



POST 245 NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE COMMANDER,

THANK YOU!!!!!!

Just a quick note of Thank You to everyone... its been a long 18 years with lots of ups and downs. Rhonda and the Ladies Auxiliary Thank You for all the support, asking me to be part of your Veterans Day Dinner. It was a Honor to lead everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance and working together to make the Post & Club a better place to come. To Eric & the SAL... we had our differences at the beginning of my first term, but we worked through them and became a stronger Post & Club. Thank You for all you have done. Social Members Thank You for being part of Post 245 and making us known for the great food and good times we have had. Troop 245 Thank You for asking Post 245 to sponsor you!! It is the one thing I will always be Proud of doing. How you have grown and what you have accomplished, you are well known in the community.

Again Thank You ALL!!!!

Rich Seifert, Past Commander

SPECIAL EVENTS

Upcoming highlight events for your club are:

2022 football tail gates will start up with PSU vs Purdue on 9-1-2022 at 8 pm.

The club will be closed on Labor Day, 9-5-2022.

Jeopardy will continue on first Saturdays of each month.

Navy's birthday on 10-13-2022 in the evening in the big room.

Velvetta band on 10-21-2022 from 6 pm to 9 pm. Cover charge:

\$10.00 for non-Legion members / \$5.00 for Legion members

There will be a limited menu, not included in cover charge / Cash bar

Under 5 free / 6 and up \$5.00

Fall work cleanup day on 10-30-2022 at 1 pm. Please come and help.

Marine Corp birthday 11-10-2022 in the evening in the big room.

Veterans Day luncheon on 11-11-2022, 11:30 to 1 pm.

Veterans Day dinner / 1st seating 3:30 pm / 2nd seating 6:30 pm

Club Thanksgiving meal on 11-17-2022 starting at 11 am.

Club closed on Thanksgiving Day.

Decorate the club for Christmas on 12-3-2022 at 11 am.

Our 2022 Club Picnic on August 13, 2022 was a great success and the committee wants to thank our members who supported us. Without you, our club would be a different place. THANK YOU. Also, the committee wants to thank all the volunteers who helped make it a smooth and successful day. THANK YOU.

Larry Hess / Bob McCool



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

Like Us On Facebook



2023 MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

2023 Class A membership renewals have been mailed and it is important to renew your membership to post 245 before December 31, 2022. If you do not renew by then, your door card will be turned off until you do.

You can renew your membership many ways. Mail back a check to me using the return envelope, stop by the Legion and give it to the bartenders or go on line and renew. The dues have not changed of \$35.00. Make checks payable to American Legion Post 245.

For year 2022, we increased our membership from 697 to 712. I want to thank everyone who helped to do this. It is not just about the numbers. It is about being part of a great organization and the benefits it provides. Not to mention our great club and friends at the post.

So, if you know of a veteran that has not joined our post, ask if they would be interested and give them an application.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Larry Hess – Post 245 Adjutant



NEWS FROM THE LADIES AUXILIARY...

Hello from the Ladies Auxiliary!!

The auxiliary is happy to welcome several new members. They are: Justine Fisher, Sharon Stec, Nancy Slagle, Jamie Tabaka, Susan Williams, Karen Seitz, Katherine Knoll, Jennifer Barger, Tangy Baird, Kaylcy Oswald, Lynn Saxton, and Donna Chronister. 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. Come to a monthly meeting to socialize and learn more about how the Auxiliary holds events and fund raisers to benefit 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.

Put on your dancing shoes as Velveeta takes the Legion stage on Friday, October 21st, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Velveeta, Penn State's premier party band, will perform a variety of 1980s and 1990s pop and rock tunes and a mix of today's music. Please check out the Legion's website or Facebook page for further details.

The Auxiliary would like to remind you how important it is to pay your dues for 2023 BEFORE December 31st, 2022. Doing so ensures no lapse in membership for you and makes it so much easier for those collecting dues and issuing new cards!! Your cooperation to ensure this happens is greatly appreciated! Thank you so much in advance.

As summer begins to wind down and football season gears up, we wish you much happiness, good health, and look forward to seeing you at "The Legion in the Woods."

Donita Gibboney, Second Vice-President



CHAPLAINS CORNER

The fall season brings autumn colors in nature for our eyes to enjoy. No matter what the political climate is we can always depend on nature to sooth our souls. Let us pray that in November with so much at stake in the primary's that those who we vote for will have the wisdom, knowledge and understanding to lead our country into the future. Our children depend on it.

I would like to welcome our new elected Commander to our American Post 245 organization. He brings a new and enthusiastic approach to leading the Post. With his background and organizational skills, I'm sure he'll do a great job leading us. We're all looking forward to working with him for the betterment of Post 245. I pray his tenure will be a joyous one.

With Veterans Day on November 11th coming up let's not forget the sacrifice the men and women who served our country to protect the freedom we enjoy. I pray that our leaders in Washington will find the courage to support our vets who are suffering from conditions inflicted by wars experiences.

Remember to be grateful for the abundance God has provided us this Thanksgiving. It won't kill you to say a prayer on Thanksgiving. December brings about the Holiday season and for those who celebrate Christmas I wish you a Merry Christmas.

One last thought, remember no matter how bad things may feel at any moment in life there is a God who is in control. Have faith in God and country.

James F. Sweeney, Chaplain

History of the American Flag

Illuminating American History Through the American Flag

Eighth in a Series

By Thomas Palchak



The year is 1914 and the war drums are beating loudly in Europe. Germany angered the United States by torpedoing Lusitania, taking 124 Americans to the bottom of the Atlantic Ocean. America erupted in anger. On May 30, 1916, as it became increasingly likely that American troops would soon be fighting a world war, President Woodrow Wilson established a national Flag Day through proclamation. The date was June 14, 1916. During this first flag day ceremony, the president himself carried the Stars and Stripes -now containing 48 stars- at the head of the parade.

Germany resumed unrestricted submarine warfare in 1917. Knowing they risked provoking the United States into joining the war, Germany gambled on defeating the British before the US had a chance to mobilize. During February and March, several US cargo vessels were sunk without warning, resulting in the United States severing diplomatic ties with Berlin. In early April 1917, with the toll in sunken U.S. merchant ships and civilian casualties rising, Wilson asked Congress for “a war to end all wars” that would “make the world safe for democracy.” On April 6, 1917, Congress thus voted to declare war on Germany, joining the bloody battle—then optimistically called the “Great War.”

As American troops departed New York Harbor, the breezes stealing in from the Atlantic Ocean and the rising sun found Old Glory waving from every home, from every schoolhouse from every church, and every public building.

Once again, the outpouring of affection for the flag during World War I was immediate. Within hours after World War I was declared, flags were displayed from public and private buildings all across the America. Cities and towns were besprinkled with flags.

The American Flag was also popular in Canada, England, France and Belgium and elsewhere outside of Germany. On the day of America’s declaration of war on Germany, our flag flew for the first time ever along side the Union Jack on the Canadian Parliament Building in Ottawa.

When war ended in 1918, most Americans continued to feel strongly about the flag and what it stood for. These strong feelings continued unabated in the 1920’s, by veterans of the Great War. They banded together to form the powerful veterans’ service organization....The American Legion.

Quilts of Valor

On June 19, 2022, Tom Lewis of American Legion Post 245 received the Quilt of Valor at a ceremony at the Centre Hall American Legion.

Pictured is Tom and Betty Lewis of Port Matilda.

If you would like to nominate a veteran for a Quilt of Valor, please contact: tompalchak@gmail.com



Larry Hess from American Legion Post 245 presenting PSU ROTC awards on March 29, 2022



FALL CLEAN-UP DAY, SUNDAY, OCT 30TH.

The Fall Clean-Up Day will be later than usual this year due to several more functions at the Legion than usual (which is a good thing!). We will hold it starting at 1 PM on Sunday, Oct 30th. As usual, we have many things to do on that day, so please plan to help and bring tools to assist. This is a club and all members should play a role in maintaining the club. Some of the tasks are:

1. Rake and blow leaves; deposit in the woods. (Bring rakes, tarps, and leaf blowers)
2. Thorough policing of our entire 8+ acres for trash. (Bring a large trash bag.)
3. Trim bushes. (Need hedge trimmers and step ladders)
4. Power wash siding, back patio, and recycle bins.
5. Clean and stow patio furniture and grilles in the shed.
6. Take down, package, and stow the patio TV in the basement.
7. Wash the outside of all windows. (Traditionally, the Boy Scouts do this. Bring paper towels and window cleaner.)

Contact Don Hartzell at donhartzell46@gmail.com or 703-347-5059.



Shiloh Cemetery May 30th



Shiloh Cemetery May 30th



Everyone who came out to the ceremony on May 29th to put the flags up to full staff.



The Boy Scouts came out on May 28th to help put small flags on the graves.

FROM THE EDITOR...

The deadline for the December 2022 - February 2023 edition is **Friday, Nov 11th, 2023**
 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: _____

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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 - John Smerbeck
1st Vice - Rich Jackson
2nd Vice - Richie Campbell
Adjutant - Larry Hess
Treasurer - Chris Solo
Sgt.at Arms - Shawn Jacobs
Chaplain - James Sweeney
Service Officer - James Lanning
Judge Advocate - Richard Hess

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 McMahan

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, Laura Smerbeck,
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
Laura Smerbeck



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

9/1	8pm	Penn State Football Tailgate / Purdue (A)
9/5		Labor Day / Club Closed
9/10	12 noon	Penn State Football Tailgate / Ohio Bobcats (H)
9/10	8pm	Jeopardy / Trivia Game Show
9/17	2pm-5pm	Vicki Fong / Outside Election Get Together
9/17	3:30pm	Penn State Football Tailgate / Auburn (A)
9/18		MOAA / Air Force Birthday **
9/22	8am-6pm	Life Line Screening **
9/24	TBA	Penn State Football Tailgate / Central Michigan (H)
10/1	TBA	Penn State Football Tailgate / Northwestern (H)
10/1	8pm	Jeopardy / Trivia Game Show
10/9	1pm	Ladies Auxiliary Home Show Bingo / Doors Open 1pm **
10/13		MOAA / Navy Birthday **
10/15	TBA	Penn State Football Tailgate / Michigan (A)
10/21	6pm-9pm	Velvetta Band **
10/22	7:30pm	Penn State Football Tailgate / Minnesota (H)
10/29	TBA	Penn State Football Tailgate / Ohio State (H)
10/30	1pm	Legion Outside Fall Work Day
11/5	TBA	Penn State Football Tailgate / Indiana (A)
11/5		Jeopardy / Trivia Game Show
11/6		Ladies Auxiliary Cash Bingo **
11/10		MOAA / Marine Corp Birthday **
11/11	11am	Post 245 Veteran's Day Service
11/11	11:30am-1pm	Veteran's Day Luncheon **
11/11	3:30pm	1st Seating / Veteran's Day Dinner **
11/11	6:30pm	2nd Seating / Veteran's Day Dinner **
11/12	TBA	Penn State Football Tailgate / Maryland (H)
11/17	11am-130pm	Club Thanksgiving Meal **
11/19	TBA	Penn State Football Tailgate / Rutgers (A)
11/24		Thanksgiving Day / Club Closed
11/26	TBA	Penn State Football Tailgate / Michigan State (H)
12/3	11am	Decorate Legion for Christmas
12/3	8pm	Jeopardy / Trivia Game Show s
12/7	12:45pm	Pearl Harbor Day Ceremony / Boalsburg
12/15	11am-1:30pm	Club Christmas Meal **
12/19	10am-4:30pm	Red Cross Blood Drive **
12/24	6pm	Club Closes @ 6pm
12/25		Christmas Day / Club Closed
12/31		TENTATIVE / New Year's Eve Party

****Non Smoking Events**

Pine Hall Flag Cemetary Schedule

9/11 7am Flags Raised (Half Staff)..... 7pm Flags Lowered
11/11 7am Flags Raised (Full Staff).....5pm Flags Lowered

Organization Meetings:

(Post: 9/15; 10/20; 11/17) (Auxiliary: 9/27; 10/25; 11/22) (SAL: 9/15; 10/20; 11/17)
(Riders: 9/1; 10/6; 11/3) (Post 245 Boy Scouts: every Monday)