

The Legion in the Woods



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POST 245 NEWSLETTER

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JUNE, JULY & AUGUST 2019

SAVE THE DATE AUGUST 10, 2019

The American Legion turns 100 years old this year since the Act of Congress on September 16, 1919. Post 245 of State College, PA will honor this landmark by hosting an open house on August 10, 2019 from Noon to 9:30 PM. Preceding the opening ceremony at 12 Noon, there will be a parade that will end at the Legion to start the day off. After the opening ceremony at 12 Noon, there will be activities throughout the day such as:

A Flag Display • Entertainment • Kids Games
Bucket Rides on the Fire Truck • Information Booths
Silent Auction • Food Trucks • Evening Dinner
Slide Show • Car Display • 50/50 Drawings

Post 245 invites all members, the public from near and far to join us to celebrate our 100th year Anniversary and join us in the fun, fellowship, and good food.



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

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REMEMBER – AUGUST 10, 2019 - SAVE THE DATE

NEWS FROM THE SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE...

The WOWY Sock Hop was a great success and we hope everyone had a great time. Our Jeopardy nights have also been successful and because of that, we have scheduled this event for June 8th, July 13th and August 3rd. They all will be held OUTSIDE on our deck, weather permitting and they start at 8 PM.

Reminder, our 100th Anniversary Party will be held on August 10th. We will be celebrating 100 years of the American Legion and have planned several things for this day. Please come out and support our 100th year.

Our next big event will be our October Fest Party to be held October 12th, Saturday, at 7:30 to 10:30 PM. After that, we will again host our Halloween Dance in October. Watch the calendar for the date and time.

Thanks,

Larry Hess – Chairmen

Bob McCool – Co-Chairmen

FROM THE COMMANDER,

If you missed the good times that were had at the Post, make sure you attend some of the summer events. The BIG event is the Post Birthday Party. The committee has been working hard collecting old photos and stories from the past. If you have any photos, stories or articles that you would like to share please see a committee member. Also in June is Flag Day, we put on a nice Flag retirement ceremony. Six o'clock at the Military Museum on June 14. We would like to thank the Elk's Club for asking us to join their ceremony.

The American Legion State convention is being held in Harrisburg in mid-July. Anyone interested in going please contact me. So far I don't think anyone from our Post is going. Larry Hess usually goes but he'll be on vacation this year.

As of this writing we need four more class A members to reach our goal for the year. I'm asking again for you to ask your friends and relatives about joining. You know all the good times you've had, let them know that they could be part of the same fun you are having. We are a good, strong club that likes to help the youth and other organizations in the community.

Please come on out to the Post meeting in June, it's election time. Nominations and elections will be taking place on the third Thursday of the month. A little NEW blood sure would be nice to make our club strong. All are one year terms, come on and join the American Legion Team.

Here's hoping everyone has a fun and safe summer. See you at the Post!!

Commander, Rich Seifert

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER...

I believe that I may have addressed this in one of the many earlier editions, but ask yourself this. What is the function of the Post Chaplain?

Many feel that the only function of the chaplain is to attend ceremonies, to open and close them with a prayer. That is only one function. You may be surprised that the chaplain has many more duties. While the Post chaplain can be a local and ordained cleric of faith, many of us are not. In the case of this post I do possess a couple of years of seminary study under my belt.

The primary function of the Post Chaplain is to look after the moral well-being of the post and its members. The chaplain does this while being careful not to promote one faith over another. A chaplain can do certain things that are associated with clerics, but cannot substitute for a cleric. For example, a chaplain cannot inherently marry a couple, due to state laws reserving that duty for ordained clerics and judges of the state. A chaplain can preside over a funeral in the absence of a cleric. The chaplain can conduct ecumenical religious services, such as prayer breakfasts.

The chaplain is also available to the post members to help them through difficult times, and bereavement, upon request. While the chaplain is available for these types of personal services, the chaplain will always yield to those clerics that are ordained, or to secular counsellors that are far more trained.

The chaplain is a vital part to keep the post standing. There are three pillars that support the post. Those that look after the physical structure of the organization. Those that maintain the financial support of the post. The chaplain that supports the spiritual aspect of the post. If one of these pillars should fail, then the other two could not support the organization.

So as you can see, the chaplain is a vital part of the post, and should be utilized where the member sees fit. If you ever have need of my services as your Post Chaplain, please do not hesitate to contact me at 814-280-6647, and I will do my best to render the help that you need.

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



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.



NEWS FROM THE AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS...

Hello everyone!

Looks like summer is finally going to make an appearance! Hopefully we will have better riding weather than last year with all that rain!

Come on out and join us for bike nights on the patio beginning in June. They will be on the first and third Wednesdays of the month in June, July, and August from 6-9pm. We will have some great food specials, giveaways, and an all around good time. Hope to see everyone there. Reminder that our meetings are the first Thursday of each month (except July) at 7 pm. If you have a bike and want to have a great time come join us!

Our car and bike show will be on Saturday, July 6th. We are hoping to have an even better turnout than last year! Shine up those vehicles and come join us! If you don't have an entry come take a walk down memory lane and help your favorite to win by voting for the people's choice.

We will also be doing a monthly raffle based on the daily number. Tickets are only \$5 and the winner will receive \$250. The first one will be drawn at our first bike night on June 5th. (The tickets are already sold out but we will start the next one that night) if interested see any of our officers for tickets. We feel this an easy fundraiser to help us support as many veteran's programs as possible.

Look forward to seeing everyone soon!
Scott Spear, ALR president



NEWS FROM THE SAL...

Hello to all, Well Spring is here at last. The S.A.L. and American Legion post 245 has had a good beginning to 2019. April 26th was our S.A.L. social dinner, lots of great food and a good time for all that attended. The S.A.L. held a cash Party/pig roast on Saturday

May 4th it was well attended, great crowd, great food and lots of fun was had. The money raised at the cash Party will be for the support of our American Legion ball team.

A special congratulations go's out to one of our own.. Jigs Poorman! Who won the grand prize of \$500.00. June 7th will be a Day with the Special Olympics at Penn State. Please try to attend, On the 16th of June, the S.A.L. will host the annual Father's day Brunch from 10:am to 1:pm this is open to the public, please come out and join in the Club's activities and support Your Post. We can only be a Club with your support.

George Fye, S.A.L. Commander

Gratitude

With the Centennial Celebration of Post 245 in August I would like to express my gratitude to all the patrons I've met in my short time being a member. Post 245 provides individuals with a place to socialize while belonging to a great organization, The American Legion. Having never been a member of any fraternity before I am impressed with the dynamics going on. People truly caring about each other, despite differences that might occur from time to time. I see long friendships tightly woven together as time marches on. Those who charted this Post in 1919 would be proud of today's Post and its members. This is a good time to be grateful for those who keep this Post running smoothly in its 100th year.

James Sweeney, member 3 years

SPECIAL THANKS!

A HUGE thank you to the following volunteers who helped place flags on the Veterans graves at Pine Hall Cemetery.

Pennsylvania Air National Guard / 193 AOG

Joel Wagner, Shawn Jacobs, Colton Barr,
Alysaundyre Lee & Baby, Joseph
Trimble, Scott Harron, Michael Somple,
Caleb Woodring and David Teufel.

HVH BINGO NEWS!

Volunteers for February were Bill Long,
Dean Dreibelbis and Ernie Harpster.

Volunteers for March were Ernie Harpster,
Bill Klucher, John Kite and Dean Dreibelbis.

Volunteers on April 9th were Ernie Harpster,
Bill Klucher, Rick Dills and a new volunteer
from our SAL John Kite.

Special thanks to Ernie who handled this one in my absence and the others for helping him out.

Additional Bingo volunteers are needed!
Anyone wishing to volunteer please
contact Bill Long @692-8535.



NEWS FROM THE LADIES AUXILIARY...

We hope that this newsletter finds everyone feeling great and looking forward to a sunny summer so we can all gather on the patio to enjoy some socialization, cold beverages, and nice weather!!!!

We would like to extend a huge welcome to our newest members: Rachel Ralph, Donna Dunn, Karen Crossley, Lipika Selmer-Larsen, Diana Mountain, Erin Diven, Raeven Chandler, Loretta VanNuys, Linda Jeffers, Kristin Palmer, Anna Mary Loope (transfer from social), Lori Bonsell, Terri DelReal, Mary McMurtrie, Erin Eminhizer, Andrea Kocher, and Diane Barnes. 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 **fourth** Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. **Also please note that we will hold meetings in June and August – but will not hold a meeting in July. This is a change from prior years.** With the change in our summer schedule, that means our next meeting will be held **June 25th, 2019, at 7:00 pm.**

The Auxiliary is very active in the community, donating money to various charities and worthy causes that are voted on during our monthly meetings. We take pride in supporting the community and hope you will attend a meeting to get involved and learn more about what we do!

The Auxiliary is looking for pictures and memorabilia for our 100th Anniversary celebration which will be held August 10th, 2019. If you would like more information about this celebration, or if you have anything that you would like to share, please come to the club to learn more or to drop off anything you would like to share for the event's displays.

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

Penn State Football and Tailgates at the Legion

Hi Folks. I've been meaning to include into our newsletter a Thank You to all of our Club members for making our Penn State Tailgates a huge success over the past couple of years. For something that started out as a small event, this has now grown into a very nice event on football Saturdays whether the game is at home or away. I guess having the game on the Big Screen in the dining hall helps too. The participation level by our members is wonderful, to say the least. Of course, we have our regulars at every one of our tailgates and we must be doing something right too, I am seeing new faces each and every week in attendance. These tailgates are a great time whether we win or lose and it gives us all a reason to come and support the Club and to make new Legion friends. So, for 2019, bring a Dish to Share and try out a Post 245 Legion Tailgate.

**Thanks.
Bob McCool**

FROM THE EDITOR... The deadline for the Sept, Oct, Nov 2019 edition is **Friday, Aug 16th, 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 Gerry Thompson
Chaplain Ron Quinn
Service Officer – Bill Long
Judge Advocate – Justin Bish
Historian - 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
Post Liaison – Vacant

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 Liaison – Vacant

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

Class of 2019

Barry Dickman
Rich Seifert - Secretary
Don Hartzell

Class of 2020

Dan Verdoorn - President
Kim Selmer-Larsen
Lewis Watt - Treasurer

Class of 2021

Larry Hess
Gerry Thompson
Chris Solo - Vice President

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 McMahon

Secretary: Rhonda Spear
Road Captain: Samantha Hartman
Randy Weaver

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP LISTS

BUDGET & FINANCE

Meets as required
Vacant

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

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,
George Fye, Jigs Poorman
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. Luke Arble



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

J U N E	6/3	6pm	100th Anniversary Meeting
	6/3	6pm	Monday Evening Rib Night Dinner Special
			Starts @ 6pm goes to 9pm / While Supplies Last
	6/5	6pm	ALR / Bike Night
	6/7		Special Olympics / Penn State / SAL
	6/7	11am	Fundraiser Spaghetti Dinner / \$ 10.00 / All you can Eat
	6/8	8pm	OUTSIDE on the Patio / Jeopardy / Trivia Game Show
	6/14	6pm	Flag Day Ceremony / Boalsburg Military Museum
	6/16		Father's Day
	6/16	10am-1pm	Father's Day SAL Brunch
J U L Y	6/17	6pm	100th Anniversary Planning Meeting
	6/19	6pm	ALR / Bike Night
	7/1	6pm	100th Anniversary Planning Meeting
	7/1	6pm	Monday Evening Rib Night Dinner Special
			Starts @ 6pm goes to 9pm / While Supplies Last
	7/3	6pm	ALR / Bike Night
	7/4		CLUB CLOSED / Independence Day / July 4th
	7/6	11am-3pm	ALR / 4th Annual Car and Bike Show
	7/13	8pm	OUTSIDE on the Patio / Jeopardy / Trivia Game Show
	7/15	12:30pm-5:30pm	Red Cross Blood Drive
A U G	7/15	6pm	100th Anniversary Planning Meeting
	7/17	6pm	ALR / Bike Night
	7/29	6pm	100th Anniversary Planning Meeting
	8/3	10am	Pre-100th Birthday Clean Up Day
	8/3	8pm	OUTSIDE on the Patio / Jeopardy / Trivia Game Show
	8/5	6pm	FINAL 100th Anniversary Planning Meeting
	8/5	6pm	Monday Evening Rib Night Dinner Special
			Starts @ 6pm goes to 9pm / While Supplies Last
	8/7	6pm	ALR / Bike Night
	8/10	12 Noon	Post 245 / 100th Year Birthday
S E P	8/21	6pm	ALR / Bike Night
	8/31	TBA	Penn State / Idaho Tailgate (H)
	9/2		Labor Day
	9/2		CLUB OPEN / Kitchen Closed / Labor Day
	9/6	8pm	Jeopardy / Trivia Game Show
	9/7	TBA	Penn State / Buffalo Tailgate (H)
	9/9	6pm	Monday Evening Rib Night Dinner Special
			Starts @ 6pm goes to 9pm / While Supplies Last
	9/11		Patriot's Day
	9/14	TBA	Penn State / Pitt Tailgate (H)
	9/28	TBA	Penn State / Maryland Tailgate (A)
	9/28	11:30am	SAL / HVH Veteran's Luncheon

** NON SMOKING EVENTS

Organization Meetings: (Post: 6/20, 7/18, 8/15) (Auxiliary: 6/25, 8/27) (SAL: 6/20, 7/18, 8/15) (Riders: 6/6, 8/1)
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PINE HALL FLAGS

6/14	7am	Flags Raised (Full Staff) Pine Hall Cemetery
6/14	7pm	Flags Lowered Pine Hall Cemetery
7/4	7am	Flags Raised (Full Staff) Pine Hall Cemetery
7/4	7pm	Flags Lowered Pine Hall Cemetery
9/2	7am	Flags Raised (Full Staff) Pine Hall Cemetery
9/2	7pm	Flags Lowered Pine Hall Cemetery
9/11	7am	Flags Raised (Full Staff) Pine Hall Cemetery
9/11	7pm	Flags Lowered Pine Hall Cemetery