



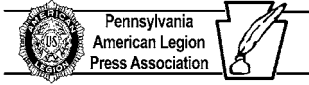
POST 245 NEWSLETTER

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DECEMBER 2019 - JANUARY 2020 - FEBRUARY 2020



2020 Corporation Meeting – March 12, 2020

This is our Corporation Meeting announcement three months in advance so you can plan to attend this very important meeting. All members are invited but only the Class A members can vote for board members and articles that are brought up. The three members that seek reelection are, Dan Verdoorn, Kim Selmer-Larson and Lewis Watt. We are also looking for a Class A member to fill the vacant position for the class of 2021. If anyone is interested, please contact Dan Verdoorn or Crystal Myers. Please mark your calendars for this meeting. We must have a quorum of fifteen class A members to hold the meeting. Thanks in advance for your support.

American Legion Post 245 Board of Officers



Roaring 20's NEW YEARS EVE PARTY – 12-31-19

SEE POSTERS AND NEWSLETTER FOR DETAILS

FROM THE COMMANDER,

Hi everyone, I hope this finds all of you well and I hope Thanksgiving went well and everybody is stuffed!!! We had a nice Veterans Day. A small but patriotic crowd joined us. It was the shortest list of deceased that I have read. The short but nice ceremony inside was something a little different. I asked the spouses and parents of Veterans to speak about the time at home while they were deployed. Some Great stories. Thank You for sharing! And the dinners!!!! They keep getting better and better. Thank You Ladies, SAL and the Boy Scouts.

Yes you read that right. Nittany Post 245 now sponsors a Boy Scout Troop. Troop 245 {that's great to get that number} had it's first meeting on Nov 4th. 20 young men and 10 adults were there. Got to meet the Troop, They are Very Proud to be part of the American Legion, and looking forward to working with the organizations. I heard that two are on their way to becoming Eagle Scouts soon. Meetings are on Monday nights from 7-8:30pm. Anyone can stop in and give encouragement to the Troop.

The NEW coats on the Firing Squad look great. Lapel pins are on order.

Toys for Tots will have a box out. Please contribute if you can. Make a child smile this Holiday season. Thank You.

Please come out and support Your club. A lot of good things going on, watch your calender.

Wishing all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Be safe and have fun...be responsible!!!

Commander, Rich Seifert



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, \$8.25/dozen or \$4.50/ ½ dozen, 5-10pm

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2020 Membership Renewals

Post 245 membership renewals are lagging behind 2019 as of November 16, 2019. Please send in your renewals as soon as you receive them. If you have not received your renewal, you can renew by simply giving the bar tenders a check or cash and your name. I will process your renewal and send out your 2020 membership card.

Thank you for your assistance – Larry Hess - Adjutant

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. 2020 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.

With that said, we are having a Speakeasy Roaring 20's New Year's Eve party on Tuesday December 31, 2019. Ticket holders only are allowed in the club so get your tickets early. We will only sell 220 tickets because of our capacity limitations. Cost is \$25 per person. You can earn \$5 back if you come dressed in a roaring 20's outfit. Look for posters in the club to go up soon with all the information about that night.

Look for the newsletter for upcoming events and I hope we will have good attendance.
Thanks, As always, see you at the Legion.



Larry Hess – Chairmen
Bob McCool – Co-Chairmen

Post 245 Starts Boy Scout Troop

In October, Post 245 voted to start a Scout Troop and just a few weeks later, 20 scouts, their parents, and leaders arrived for their first meeting. The boys are already veteran scouters but wanted the chance to build their own troop. Our post has been considering chartering a Troop for some time so this was an opportunity for everyone to benefit. The Boy Scouts of America's program for youth in the 5th grade through high school, now called Scouts BSA, focuses on character development, leadership, and service, which directly align with the values of the American Legion. Now, Scouts BSA Troop 245 is officially part of the Post.

Scouts have already been helping in the community. The annual Scouting for Food program collects donations for the local food bank. Troop 245 teamed with local Cub Scout Pack 383 (chartered by Our Lady of Victory School) to collect, sort, and deliver 2,489 pounds of food. They were also busy at our recent Veteran's Day Dinner, where they helped the Women's Auxiliary reset the room between dinner services and welcomed Veterans as they arrived. They have also led a hike up through Musser's Gap while teaching scout skills to Cub Scouts, and organized a Halloween-themed first aid competition as well. They look forward to planning a full year of activities and outdoor adventures.

"We want to deliver the Scouting program with a focus on leadership and character. As the boys advance through their ranks and hopefully achieve Eagle, they will develop important teamwork skills and self confidence that will help them through life." said Aaron Spak, Troop Committee Chair and SAL Member. The Troop will keep the Post updated on their activities and achievements, so please keep an eye out for future articles or updates in the building! You will probably see them soon as they participate in more Post activities in the future. If you have any questions about the Troop please contact Aaron at aaron.spak@gmail.com or 814 883 7718.

FLAG Detail

On Memorial Day, Veteran's Day, Flag Day, Independence Day, Patriot's Day (9/11), and most other Federal holidays, we raise 53 flags at Pine Hall Cemetery for the day, and lower and fold them at dusk. This requires a lot of volunteers to get up and be at the cemetery by 7 AM, and return at 5 or 7 PM (depending on the time of year). It isn't all hard work in freezing or hot temperatures. Most of the volunteers enjoy breakfast together at the Waffle Shop after raising the flags. Our thanks to the following individuals who have helped out this past year: Mike Boonie, Jim Dewolfe, Snook Foster, Todd Fuller, George Fye, Joe & Caroline Fye, Ernie & Dora Harpster, Scott & Kelly Harron, Larry & Judy Hess, Rich & Dan Jackson, TSgt Shawn Jacobs, Rick & Jenn James, Butch James, Susan Lechtanski (and her canine trainee), Ken Lusht, Bob McCool, Tom Palchak, Jigs Poorman, Ron Quinn, Rick Richards, Richie Seifert, and Gerry Thompson. If we left anyone off this list, we apologize. We are not the precise note-takers that Mary Werdal trained us to be! We are especially grateful that 18 people and one four-legged helper showed up on Veterans Day to raise and lower the flags! Come and join us in 2020!

Don & Mary Hartzell



NEWS FROM THE LADIES AUXILIARY...

It has been really nice seeing so many familiar faces at the Penn State football tailgates. If you haven't made one, you still have a couple opportunities before the football season comes to an end. So many people bring wonderful food dishes to share, and it's such a good time to be had by all that attend. It's hard to believe the Penn State football season will soon be ending and the holiday season will be beginning. Sure hope to see you at an upcoming event (perhaps New Year's Eve?!?!?!).

We would like to extend a huge welcome to our newest members: Stephanie Kreitz, Gloria Sendzik, Jessica Britten, Andria Wasson, Tiffany Baaney, Kay Palchak, Mattee Stoicheff, Shirley Reich, Kristin Zody, Carol Lydon, and Carla Conrad. We also had two transfers – Karen Greenland and Ann Bellotti. We are so happy that you have joined/transferred and hope to see you at a future meeting or event. Please remember that the Auxiliary holds a monthly meeting the fourth Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Our next meeting will be held Tuesday, November 26th, 2019, at 7:00 pm.

PLEASE NOTE THE DECEMBER DATE CHANGE!! All Auxiliary members are invited to attend our annual Christmas party to be held in place of our December monthly meeting. Since the fourth Tuesday of the month is Christmas Eve and men's darts are on Tuesday evenings, we will hold our December party the 3rd WEDNESDAY of the month. The party (in lieu of our meeting) will be held on **Wednesday, December 18, 2019**; with a happy hour beginning at 6:00 p.m. At 7:00 p.m. we will enjoy dinner, followed by a white elephant gift exchange. If you plan to attend and want to participate in the white elephant gift exchange, you will need to bring a wrapped \$15 gift.

There are many Auxiliary members that have yet to renew their memberships for 2020. Don't let your membership lapse – send a check for \$25 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...

Welcome to winter!!! Hard to believe another riding season has come and gone. We did have a busy one. Thanks to everyone for helping with our latest fundraiser from Power House Subs. Special thanks to everyone who helped with the Veterans Day Meals.

Just a reminder that our Holiday Party will be after our meeting on the first Thursday in January (1/2/20). Hope to see everyone there!

Also there is no meeting in February.

We are going to be trying a new fundraiser in February. We will be having a CASH Bingo on February 22nd. Details to follow.

Happy Holidays!
Scott Spear, ALR president



NEWS FROM THE SAL...

Well, fall is gone and old man winter is sending in the cold weather.

But here at Post 245, things are going well. We had a lot of fun over the summer and fall with our NASCAR parties and now with Penn State football tailgate parties.

It was a good time and fun for all who participated.

Here is hoping everyone has a joyous and healthy Holiday season.

George Fye, S.A.L. Commander

NEEDED: Volunteers to join our Color Guard/Honor Guard. We perform services such as Memorial Day services at Shiloh Road and Pine Hall Cemeteries to remember our fallen Veterans, Flag Day ceremonies at the Boalsburg Military Memorial to retire our nations worn flags. We also perform 21 Gun salutes at veteran funerals at the request of their loved ones. On average we perform anywhere between 10 to 20 services per year. By joining our group, it allows us more versatility to have a full contingent for these services. Joining the group does not require anyone to be at all services but we would greatly appreciate help at the ones that you can attend. We welcome Men and Women of all ages to support these endeavors. You need not be a member of a specific group. All members are welcome to join us.

If you are interested in participating in our group please contact me at rwjackson707@gmail.com or call at 814-571- 4695
Sincerely, Richard W. Jackson

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER...

Here we are in the season of waiting. Why do we wait? Because waiting brings us hope and anticipation of a certain objective. It is that hope that we all need in our lives in this time of the year, and in these times.

Christians wait in hope of the birth of the Messiah as a babe. Jews wait in hope and anticipation of God's remembered miracle through eight nights. Secularists wait for the end of this year and the coming of a new year. Young children wait in anticipation of gifts that maybe they can't grasp the reason, but give back to the giver a face of love and joy. Military members wait for a new deployment overseas to protect our great nation, while other members anticipate a homecoming to family and loved ones after a job well done. Elderly waiting for family and loved ones in the hope that they will be remembered.

This is also a time where the One that created us all waits for us in our houses of worship, as well as in our hearts and souls. No matter how strong or how weak your faith is, don't keep our God waiting. God's love will be greater than any gift that you can imagine. So don't wait for God, come to God, return to God, and your wait will be rewarded.

Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukah, and happy holidays! Thank you, and as always, God bless our country, our Legion, and Post 245.

Ron Quinn Jr., Post Chaplain



NOTICE: There have been several burial plots donated to our post in the past several years. We hold the deeds to these and they are at the Memorial Park Cemetery. Our intention is to provide these to Veterans who do not have the expenses to afford a final resting place. If you know of a veteran or member for that matter who is need, please contact our post manager with a name and phone number.

HVH BINGO NEWS!

On October 19th Nittany Post 245 American Legion sponsored a Bingo party for our veterans at the Hollidaysburg VA Home. A great time was had by all.

Volunteers were Bill Long, and SAL members John Kite and Rick Dills.

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.

DO NOT DISCARD YOUR WHITE DOOR CARD.

The white door card is to be used from year to year. The door card is the property of Post 245 and must be returned if you cease membership in Post 245. If you lose your door card, it will cost you \$10 to replace it. Your American Legion, Auxiliary, Sons of the American Legion, Social and House membership cards are to be on your person when visiting the club.

FROM THE EDITOR... The deadline for the March, April, May 2020 edition is **Friday, Feb 14th, 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: _____

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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 - Vacant
Chaplain Ron Quinn
Service Officer – Bill Long
Judge Advocate – Justin Bish

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

Class of 2020
Dan Verdoorn - President
Kim Selmer-Larsen
Lewis Watt - Treasurer

Class of 2021
Larry Hess
Chris Solo - Vice President
Vacant

Class of 2022
Barry Dickman
Rich Seifert - Secretary
Don Hartzell

Ex-Officio: Aux. President, Rhonda Spear; Social, vacant; SAL Cmdr., George Fye;
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
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,
Tom Palchak, Rick Rickley

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, Chris Solo

LCB RULES & REGS

Meets as Required
Dan Verdoorn (Chairperson)

NEWSLETTER

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

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, Rick Rickley

MEMBERSHIP

Meets as Required
Larry Hess (Chairperson)
Rich Seifert



**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	1pm-3pm	.....** Post 245 Club Children's Christmas Party
	12/2	7pm-8:30pm	.....** Post 245 Boy Scout Meeting
	12/6	8pm	.....Jeopardy / Trivia Game Show
D E C E M B E R	12/7	7pm-10pm	.....Elk's Club Dance
	12/7	8pm	.....BIG 10 Football Championship Game (A)
	12/9	7pm-8:30pm	.....** Post 245 Boy Scout Meeting
	12/12	6pm-9pm	.....NALC Meeting
	12/14	10:30am-12pm	...Elk's Club / Breakfast with Santa
	12/14	6pm	.....SC Borough Christmas Party
	12/16	7pm-8:30pm	.....** Post 245 Boy Scout Meeting
	12/18	6pm-9pm	.....Ladies Auxiliary Christmas Party
	12/19	11am-2pm	.....Post 245 Club Christmas Day Meal \$11.00
	12/23	7pm-8:30pm	.....** Post 245 Boy Scout Meeting
	12/25		.....Christmas Day / Club Closed
	12/30	7pm-8:30pm	.....** Post 245 Boy Scout Meeting
	12/31	8pm	.....New Year's Eve Party / Roaring 20's Speak Easy Theme
			.....Club closes at 6pm / Reopens @ 8pm for Ticket Holders
			.....Only / Triple AAA Blues Band / 930pm to 1am

J A N U A R Y	1/1	1pm	.....New Year's Day / Club opens @ 1pm
	1/3	8pm	.....Jeopardy / Trivia Game Show
	1/6	7pm-8:30pm	.....** Post 245 Boy Scout Meeting
	1/13	7pm-8:30pm	.....** Post 245 Boy Scout Meeting
	1/20	7pm-8:30pm	.....** Post 245 Boy Scout Meeting
	1/25	4pm-8:30pm	.....SAL Cash Party / Ticket Holders Only
			.....Club Closes @ 10 PM **
	1/27	7pm-8:30pm	.....** Post 245 Boy Scout Meeting

F E B R U A R Y	2/3	7pm-8:30pm	.....** Post 245 Boy Scout Meeting
	2/7	8pm	.....Jeopardy / Trivia Game Show
	2/10	7pm-8:30pm	.....** Post 245 Boy Scout Meeting
	2/14	7pm-10pm	.....Valentine's Day /Matt Miskie
			.....DJ / Plays 60's / 70's music
	2/17	7pm-8:30pm	.....** Post 245 Boy Scout Meeting
	2/24	7pm-8:30pm	.....** Post 245 Boy Scout Meeting

M A R C H	3/2	7pm-8:30pm	.....** Post 245 Boy Scout Meeting
	3/6	8pm	.....Jeopardy / Trivia Game Show
	3/9	7pm-8:30pm	.....** Post 245 Boy Scout Meeting
	3/12	7pm	.....Post 245 Corporation Meeting
	3/16	7pm-8:30pm	.....** Post 245 Boy Scout Meeting
	3/23	7pm-8:30pm	.....** Post 245 Boy Scout Meeting
	3/30	7pm-8:30pm	.....** Post 245 Boy Scout Meeting

** NON SMOKING EVENTS

Organization Meetings: (Post: 12/19; 1/16; 2/20) (Auxiliary: 1/21; 2/25)
(SAL: 12/19; 1/16; 2/20) (Riders: 12/5; 1/2)