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# POST 245 NEWSLETTER

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OCTOBER, NOVEMBER, DECEMBER 2020

Fellow members of Post 245,

In our last newsletter we sent out an appeal for financial assistance to our over 80-year-old veterans and those members currently serving on active duty. Our intent was to pay for the 2021 annual membership fee for as many of our older and military veterans as possible. We received an overwhelming response to this request. As of September 9, we received \$5875.00! More donations are still arriving.

This is more than enough to pay for every single veteran in the above categories, with funds remaining for next year. We cannot thank you enough for your generosity especially during this COVID 19 shut down.

I have provided the financial information below. If you would like to make a donation to this effort, please see Rich Siefert, Commander or Larry Hess. Thank you again!

<b>Total Donations</b>	<b>\$5875.00</b>
<b>Total Cost of Over 80 and Active Military</b>	<b>\$3990.00</b>
<b>Excess donations held in escrow for next year</b>	<b>\$1885.00</b>

Sincerely,  
Larry Hess, Post Adjutant

## 2021 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Membership renewal is in full swing for 2021. Right now, we are ahead of last years renewals and that is a good thing. Keep in mind that your 2020 membership card runs out on December 31st. **Do not discard your plastic Door Card.** If you have not renewed your 2021 membership, please do so by the end of 2020. If you have not received a renewal notice, you can renew by leaving it with our bar tenders or renew on line. Thanks in advance for renewing your membership.

Larry Hess – Post 245 Adjutant

## FROM THE COMMANDER,

I want to start by thanking Crystal and her staff for the great job they are doing. The club is open for everyone to enjoy the great food specials they have. I want to thank all the people who have supported the club throughout this pandemic we are having and for those who haven't been out please come and support the club. Great food, great times, while still social distancing.

The Post is having another gun raffle. We were donated an M1 rifle with some accessories. \$10.00 a ticket and only 500 tickets will be sold. Tickets are available now at the bar or see me or Larry Hess. Congratulations to Jason Holsinger winner of the first gun drawing.

We are doing real good with our membership drive. Please keep up the good work!!

We have our first Eagle Scout, Colin Bechtel. He's waiting for the COVID-19 to be over for his Court of Honor. I was told that we may have 6 or 7 more Eagle Scouts next year!! The scouts have a bunch of fundraising events coming up so please support them. Everything from popcorn to Christmas wreaths!!! The troop just held a Court of Honor to give out merit badges. There were over 40 awards given out. Great job fellas.

Keep your eye on our web page to see what's going on at the club. With the way things have been changing with Covid, we are starting to have more going on.

I'm still planning on having the outside service for Veterans Day. That is something we need to do to Honor our fallen members.

Everyone please have a safe and happy holiday season. From all the Post officers Happy Halloween, a great Thanksgiving, and a joyous Christmas season.

And Get Out And VOTE!!!!

Rich Seifert, Commander



### 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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## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER...

At the time of this writing it is Patriots Day, a day to honor those lives tragically lost on 9/11. At this point I am now looking toward the upcoming seasons of fall and winter, with the knowledge that they are coming to bring a time to make choices. Choices in preparing our homes, our businesses, and our lives for the coldness that will soon be upon us.

Choice is an appropriate term. Even in this pandemic time there are choices to make. Do we mask or unmask? Do we give out candy at Halloween to preserve childhood tradition or not? Do we send our kids to school, or have them learn from home? Do we go to work, or just hope that our finances holdout, or we get a bailout? Do we vote left or vote right? Do we plan for holiday gatherings, or just make virtual visits through technology? Are there any choices I can make that will not cost me anything? I can answer that one. No.

It is said that one of the greatest gifts that our God has given us is the gift of free will. Free will is not something that a lawyer drafts up for you, to leave your wealth and legacy behind, pro bono. At the root of it free will is the free gift that is given to us, so that we can chart our own destiny by the choices we make. Even the term free will can be misleading because it is not totally free. The choices we make come with a cost.

Our choices can lead us to great rewards. They can also lead us to great consequences. However, free will allows us to make those choices, without needing permission from anyone to do so. There is a caveat, we will have to answer to those choices when we finally meet our Maker. So much for totally free will. Still it may be the greatest gift our Lord can give. However, to guide us in making our life choices God gives us parameters that will help us in the decision-making process. He gave us 10 commandments to govern our lives, Jesus gave us two commandments, and the Torah gives us about 600 laws to live by. Even with all that, God says follow these, or not, your choice, free will.

While not necessary, free will gives us the choice to also ask others for help in making our choices, but the final choice will always be ours. The other great gift God has given us, each other.

So, I won't be the one to tell you how you should live your lives. I won't tell you to look out for each other and be helpful when you can. I won't tell you that you should go by God's house weekly to say hello. I won't tell you to find the love in your heart, and not give into the hateful spirit. I won't tell you any of that. That's your choice, free will. Here's a hint. When you have to make a good choice, make it so that if the sentry from the Indiana Jones movie The Last Crusade was in front of you, so when you make a good choice you will hear him say that you have chosen wisely.

Finally, while it may seem soon for this publication, Happy Thanksgiving, Happy Chanukah, Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year!

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

Ron Quinn Jr., Post Chaplain



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## A Message from the Special Events Committee

Greetings. As we write this letter to our members of Post 245, we hope that everyone is safe and healthy these days. We've all, I am sure, have experienced some things over these last 6 months that we never thought that we would ever see or to be a part of. Here at the Legion, we have had many challenges that we have had to contend with. It seems sometimes that the rules that we need to follow just to stay open change on daily basis. The calendar of events for October, November and December contain a lot of 'What Ifs ? '. To be truthful, these are the events that we HOPE will happen as planned, but the rules of operating the Club could change at a moment's notice. So we are doing our best to plan and to look ahead. With this in mind, we ask you to please continue to check our Facebook page, our Website ( [www.post245.com](http://www.post245.com) ) or to call the Club @ 814.237.6880 for the latest updates. Thanks.

Larry Hess and Bob McCool Co-Chairmans

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## Penn State Football Tailgates 2020

Tailgates for Penn State Football have always been an important event in the fall time of the year here in State College. Whether they were held at Beaver Stadium or at our Club, it was a great Saturday event to be at. This year, things will be different. There will be no fans in that stands at Beaver Stadium, there will be no tailgates in the parking lots and we will only be playing 8 games, some of these games will be played deep into December...all because of Covid 19. However, we WILL be having Penn State Football on the big screen at the club like we have had in the past years. We also will be having a scaled down version of our much loved tailgates that we have had in the past. To make sure that everyone is safe, the club will be providing some food during the games. If you wish to bring a ' dish to share ' with everyone, it can only be brought into the club in a Crock Pot. Sorry to say, there will be no finger food, dips, platter's, etc. allowed this year. We have to be able to manage who handles what food is served to our members. So, I ask you to come out to the club and enjoy your Penn State Football 2020 with us. We will be following the Social Distancing rules and regulations, so please bring your mask, and enjoy being out of the house.

Thanks.

Bob McCool



## NEWS FROM THE LADIES AUXILIARY...

Due to the continued pandemic, the Auxiliary does not have much to report. We do, however, have many new members. Please join us in welcoming the following new members: Julie Vermeullen, Sherry Hartman, Bonnie Spetzer, Rebecca Reitz, Crystal Wierbowski, Heidi Hartley, Christine Nicholas, Beverly Long, Alison Houser, Debra Leber, Kate Wolfe, Brianna Wolfe, Melissa Evans, Colleen Williams, Megan Weyandt, Susan Schnellbaugh, Melanie Norris, Kelly Kurpeikis, Stacy Meehan, Angela Baker, Andrey Baker, Laura Sullivan, Julie Cutler, Stephanie Gordon, Jessica Dubler, Donna Reeder, Kate Wolfe, Jessica Chobody, Andrea Royer, and Linda Brown.

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. The next meeting will be held October 27th at 7:00 p.m.

Don't forget that now is time to renew your Auxiliary membership for 2021. You can send a check for \$25 to the American Legion Post 245, 1950 Pine Hall Road, State College, PA 16801 - attention Penny Dry or better yet....stop at the club and turn your check in there.

Sorry to see summer end but looking forward to fall, football, and friends at the Legion!!

Donita Gibboney, Auxiliary 2nd Vice-President

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS! FALL CLEAN-UP DAY, SATURDAY, OCT 17TH, AT 9 A.M.

Rain date is the following Saturday, Oct 24th, at 9 A.M. We won't keep you more than 2-3 hours! We will be putting away the patio furniture, grilles, and TV. We will also be sprucing up the outside of the Post, so please bring rakes, leaf blowers, tarps, branch trimmers, hedge trimmers, and 6-8' step ladders. Questions? Call Don Hartzell at 703-347-5059.



### Charity Ticket Bonanza

In lieu of our Halloween dance, all legionnaires and guests are invited to our Charity Ticket Bonanza on October 24, 2020. The event will begin at a time to be announced. The cost is just ten dollars and drinks will be provided as long as you are participating.

Each person will be given tickets to open and if you have a winner, you can apply the money to a charity listed on a board. The event promises to be good time with all the proceeds donated to local charities.

The time will be announced at the Legion and our Facebook page and on the TV screen.

If interested, there is a sign up sheet at the bar. Join us for some great fun

OUR FAITHFUL CREW RAISING FLAGS AT PINE HALL CEMETERY ON AT 7AM ON 9/11/2020  
Photograph by JIM DeWOLFE

**FROM THE EDITOR...** The deadline for the Jan 2021 - March 2021 edition is **Friday, Dec 11th, 2020**  
Comments and suggestions are welcome and can be emailed to [mayesb76@icloud.com](mailto: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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Attn: Newsletter Editor Or Email: Becky Mayes w/complete info at [mayesb76@icloud.com](mailto: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

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### **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

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Ex-Officio: Aux. President, Rhonda Spear; Social, vacant; SAL Cmdr., Rick Dills;  
ALR-President, Scott Spear; Club Manager, Crystal Myers

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### **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

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### **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

<b>OCTOBER</b>	10/3	8pm .....	Jeopardy / Trivia Game Show
	10/4	1pm .....	Ladies AUX Home Show Bingo / Doors
		.....	Open @ 1pm / Bingo starts @ 2pm
	10/5	6pm - 9pm .....	Food Special - BBQ Ribs
	10/8	6pm - 9pm .....	Food Special - Seafood Boil
	10/17	9am .....	Fall Work Day
	10/24	9am .....	Fall Work Day/Rain Date
	10/24	TBA.....	Penn State/ Indiana (A)
	10/24	TBA.....	Charity Ticket Bonanza
	10/31	TBA.....	Penn State/Ohio State (H)

<b>NOVEMBER</b>	11/1	2pm .....	**Club's Children Halloween Party
	11/2	6pm - 9pm .....	Food Special - BBQ Ribs
	11/7	TBA.....	Penn State/Maryland (H)
	11/7	TBA.....	SAL / Takeout diner
	11/7	8pm .....	Jeopardy / Trivia Game Show
	11/11	.....	Veteran's Day
	11/11	7am .....	Flags Raised (Full Staff) Pine Hall Cemetery
	11/11	5pm .....	Flags Lowered Pine Hall Cemetery
	11/11	11am.....	Post 245 / Veteran's Day Service
	11/11	12pm .....	Post 245 / Veteran's Day Luncheon
	11/11	.....	Ladies AUX / Veteran's Day Dinner
	11/14	TBA.....	Penn State/Nebraska (A)
	11/19	11am-2pm .....	Post 245 / Thanksgiving Meal / \$ 12.00
	11/21	TBA.....	Penn State/Iowa (H)
	11/26	.....	Thanksgiving Day / CLUB CLOSED
	11/28	TBA.....	Penn State/Michigan (A)
	11/30	11am - 4:30pm ..	Red Cross Blood Drive

<b>DECEMBER</b>	12/5	8pm .....	Jeopardy / Trivia Game Show
	12/5	11am.....	Decorate Club for Christmas
	12/5	TBA.....	Penn State/Rutgers (A)
	12/6	1pm - 3pm .....	** Post 245 / Club Children's Christmas Party
	12/7	12:30pm - 3pm ..	Pearl Harbor Day Ceremony / Boalsburg
	12/7	6pm - 9pm .....	Food Special - BBQ Ribs
	12/12	TBA.....	Penn State/Michigan State (A)
	12/17	11am-2pm .....	Post 245 / Christmas Meal / \$ 12.00
	12/19	TBA.....	Penn State/BIG 10 Championship Game (A)
	12/25	.....	Christmas Day / Club Closed
	12/31	.....	New Year's Eve Party

### \*\* NON SMOKING EVENTS

**Organization Meetings:**    (Post: 10/15; 11/19; 12/17) (Auxiliary: 10/27;11/24; 12/22)  
     (SAL: 10/15; 11/19; 12/17) (Riders: 10/1; 11/5; 12/3)  
     (Post 245 Boy Scouts: every Monday)

### Pine Hall Cemetery

**11/11 7am Flags Raised (Full Staff) - 5pm Flags Lowered**