

The Legion in the Woods



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POST 245 NEWSLETTER

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MARCH, APRIL AND MAY 2018

FROM THE COMMANDER,

Hi everybody! Hope you survived the winter. That had to be one of the coldest ones that I can remember. It's time for think about warming up!!! I NEED a FAVOR of all Class A members. On March 22 is the Annual Corporation Meeting and WE NEED 15 Class A Members for a QUORUM. There are several items on the agenda that need voted on. So PLEASE come and support YOUR POST.

It's the quiet time of the year before spring gets here. Not much going on. March we have a St. Patty's Dance. Then April and taxes due. With the 15th on a Sunday, you have two extra days to file!!! Then things start going in May. Pig Roast/Cash Party, Memorial Day and more. Watch for signs and notices posted around the club.

I'm pleased and proud to say that Post 245 donated \$12,000.00 back into the Community. From Toys for Tots to the local chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation.

The Annual Spring Clean Up is coming soon. Try and make it out to help. Lots of yard work and things to set up for spring/summer. The more that come out and help the quicker we get done.

Ernie Harpster will be looking for Rifle and Flag squad people for Memorial Day. There are two ceremonies, 2pm at Shilo cemetery then 3pm at Pine Hall cemetery.

I hope everyone has a good spring.

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

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SGOC NEWS

A few years ago, the State of Pennsylvania changed their gambling rules and regulations on how the Small Games of Chance profits (SGOC) are to be handled. With this change in the procedure, we were instructed that a certain portion of our profits needed to be donated back to the community. I am very proud to say that these new rules and regulations have made us a better organization within the State College community. In 2017, we were able to donate back to the community roughly \$62,000.

Some of the organizations that we donate to are as follows: State College Area Food Bank; Penn State Dance Marathon; Penn State Pink Zone Game; Centre County Veteran's Assistance Fund; Centre Volunteers in Medicine; the Bob Perks Cancer Fund; Camp Cadet; Veteran's Multi Service of State College; Ferguson Township Police; Alpha Fire Company; WPSU / A Time to Heal; the Travelling Wall; Toys for Tots; American Legion Baseball Sr. / Jr. teams and for the Ladies Auxiliary Veteran's Day programs. These and many other organizations that we donate to, help us to follow our guidelines of helping our Veteran's, our Youth and our Community.

Bob McCool and Larry Hess, SGOC

----- ATTENTION -----
ATTENTION ALL CLASS A MEMBERS
WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT! PLEASE
ATTEND OUR CORPORATION MEETING ON
MARCH 22, 2018 AT 7 PM
A QUORUM OF 15 NON BOARD MEMBERS
IS NEEDED TO CONDUCT BUSINESS



NEWS FROM THE LADIES AUXILIARY...

What a long winter it has been. We hope you are staying healthy and avoiding catching the flu. I'm sure we will all welcome spring when it finally arrives.

The children's Easter egg hunt will be held on Saturday, March 24th, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The Easter bunny will be so happy to see all the little ones who come out for this event!!

The next Home Show Bingo will be held Sunday, March 18th. 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. 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.

For those of you that are clipping and submitting coupons for our troops to use, please try and follow the guidelines below:

- Coupons are mailed every three months - the end of March, June, September, and December.
- The coupon expiration dates may be future or expired, although not more than three months expired since there's time needed for processing.
- They're mailed to an address in Indiana where they are sorted and sent to various bases overseas.
- A big "thank you" to those who have been collecting coupons for the cause. I'm sure the families that use them are appreciative.
- We'll take any and all coupons that you cannot personally use. They can be dropped off at the club and marked for the Auxiliary.
- So please, keep on snipping.

We would like to extend a huge welcome to our newest members: Dale Punshon, Judith Bechman, Debby Adamson, Crystal Myers, Launa Lauer, and Maxine Brooker. We are so happy that you have joined and hope to see you at a future meeting or event. Please remember that the Auxiliary holds a monthly meeting the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Why not join us and learn about what we do for the club and members of the community.

There are many Auxiliary members that have yet to renew their memberships for 2018. Don't let your membership lapse – send a check for \$20 to the American Legion Post 245, 1950 Pine Hall Road, State College, PA 16801 - attention Penny Dry. We have many awesome events coming up in the next couple months that you don't want to miss!!!

We hope to see some new faces at our next meeting and look forward to seeing everyone at a club event.

Donita Gibboney, Auxiliary 2nd Vice-President



NEWS FROM THE AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS...

Hello everyone,

Things have been a little slow for the riders since most of our bikes are parked for the winter!

There was no meeting in February and the March meeting is on Thursday, March 1st at 7 pm. Please plan to join us as we will be discussing some of the exciting things the Ride Captains have been planning.

Our bike nights will be Wednesday nights and will be the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month beginning in June.

We are always looking for new members so if you know any motorcycle enthusiasts please be sure to tell them about us.

As spring is just around the corner there are a lot of events happening at the club. We always welcome any volunteers to stop out and help at any events. Lets continue to make our club the best it can be!

See you soon,

Scott Spear, ALR President



MIXED DART LEAGUE...

Coed Darts Update:

We are on the final leg...3 more weeks of regular season and then 2 weeks of double elimination tournament.

We will have off on March 28th and our banquet and prizes April 4th! Its been fun so far and remember \$30.00 dues are DUE!

Tina Johns

~TAPS~

**Class A - Frank B. Scheirer, Gary (Mike) Morlang,
Harold G. Musser, Arian S. Temeles,
William L. Miller, Roy H. Ellenberger,
Kenneth S. Poorman, Raymond T. Fortonto,
James E. Langton and Joe Seymore**

SAL - Rick Smalley

VICE COMMANDER'S NOTES

We are continuing to do well in our efforts to bring in more members to our post. However, now is the time for us to raise our efforts to a new level in retention of members. Many of our membership enjoy their status as members in name only.

A policy that we will now institute is when a new member is signed up, their sponsor (the person that referred them) will be asked to escort the new member to the next post meeting where the new member will be voted on, and inducted into the post. That way the new member (as well as the sponsor) can get a glimpse into what is needed as a member of the post. It is the belief of the post that an involved post member, is a member who will stay retained.

We also believe that new members will also feel more welcomed, and be given personal attention as they come into the post. The efforts of the existing membership will not only retain our membership, but should also expand the growth of membership.

I will say right now that many of you will answer the call, and in anticipation, I say thank you.

Ron Quinn Jr. Vice Commander

NEWS FROM THE SAL...



Hello ! Spring is finally here! I hope everyone made it through the winter months, wow was that cold. Hope everyone made it out to the SAL/ Ladies Auxiliary cash party on January 27th it was a great success once again. We had a full house with a lot of great food and drinks, big thanks to all members that came out to help behind the scenes and everyone that came out, hope a good time was had by all! February brought us the annual Daytona 500 party on the 18th. Always a good time with lots of food and prizes. Once again big thanks to Bill Shuey and Rick Richards and everyone that helps out with that event it's a lot of fun. March 10th is the SAL 5th annual washer tournament that starts at 7pm until ? Brian Hockenberry does a great job with this and it gets better every year. Come on out and give it a try. April 20th at 5pm is our SAL social dinner for ALL SAL members please try to attend, there will be plenty of great food to eat. Finally May 5th is the SAL pig roast / cash party from 3pm until 10 pm. This event is open to ticket holders only so be sure to get tickets early because they go fast! There's a lot of events going on at post 245 this summer so come out and enjoy the club !

Brian McMahon, S.A.L. Commander

Book Number Changes

Post 245 Member Numbers and Money Book Numbers will change effective March 5, 2018.

The NEW Member Number and Book Number will be the same number and will remain your member number from now on.

All new numbers are four digits long and are larger than 1000.

See the member number list by the bar for your updated number.

If you use your old number for the book beginning March 5, 2018 it will not be a winner.

BINGO NEWS!

All bingos will be 2:00 PM and will be held at MacArthur Hall at the VA home in Hollidaysburg

Tuesday March 20

Tuesday April 17

Tuesday May 15

NEWS FROM THE SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE...

I just want to ask our Class A membership to support our Corporation Meeting coming up on March 22, 2018 at 7 PM. We need a minimum of 15 Class A Non Board members to fill the quorum to be able to vote on new members for the Board and other items. We need to elect two new members this year. If we do not have a quorum, we cannot elect members to the Board etc. So PLEASE come and take part in this meeting. You will also learn about the clubs operation and finances. Thanks in advance and hope to see you there.

Now, on to the Special Events that we have planned for the months of March, April and May.

March 2nd – Jeopardy – 8 pm

March 17th – St. Paddy's Day Dance –
Bonejack Band – 8 pm – 11 pm

April 6th – Jeopardy – 8 pm

April 13th – WOWY Sock Hop – 7:30 – 10:30 pm

April 21st – Spring Clean Up Day – 10 am

Rain Date April 28th – 10 am

May 4th – Jeopardy – 8 pm

June 9th – Chris Ruble Band – 8 pm – 11 pm

Thanks, As always, see you at the Legion.

Larry Hess – Chairmen

Bob McCool – Co-Chairmen



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER...

As the weather is getting nicer, we will all start to venture out and enjoy the new spring season. That means more outside activities, during the day as well as the night. There will be many a night where we sit outside and gaze at the stars, and maybe even wonder how far the universe goes? Recently astronomers discovered the furthest star out from us. Of course the light we see is billions of years old, and billions of light years away. So the light that we see is actually a glimpse of the past.

Such discoveries are important, because it is God uncovering his celestial mysteries to us, and with each mystery solved new questions arise. However, one has to wonder does God want us focusing on what He did in the past, or should we focus on what He wants us to do for the future? It is in using the gifts of our intelligence that God gives us the ability to use the answers of the past to guide us on how we should conduct our every day lives.

Each discovery in science doesn't just reveal God's creation miracle, but we also discover his miracles in his writings, and in his prophecies, and in the birth of new life, and that new life always happens more evidently during the season of spring. The discovery of newness always happens in our future. That should be the message that we discover from God, not just the miracles of the past, but looking forward to the miracles that are coming.

Where do we find these futuristic miracles? Maybe in the actions that we give ourselves in words and deeds to others. So go forward and see what God wants you to discover about him through how you treat others.

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



On Dec. 30th, 2017, the Alpha Fire Company came to Post 245 to show off their newly purchased aerial bucket truck. They also expressed their gratitude for the \$500.00 donation that was made to the Alpha's for confined space tools. The donation was made through the Small Games of Chance Fund at the Club.

Left to Right

Bill Shuey (SAL); Rusty Schreiner (Alpha Fire Co.); Brian McMahon (SAL); Karen Jackson (Ladies AUX); Rhonda Spear (Ladies AUX); Crystal Myers (Club Mgr.); Scott Spear (SAL)

FROM THE EDITOR... The deadline for the June, July, August 2018 edition is **Friday, May 18th, 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

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Member Name: _____

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City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

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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 Ron Quinn
2nd Vice John Hammond
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

Meets 3rd Thursday, 6 p.m.
Commander Brian McMahon
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 2018

Larry Hess - Treasurer
Carl Lauck
Karen Reed

Class of 2019

Jim DeWolfe - Vice-President
Rich Seifert - Secretary
Don Hartzell

Class of 2020

Dan Verdoorn - President
Kim Selmer-Larsen
Lewis Watt

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
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

MARCH	3/2	8pm	Jeopardy / Trivia Game Show
	3/3	9am	Men's Dart Tournament
	3/10	7pm	5th Annual / SAL Washer Tournament
	3/11	10am - 1pm	Post 245 Club Brunch
	3/12	12:45pm-5:45pm	Red Cross Blood Drive
	3/17	4pm - 7pm	Men's Dart Banquet
	3/17	8pm - 11pm	St. Patrick's Day / Bonejack Band / 8pm - 11pm
	3/18	1pm - 4pm	Ladies Auxiliary Home Show Bingo
APRIL	3/22	7pm	Post 245 Corporation Meeting
	3/24	11am - 1pm	Ladies Auxiliary / Children's Easter Egg Hunt
	4/1	.....	Easter
	4/6	8pm - 10pm	Jeopardy / Trivia Game Show
	4/7	11am - 1pm	Combat Vets Motorcycle Association Meeting
	4/8	10am - 1pm	Post 245 Club Brunch
	4/13	7:30pm-10:30pm	WOWY / Post 245 Sock Hop
		.....	Open to Public / Doors Open @ 6 pm **
MAY	4/20	5pm - 8pm	SAL Social
	4/20	6pm - 7pm	Penn State ROTC Social
	4/21	.....	Penn State / Blue White Game
	4/21	10am	Post 245 / Spring Clean Up Day
	4/21	12pm	Reunion / Private / Booked Rental
	4/28	10am	Post 245 / Spring Clean Up Rain Date
	5/4	8pm	Jeopardy / Trivia Game Show
	5/5	4:30pm-10pm	SAL Pig Roast / Cash Party / Ticket Holders Only
MAY		.....	Club Closes @ 10pm **
	5/13	10am - 1pm	Mother's Day / Post 245 Club Brunch
	5/19	.....	Armed Forces Day
	5/19	7am	Flags Raised (Full Staff) Pine Hall Cemetery
	5/19	7pm	Flags Lowered Pine Hall Cemetery
	5/20	12pm	Armed Forces Day / 28th Division Shrine
	5/20	12pm	Boalsburg Military Museum
	5/27	2pm	Memorial Day Service / Shiloh Cemetery
	5/27	3pm	Memorial Day Service / Pine Hall Cemetery
	5/27	4pm	Memorial Day Luncheon / Post 245
	5/28	.....	Memorial Day
	5/28	7am	Flags Raised (Half Staff) Pine Hall Cemetery
	5/28	12pm	Flags Raised (Full Staff) Pine Hall Cemetery
	5/28	7pm	Flags Lowered Pine Hall Cemetery
JUNE	6/1	6pm	Special Olympics / Penn State / SAL
	6/6	6pm - 9pm	ALR / Bike Night
	6/9	8pm - 11pm	Chris Ruble Band / Open to Public * *
	6/10	5pm	Past Commanders Dinner
	6/14	6pm	Flag Day Ceremony / Boalsburg Military Museum
	6/14	7am	Flags Raised (Full Staff) Pine Hall Cemetery
	6/14	7pm	Flags Lowered Pine Hall Cemetery
	6/17	10am - 1pm	Father's Day / Father's Day SAL Brunch
	6/20	6pm - 9pm	ALR / Bike Night

** NON SMOKING EVENTS

**Organization Meetings: (Post: 3/15; 4/19; 5/17; 6/21) (Auxiliary: 3/13; 4/10; 5/8; 6/12)
(SAL: 3/15; 4/19; 5/17; 6/21) (Riders: 3/1; 4/5; 5/3; 6/7)**