONATIONS

Meets Monday before BoD @ 7 p.m.
Larry Hess (Chair)
Bob McCool (Co-Chair)
Karen Jackson, Rich Seifert,
Bud Yohe, Crystal Myers

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,
Brian McMahon, Jigs Poorman

LCB RULES & REGS

Meets as Required
Dan Verdoorn (Chairperson)

MEMBERSHIP


Meets as Required
Carl Lauck (Chairperson)
Rich Seifert

NEWSLETTER

Meets as Required
Larry Hess (Chairperson)
Becky Mayes (Editor)

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



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

APRIL 2017

1 st	11am-2pm	**Ladies Auxiliary/Children's Easter Egg Hunt
7 th	7:30-10:30pm	**WOWY/Post 245 Dance Party/ Open to Public/Doors Open@6pm
8 th	9:30am	Men's Dart League Tournament
14 th	5:00pm	**Penn State ROTC Dinner
16 th	1pm	**SAL/Easter Dinner for the Hearts for Homeless
21 st	5pm-7pm	SAL Social/25th Anniversary
21 st	7pm-10pm	SAL 25th Anniversary Party/ DJ Open To All Club Members
22 nd	6pm	Men's Dart League Banquet
28 th	7pm	Jeopardy/Trivia Game Show
29 th	10am	Post 245/Spring Clean Up Day

MAY 2017

1 st	6pm-9pm	**Legion Riders Bike Night
5 th	6pm	Entertainment/TBA
6 th	4pm-8:30pm	**SAL Pig Roast /Cash Party/Ticketholders Only
7 th	5pm	Post 245/Past Commanders Dinner, Invitation Only
13 th	5pm-6pm	SAL/Centre County Veteran's Pig Roast
15 th	6pm-9pm	**Legion Riders Bike Night
19 th	7pm	Jeopardy/Trivia Game Show
20 th	Armed Forces Day	
21 st	12pm	Armed Forces Day/28th Davison Shrine, Boalsburg Military Museum
28 th	2pm	Memorial Day Service/Shiloh Cemetery
28 th	3pm	Memorial Day Service/Pine Hall Cemetery
29 th		Memorial Day

JUNE 2017

2 nd	6pm	Special Olympics/Penn State/SAL
3 rd	TBA	**Mary Werdal/Celebration of Life Get Together
5 th	6pm-9pm	**Legion Riders Bike Night
14 th	6pm	Flag Day Ceremony/Boalsburg Military Museum
18 th	10am-1pm	**Father's Day Brunch
19 th	6pm-9pm	**Legion Riders Bike Night

JULY 2017

3 rd	6pm-9pm	**Legion Riders Bike Night
4 th	Independence Day/July 4th	
8 th	10am-3pm	ALR/2nd Annual Car and Bike Show
17 th	6pm-9pm	**Legion Riders Bike Night
22 nd	4pm-8:30pm	**Club Cash Party/Ticketholders Only

** NON SMOKING EVENTS

Organization Meetings: (Post: 4/20, 5/18, 6/15) (Auxiliary: 4/11, 5/9, 6/13)
(SAL: 4/20, 5/18, 6/15) (Riders: 4/6, 5/4, 6/1)