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POST 245 NEWSLETTER

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JULY, AUGUST, SEPTEMBER 2020

Please THANK Crystal and her Staff.

The next time you are in the Club, whether you are eating or just having a cold Beer, take a second and Thank Crystal and her staff for the fine job that they did during the shutdown. Her leadership and all of the hard work by everyone kept your Legion functioning during some pretty tough days. We had the right people at the right time and in the right place.

ATTENTION OVER 80 AND MILITARY MEMBERS

Covid 19 has really disrupted the financial wellbeing of Post 245. For many years Post 245 has been able to pay, from the SGOC account, the annual dues of \$35 for members that are over 80 and our active duty military. As of this date we have 97 over 80 members and 20 active duty military. I am sorry to announce that Post 245 will not be able to pay the annual dues for these members for 2021 due to Covid 19 and the Post being shut down for almost 3 months.

ATTENTION ALL POST 245 MEMBERS

Now, with that said, I am asking all members, Class A, S.A.L., Auxiliary and Social, if you would be willing to sponsor one of our beloved over 80 or military members for the year 2021 only? If you are willing to step up and do this, the cost for each member is just \$35.00.

Please make the check out to American Legion Post 245.

On the MEMO line say either Class A or Military Member and mail it to;

Larry Hess, Adjutant – 2677 W. Pine Grove Road – Pa. Furnace, PA 16865. Or you can leave it with one of our bar tenders. Upon receipt, I will process the membership for 2021.

Thanks in advance for your gracious support to Post 245.

Larry Hess – Membership Adjutant

2021 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE STARTS IN JULY

FROM THE COMMANDER,

Hi everybody!! Hope this finds you well with this virus going around. Please stay safe, cover, wash, and distance, it's easy. A big THANK YOU to all who supported the Legion while we were selling take-out only. I was told we had a good Wing Night one Friday with people tailgating in the parking lot!!! We have been in touch with both the District and the State Legions on how to handle the virus situation.

Now that we are back to meeting... this month's meeting is important. It's election time. We will be taking nominations and elections all at once. All positions are open. Come out and show your support for the Post.

We will also be talking about having a gun raffle. The Post has purchased a M1917 rifle that the Post Color guard used. We will talk about tickets and price of tickets. We would like to have the drawing at the Club picnic. Watch for details.



Club Hours:

11am - 11pm, Daily

Kitchen Hours:

Grill: 11am - 8pm daily

Fryers: 11am - 10pm daily

Happy Hour: Monday 7-9pm

EVENING SPECIALS NIGHTLY!

FRIDAY

Wings, \$8.75/ dozen or
\$4.75/ ½ dozen, 5-10pm

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(FROM THE COMMANDER, *continued from page 1*)

Now my favorite thing, membership!!! It's that time again to get new people to join and help your Post grow. With the addition of the Boy Scouts quite a few parents have become members. Thank You!! We still need more!!!!

I would like to Thank Ernie Harpster for being in charge of the Flag and Rifle squads. Ernie is stepping down after many years of taking care of our rifles and ammo. He will be missed, but will be there when needed. A new member will be named soon to be his replacement.

A big Thank You to Harner Farms, W.R.Hickeys, State College Ford, The Military Museum in Boalsburg for putting out Flags along the road on Armed Forces Day and Memorial Day. To show your support of OUR troops is wonderful. It means you are thinking of our men and women who are away from their family so we can be with ours!! Please show your support for these businesses

I want to Thank Crystal for all she did to keep the club afloat during the tough time we just went through. Her dedication to the Club is unbelievable. She always puts the Club first in her decisions and plans. And she listens to what others have to offer.

Please be safe and take care.
Rich Seifert Commander

HVH BINGO NEWS!

Due to the Coronavirus they have cancelled all volunteer services until further notice. I will be notified if and when we will be rescheduled! I would like to thank Bill Kulcher, Dean Dreibelbis, Ernie Harpster and Rick Dills who were all set to go, before I got the cancellation call. Thanks guys!

We are still looking for more volunteers to add to our list for future Bingos!
Contact Bill Long @692-8535 or text 814-441-6635.

NEWS FROM THE LADIES AUXILIARY...

We would like to extend a huge welcome to our newest members: Michaela E. Harpster, Alexis B. Wilson, Melissa L. Vovaris, Christine M. Novinskie Olbrich, Lisa M. Spicer, Kelsey L. Herron, Catherine J. Brubaker, Nicole M. Diorio, Christine M. Evan's, and Denise J. Herold. We are so happy that you have joined and hope to see you at a future meeting or event. The Auxiliary monthly meeting is held on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. There will be no meeting in July, so our next meeting will be held August 25th at 7:00 p.m.

Some of the planned events that were missed will be rescheduled. Check with the club for updates until the next newsletter.

Looking forward to life getting back to normal and seeing you all soon!!!

Donita Gibboney,
Auxiliary 2nd Vice-President



Key Fobs

Greetings, Some of you have requested that we make key fobs available to members for access to the club instead of their club cards.

You can get a fob by notifying me that you would like one. When your fob is ready you will be notified that it is at the club and ready for pickup.

You must return your current Post 245 door card (white) and pay a \$10.00 fee when picking up the fob. Please note that the fob replacement fee will be \$15.00

You can notify me at mysolutions@comcast.net or by (814) 808-5689

Bud Yohe

NEWS FROM THE SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE...



To our Post 245 Members,

We would like to thank each and every one of our members that supported the Club during the most recent shutdown due to COVID19. With your support and participation with our 'Take Out' meal program, we were able to generate some much needed income which helped us to keep going and keeping the Legion open. **So Thank You!** The calendar of events that you will see in this newsletter is not as full as it has been in the past. With the uncertainty that is still out there due to COVID 19, we are still somewhat limited on what we can do. Please use this calendar as a guide for events and always check in with the Club for any updates on future events. Also, please watch the Web site for information on the club. We are open!

For July, Jeopardy is back on July 18th at 8PM and will be held on the Patio, weather permitting. There will be a blood drive on July 27th starting at 11AM.

For August, YES, we are going to hold our annual picnic for the members of our club. It will be on August 8th from 11AM to 8PM. More details about the day will follow soon.

Larry Hess and Bob McCool Co-Chairmans

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER...

What a troubling time we are living in. We have the pandemic, racial unrest, struggling economy, election issues, social injustices, investigations, wear masks, don't wear masks, heroes dying, family and friends dying, strains on relationships, religious worshipping changes, etc... the lists goes on. One could say that these are truly dark and confusing times.



I'm reminded of an obscure scene from the movie Bruce Almighty where God is painting a beautiful picture of life, but to do so He needs black paint. He says that the black paint represents the darkness in life (I'm paraphrasing). Without it, nobody can see the contrast of the beauty that needs to be seen in the picture.

While nobody wants to see the darkness in life, it is needed to appreciate the beauty that comes forth from the darkness. In short, trust in God for there are surely better times ahead. When will those times come, God only knows, as it should be.

Many of us veterans have faced darker times in our past, and therefore it is inherent on us to set the example and pass on those experiences to others in our communities, to spread the hope that even now God is watching out for us.

So, as we move forward let's remember to pray for ourselves, to pray for others. Be open to help others as well. God gave us the gift to receive aid when needed, to do that he gave us each other.

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

Ron Quinn Jr., Post Chaplain

SPECIAL THANKS!

A special thank you to Ray Greenland for the professional job he is doing on restoring our Memorial Wall! Ray dug out all the old grout and failing stones and is making the Memorial Wall better than new.

Don Hartzell

NOTICE - SAL ONLY

As per the State Headquarter's in Harrisburg, for 2021, the SAL Membership Renewals will be increased to \$25.00.

FROM THE EDITOR... The deadline for the Oct 2020 - Dec 2020 edition is **Friday, Sept 18th, 2020**

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 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 – Vacant

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 Rick Dills
1st Vice Bill Shuey
2nd Vice Rich Jackson
Adj./Treas. Jigs Poorman
Sgt. At Arms Guy Williams
Chaplain Mike Boonie
Historian Noah Washington

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

Class of 2021

Larry Hess
Chris Solo - Vice President
John McCabe - Pandemic Officer

Class of 2022

Barry Dickman
Rich Seifert - Secretary
Don Hartzell

Class of 2023

Dan Verdoorn - President
Lewis Watt - Treasurer
Tom Palchak

Ex-Officio: Aux. President, Rhonda Spear; Social, vacant; SAL Cmdr., Rick Dills;
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 McMahon

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 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,
Tom Palchak, Rich Rickley

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,
Rick Dills, 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,
Tom Palchak, Rich Rickley



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

July

7/4	July 4th / Independence Day / Club Closed
7/6	6pm -9pm	Food Special - BBQ Ribs
7/9	6pm -9pm	Food Special - Seafood Boil
7/11	11am - 3pm	5th Annual / American Legion
	Riders Car and Bike Show
7/13	6pm -9pm	Food Special - Beef Tips w/Baked Potato Bar
7/18	8pm	Jeopardy / Trivia Game Show / Outside
7/20	6pm -9pm	Food Special - Grill Special
7/27	6pm -9pm	Food Special - Sandwich w/Cup of Soup
7/27	11am - 4:30pm	** Red Cross Blood Drive

August

8/1	8pm	Jeopardy / Trivia Game Show / Outside
8/3	6pm -9pm	Food Special - BBQ Ribs
8/8	11am - 8pm	Club Picnic / \$ 10.00 a Ticket
8/10	6pm -9pm	Food Special - Beef Tips w/Baked Potato Bar
8/13	6pm -9pm	Food Special - Seafood Boil
8/17	6pm -9pm	Food Special - Grill Special
8/24	6pm -9pm	Food Special - Sandwich w/Cup of Soup

September

9/5	TBA.....	Penn State / Kent State H
9/7	Labor Day / Club Open / Kitchen Closed
9/10	6pm -9pm	Food Special - Seafood Boil
9/11	Patriot's Day
9/12	TBA.....	Penn State / Virginia Tech A
9/14	6pm -9pm	Food Special - Beef Tips w/Baked Potato Bar
9/19	TBA.....	Penn State / San Jose State H
9/21	6pm -9pm	Food Special - Grill Special
9/26	TBA.....	Penn State / Northwestern H
9/28	11am - 4:30pm	** Red Cross Blood Drive
9/28	6pm -9pm	Food Special - Sandwich w/Cup of Soup

** NON SMOKING EVENTS

Organization Meetings: (Post: 8/20; 9/17) (Auxiliary: 8/25; 9/22)
 (SAL: 8/20; 9/17) (Riders: 7/2; 8/6; 9/3)
 (Post 245 Boy Scouts: every Monday)

Pine Hall Cemetery

7/4	7am Flags Raised (Full Staff) - 7pm Flags Lowered
9/7	7am Flags Raised (Full Staff) - 7pm Flags Lowered
9/11	7am Flags Raised (Full Staff) - 7pm Flags Lowered