

The Legion in the Woods



POST 245 NEWSLETTER

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Centennial Celebration for Post 245

How many 100 year old people do you know? Chances are not many. How many centennial celebrations have you ever attended? Likely the same answer. It's a long time! A major milestone, and one worthy of celebration.



Well, Post 245, and the American Legion, turn 100 in 2019. Think back to 1919, when our country was celebrating the return of troops and the end of the Great War, the War to End All Wars. People came together, and realized they had experienced something very unique, and that the service of those that served warranted recognition and advocacy. This was extremely visionary. And, our beloved Post, the Legion in the Woods, was one of the first American Legion Posts.

One the most important things we can do in 2019 is honor this legacy, and celebrate all that our Post, and the Legion and all associated groups have done for veterans. Whether Class A, Ladies Auxiliary, SAL or Riders, we all share memories of service. The efforts of those before us, and those currently serving our Post, have dedicated themselves to making our Post something special. Further, it also helps us focus on the future, to the NEXT 100 years, and how we will continue to advocate for new veterans and sustain a viable Legion.

So let's have a celebration! Saturday, August 10, 2019 will be the day and the help of everyone is needed. Please share ideas with me our the officers of your group. The sky is the limit! Let's make this special!

For God and Country - today and every day.
Jim DeWolfe, Post 245 Historian

If anyone has any photos, maps or stories related to the Post's history please share them with us! We also need volunteers to help on the planning committee and to help with this very special Centennial Celebration!

If you have any items or would like to volunteer please see Larry Hess or 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

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

FROM THE COMMANDER,

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year everyone, from Post 245. There are a lot of great things happening during the holidays. Decorating the Post, Children's Christmas Party, Christmas Lunch and our New Years Eve Party. Support any good cause that supports our troops at this time of the year. Like I've said before this is one of the hardest times for a deployed serviceman. Being away from friends and family. And any package they receive is much appreciated and enjoyed. Even though it's the holiday season all the normal meetings are going on. Remember to go to your origination's meeting. Your ideas and input are important.

Just a reminder that Our birthday is coming up! 100 Years Old!!! Anyone with any stories, photos, or articles from the past please share. If you have any ideas about the party please come to one of the meetings.

The Post Flag Squad was invited again to take part in Park Forest Elementary Veterans Day ceremony. The program the second graders put on is great. It brought back memories of my kids learning about the Flag and our Country. Thank You Miss Patty.

Support Your Post
Commander, Rich Seifert

COED Darts

COED darts begins January 9, 2019! If you're interested in joining, there are sign up sheets in the pool room. We currently have 9 teams thus far and hoping to see everyone from last year! The cost is \$30 which helps to pay for prizes and banquet. Your team will require at least 2 women. Any questions, please call the club and relay a message for either Tina Johns, Dawn Armstrong or Christy Black. Thank you and hope to see you!



NEWS FROM THE LADIES AUXILIARY...

It is hard to believe that the holiday season is upon us!!! We wish you and your family a Happy Thanksgiving and a very Merry Christmas. May you find yourself surrounded with family and friends!!

All Auxiliary members are invited to attend our annual Christmas party to be held in place of our monthly meeting. The party will be held on Tuesday, December 11, 2018, with a happy hour beginning at 6:00 PM. At 7:00 PM we will enjoy dinner followed by a gift exchange. If you plan to attend and want to participate in the gift exchange, you will need to bring a wrapped \$15 gift.

We would like to extend a huge welcome to our newest numbers: Amy Gee, Nikki Rogers, Jacqueline Hartel, Joyce Fleeger, Monica Thomas, Gina Kelly, Amanda McAfee, and Cathie Smalley.

The children's Christmas party will be held on Sunday, December 2nd, from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM.

A huge thank you to all who helped with the Veteran's Day dinner. It was an absolutely amazing day. The Veterans were so appreciative, the room decorations were incredible, and of course the food was fabulous.

We hope to see some new faces at our Christmas party and monthly meetings!

Donita Gibboney, Auxiliary 2nd Vice-President

2019 Permanent door cards are now available.

Door cards will be available for pickup on Friday, December 14th from 4pm to 9pm

A member of the Post, SAL and Ladies Aux. will be on hand to distribute the new door cards. Social members can pick their cards at this time too.

*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.

NEWS FROM THE SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE...

The Special Events committee wishes all of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We sincerely hope that you enjoyed our events this year. 2019 should prove to be a good year and I hope that more of our members will take part in our dances, Jeopardy, parties and special events throughout the year.

Speaking of 2019, The American Legion turns 100 years old. Our Post will be celebrating this event with an open house on August 10, 2019. This will take the place of our annual picnic that we host in August. One thing we need is any history of Post 245 like old photos, maps, stories of the past, where our first post was located, who was our first commander and things like that. We also need volunteers on our committee and to help on August 10th. Look for more information in the next two issues. If you have such items, please turn them in to our manager at the Legion.

Please read the newsletter for events coming up in December and beyond. We can bring these events to you but need your participation to make them successful. Please get involved.

Thanks,

As always, see you at the Legion.

Larry Hess – Chairmen
Bob McCool – Co-Chairmen



BINGO NEWS!

The next VA bingo will be November 20th @2:00PM at MacArthur Hall. We will not have a Bingo in December as we donate \$100 to the Home for their veterans Christmas party.

Bingo was held on September 18th at the VA home. Bill Long, Bill Klucher, Ernie Harpster, and Rick Dills were the volunteers! Post 245 also sponsored a bingo at the VA home on October 9th. Bill Long and Rick Dills were the only volunteers.

Additional Bingo volunteers are needed!

Anyone wishing to volunteer please contact Bill Long @692-8535.



NEWS FROM THE AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS...

Hello All,

Once again its that time of the year when we put away the bikes and start counting the days until spring. Thank you again to everyone who participated in our hoagie / dumpling sale and making it another success. Our January meeting held on 01/03/2019 at 7:00 pm will also be our annual Holiday Meal. Reminder the January meeting will also be the time when we vote on t-shirt & hat designs. Just a reminder we will not meet in February. I would like to wish everyone Happy Holidays and Merry Christmas.

Thank you,
Scott Spear, ALR President

~ In Memoriam ~

FRED RICHENDERFER · DON K. VINSON · DANIEL R. WHITE · OSCAR DEARMITE

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER...

We are now into the season of holidays, and moving into the new year. It is easy for one to feel kind of cynical about the world today, and wonder where is the hope and love. So let me give you some advice on how to find the hope and love in this world during the holidays.

First, walk away from the TV and radio. Stop surfing the web. Suspend that subscription to the newspaper for a while. As they say in the media business, "the only newsworthy news is bad news." Therefore, the only things you will see from the media is all that is wrong with the world. If you don't find what you are looking for, then you are probably looking in the wrong place. You'll never find an ear of corn if you are looking in a bean field.

We only find hope and love if we are looking within our own worlds, and from those that matter the most. Those are the people and places where we can find real hope and love, along with the spirit of the season. You'll find it in the eyes of the elderly, the homeless, the unemployed, estranged family members, the chemically dependent, the warriors coming home from war, and those getting ready to take their place. The widows, the orphans, the mentally and physically impaired, the children and babies that are the weakest among us, they all seek hope and love.

You'll also find it in the voice of the One who made us, particularly when you look in your house of worship, to sing, pray and join hearts with all around you. If you seek it, you will find it if you are looking in the right place.

Finally, check on our elderly. Make sure they are warm, cared for, and their snow is shoveled. Remember that what you give of yourself to others, you will receive many times over. Doesn't that give you some hope and love?

Have a Merry Christmas, a Holy Hanukkah, a blessed holiday season, and a prosperous year in 2019. Thank you, and as always, God bless our country, our Legion, and Post 245.



Ron Quinn Jr., Post Chaplain

FROM THE EDITOR... The deadline for the March, April, May 2019 edition is **Friday, February 15th, 2019**
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

DECEMBER 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						Decorate Club for Christmas 11am
2 Post 245 Club Children's Christmas Party 1pm-3pm	3 Free Pool/Free Juke Box	4 Burger Night 6-9pm	5	6 House Committee Mtg 6:00pm AL Riders Meeting 7:00pm	7 Pearl Harbor Day Ceremony Boalsburg 12:30pm Jeopardy / Trivia Game Show 8pm	8
9 Sunday Morning Club Breakfast Brunch 10am-1pm	10 Special Events Comm. Mtg. 6:00pm Donation Comm. Mtg. 7:00pm Free Pool/Free Juke Box	11 Ladies Auxiliary Mtg. 7:00pm Burger Night 6-9pm	12 Board of Directors Mtg. 6:00	13	14 Red Cross Blood Drive 10am Free Juke Box Wing Night 6-9pm	15 Post 245 Club Christmas Party 7:30pm
16	17 Free Pool/Free Juke Box	18 Burger Night 6-9pm	19	20 Christmas Lunch Buffet 11am-2pm SAL Meeting 6:00pm Post Meeting 7:00pm	21 Free Juke Box Wing Night 6-9pm	22
23	24 Free Pool/Free Juke Box Christmas Eve Club Closes @ 7pm	25 Burger Night 6-9pm Christmas Day Club Closed	26	27	28 Free Juke Box Wing Night 6-9pm	29
30	31 Free Pool/Free Juke Box Club New Year's Eve Party 8pm Bring a Covered Dish to share					

Free Pool and Juke Box on Monday Nights and Free Juke Box on Friday Nights!
(*if no scheduled entertainment)

** NON SMOKING EVENTS

JANUARY 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 New Year's Day Club Opens at 1 pm Burger Night 6-9pm	2	3 House Committee Mtg 6:00pm AL Riders Meeting 7:00pm	4 Jeopardy / Trivia Game Show 8pm Free Juke Box Wing Night 6-9pm	5 Take Down Christmas Decorations 11am
6	7 Special Events Comm. Mtg. 6:00pm Donation Comm. Mtg. 7:00pm Free Pool/Free Juke Box	8 Ladies Auxiliary Mtg. 7:00pm Burger Night 6-9pm	9 Board of Directors Mtg. 6:00	10	11 Free Juke Box Wing Night 6-9pm	12
13 Sunday Morning Club Breakfast Brunch 10am	14 Free Pool/Free Juke Box	15	16	17 SAL Meeting 6:00pm Post Meeting 7:00pm	18	19
20	21 Free Pool/Free Juke Box	22 Burger Night 6-9pm	23	24	25 Free Juke Box Wing Night 6-9pm	26 SAL Cash Party / Ticket Holders Only / Club Closes @ 10 PM ** 3pm-10pm
27	28 Free Pool/Free Juke Box	29 Burger Night 6-9pm	30	31	Free Juke Box Wing Night 6-9pm	

Free Pool and Juke Box on Monday Nights and Free Juke Box on Friday Nights!*

(*if no scheduled entertainment)

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FEBRUARY 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
3 Super Bowl Party / Tailgate 6pm	4 Free Pool/Free Juke Box	5 Burger Night 6-9pm	6	7 House Committee Mtg 6:00pm AL Riders Meeting 7:00pm	8 Free Juke Box Wing Night 6-9pm	9
10 Sunday Morning Club Breakfast Brunch - 10am Penn State Pink Zone Basketball Game -2pm	11 Special Events Comm. Mtg. 6:00pm Donation Comm. Mtg. 7:00pm	12 Ladies Auxiliary Mtg. 7:00pm	13 Board of Directors Mtg. 6:00	14 Valentine's Day	15 Deadline: News- letter Submission M A M J	16
17	18 Free Pool/Free Juke Box	19 Burger Night 6-9pm	20	21 SAL Meeting 6:00pm Post Meeting 7:00pm	22 Free Juke Box Wing Night 6-9pm	23
24 SAL / Daytona 500 Party 2pm	25 Free Pool/Free Juke Box	26 Burger Night 6-9pm	27	28	Free Juke Box Wing Night 6-9pm	

Free Pool and Juke Box on Monday Nights and Free Juke Box on Friday Nights!*

(*if no scheduled entertainment)

** NON SMOKING EVENTS

MARCH 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 Jeopardy / Trivia Game Show 8pm Free Juke Box Wing Night 6-9pm	2 Men's Dart Tournament 9am
3	4 Free Pool/Free Juke Box	5 Burger Night 6-9pm	6	7 House Committee Mtg 6:00pm AL Riders Meeting 7:00pm	8 Free Juke Box Wing Night 6-9pm	9 6th Annual / SAL Washer Tournament 7pm
10 Sunday Morning Club Breakfast Brunch 10am	11 Special Events Comm. Mtg. 6:00pm Donation Comm. Mtg. 7:00pm	12 Ladies Auxiliary Mtg. 7:00pm	13 Board of Directors Mtg. 6:00	14	15 Free Juke Box Wing Night 6-9pm	16 Men's Dart Banquet 5pm
17 Patrick's Day Ladies Auxiliary Home Show Bingo 1pm-4pm	18 Free Pool/Free Juke Box	19 Burger Night 6-9pm	20	21 SAL Meeting 6:00pm Post 245 Corporation Meeting 7pm	22 Free Juke Box Wing Night 6-9pm	23
24	25 Free Pool/Free Juke Box	26 Burger Night 6-9pm	27	28	29 Free Juke Box Wing Night 6-9pm	30
31	Free Pool and Juke Box on Monday Nights and Free Juke Box on Friday Nights! (*if no scheduled entertainment) ** NON SMOKING EVENTS					

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 – 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, vacant; SAL Cmdr., George Fye;
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
Vacant

HOUSE RULES & BY-LAWS

Meets as Required
Dan Verdoorn (Chairperson)

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

BUILDING & GROUNDS

Meets as required
Barry Dickman (Co-Chair)
Don Hartzell (Co-Chair)
Bud Yohe
Gerry Thompson

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

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

LCB RULES & REGS

Meets as Required
Dan Verdoorn (Chairperson)

MEMBERSHIP

Meets as Required
Larry Hess (Chairperson)
Rich Seifert

NEWSLETTER

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



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

12/1 11am..... Decorate Club for Christmas
 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
 12/14 10am..... Red Cross Blood Drive
 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 /
 Bring a Covered Dish to share

1/1 New Year's Day / Club Opens 1 pm
 J 1/4 8pm..... Jeopardy / Trivia Game Show
 A 1/5 11am..... Take Down Christmas Decorations
 N 1/13 10am..... Sunday Morning Club Breakfast Brunch
 1/26 3pm-10pm..... SAL Cash Party / Ticket Holders Only /
 Club Closes @ 10 PM **

2/1 8pm..... Jeopardy / Trivia Game Show
 2/3 6pm..... Super Bowl Party / Tailgate
 2/10 10am..... Sunday Morning Club Breakfast Brunch
 2/10 2pm..... Penn State Pink Zone Basketball Game
 2/14 Valentine's Day
 2/15 Deadline : Newsletter Submission / M A M J
 2/24 2pm..... SAL / Daytona 500 Party

3/1 8pm..... Jeopardy / Trivia Game Show
 3/2 9am..... Men's Dart Tournament
 M 3/9 7pm..... 6th Annual / SAL Washer Tournament
 A 3/10 10am..... Sunday Morning Club Breakfast Brunch
 3/16 5pm..... Men's Dart Banquet
 3/17 St. Patrick's Day
 C 3/17 1pm-4pm..... Ladies Auxiliary Home Show Bingo
 H 3/21 7pm..... Post 245 Corporation Meeting

**** NON SMOKING EVENTS**

Organization Meetings: (Post: 12/20, 1/17, 2/21) (Auxiliary: 12/11, 1/8, 2/12)
 (SAL: 12/20, 1/17, 2/21) (Riders: 12/6, 1/3, 2/7)

CUT ON THE DOTTED LINE AND POST ON YOUR FRIDGE TO KEEP UP TO DATE WITH POST 245 ACTIVITIES!