

Final Salute to recent Deceased Members of American Legion Post 194:

Regular American Legion Post #194 Members:

Henry W. Mason LCDR John W. McNabb Vernon L. Witmer

Auxiliary Members: Helen Stewart

SAL Member: Tom L. White

Our deepest sympathy goes out to the family and friends of our departed members.

Message from Axel Wicks, Post 194 Chaplain: As I write this message, I am also watching the final Crusade (Funeral) of Billy Graham. He was 99 years old and he had preached to more people in more Countries than any other person in History. He was America's Pastor. He was/is a big part of my life. I have many of his books, if you would like to read one or more, please let me know and I will loan it to you. He preached John 14:6 "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you really know me, you will know my Father". He also preached "God loves you". I recently spent a long weekend on Chincoteague Island, VA. We attended church on Sunday. The last hymn of the service touched my heart. I can still hear those words and want to share a few with you. "Let there be peace on Earth and let it begin with me; Let there be peace on Earth, the peace that was meant to be. With God our Creator, children all are we. Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony". It was the perfect hymn for that Sunday morning. I want to give a sincere "Thank You" to our bartenders who keep me informed of any new names on our Sick Call/ Prayer Board. It is a big help to me. I also want to say "Thank You" for the new faces I see at our Monthly General Membership Meetings. We had 19 members attending recently. Keep coming and bring a member with you. In closing, Let Us Pray: "God's purpose for our lives is to make us whole – which is the way He created us to be – and then to work through us for His glory as we surrender our lives to him. Emotional wholeness means living without negative emotions and having peace about who you are and where your life is headed. When we pray to God, we are spending time in his presence. Prayer draws us closer to God, where we can get a vision for our future and better understanding of our purpose. God Bless you all." Amen.

Other items of interest – Don't forget to support the Post 194 Honor Guard, the Unit 194 Auxiliary, and the SAL by purchasing their 50/50 tickets. The proceeds from these drawings are used to help these organizations finance the many services that they provide to this community.

Martin Thompson, Commander

American Legion Post 194

Judy Palmer, President

Unit 194 Auxiliary

Jack Fritts, Commander

Son of the American Legion

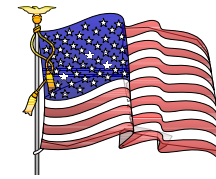


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April, May, and June 2018

This is our 2nd Newsletter of 2018. We are providing this newsletter to keep everyone informed of the many upcoming events that will be occurring here at the Legion during the next several months. The American Legion Mason Dixon Post 194 has a web site that offers information about "What's Happening Here at Post 194". Take a few minutes and visit our website at (www.alpost194.com). Our Post e-mail address is amerleg194@zoominternet.net.

American Legion Post 194 Officers:

Commander – Martin Thompson
1st Vice Commander – Neil Eller
2nd Vice Commander – Roger Ball
3rd Vice Commander – Grant Eller
Finance Officer – Jeff Hughes
Adjutant – Dick Kline
Service Officer – John Kilby
Sgt-at-Arms- Frank Morgan
Senior Color Bearer – Tom Hawk
Judge Advocate – George Remhof
Chaplain – Axel Wicks
Historian – David Horn

Additional E-Board members include: Bobby Burlin, Larry Coulson, Mike Saponaro, Robbie Wilson, Chuck Allport, and Danny McLaughlin.

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 194 Officers:

President – Judy Palmer
1st Vice President – Charlotte Rhoades
2nd Vice President - Dianne Gilbert
Secretary – Dana Fritts
Treasurer – Joanne Ross
Sgt. at Arms - Karen Dobosh
Chaplain - Diane Fritz
Historian – Sharon Burlin

Additional Executive Committee Members: Debby Jackson, Donna Thomas, and Pat Wood.

SAL Squadron 194 Officers:

Commander – Jack Fritts
1st Vice Commander - Freddie Gilbert
2nd Vice Commander – Steven Webb
Adjutant – Rodfer Gilbert
Finance Officer - Charlie Richardson
Sgt-At-Arms – Robert Fritts
Chaplain – Mike Gilbert
Historian - Michael Ruth

American Legion Riders Officers:

Director – Vinnie Mule'
Assistant Director – George Remhof
Road Captain – Charles "Butch" Riley
Safety Officer – Rick Gough
Treasurer – Joanne Ross
Secretary – Catharina Huyser
Appointed Officers:
Chaplain – Dave Horn
Historian – Mike Laws
Event Coordinator – Jim Gardner

List of New Members:

American Legion Post 194 New Members:

Ratib S. Baker David E. Keys
William B. Morgan Christopher M. Sitter
Tanner J. Weimer Jeremy K. Williams
Ronald L. Smith (New Member - Summer 2017)
Ellis L. Anderson

Auxiliary Unit 194 New Members:

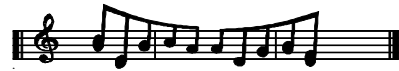
Shirlann Cameron Misti D. Cloman
Toni R. Cole Velma Hart
Kathryn A. Jones Beth A. Morris

Sons of the American Legion Squadron 194 New Members:

Wilmer R. Ewing Richard J. Fritts
Michael R. Hall

Daily Lunches - We offer daily lunches during the weekdays from 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM. A limited "Lunch Menu" is offered at a reasonable price.

Wing Night on Monday Nights – Come out on Monday nights and enjoy our weekly "Chicken Wing Night" from 5:00 – 8:00 PM. We have a great group of members who volunteer each week to work in our kitchen preparing the Wings that we enjoy. We also have our local DJ (Kruisin Karaoke) who will be here to provide great music entertainment from 7:00 PM until midnight.



Friday Night Music - We continue to offer various types of music in our lounge area every Friday night from 7:30 – 11:30 PM. Here is a listing of the entertainment schedule for Friday Nights during the next several months:

- April 6 – Kruisin' Karaoke (DJ & Karaoke)
- April 13 – How's My Hat
- April 20 – Dave Mark Band
- April 27 – Kruisin Karaoke
- May 4 – Kruisin Karaoke
- May 11 – Rated M Band
- May 18 – Kruisin Karaoke
- May 25 – Lost Train

Come out on Friday nights and listen to the great entertainment.

B I N G O

Saturday Night Bingo – We have Bingo here at the Post home on every Saturday night from 7:00 – 10:00 PM. We offer a series of regular bingo games and a number of Bingo Specials, including two Jackpot Cover-All Games. Our bingo kitchen is open from 5:00 – 8:45 PM every Saturday night. A variety of food items are offered on our kitchen menu.

Membership Meetings - The general membership meetings (Regular General Membership, Auxiliary Unit, and SAL) are held on the 4th Thursday of each month. The meetings begin at 7:00 PM.

Friday Night Dinners – On April 20, the Auxiliary Unit 194 will be having their last Friday Night Dinner during this Spring. The dinners are from 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM. The Ladies Friday Night Dinners will resume on the 3rd week in September.

2018 Membership Dues – We want to thank those members who have paid their 2018 dues – You have helped us get very close to reaching our membership goal for this Legion Year. However, we still need approximately 50 members to pay their membership dues to reach our membership goal for this year.



Special Thanks goes out to Dee Anna Ragan and her American Legion Post 194 "Special Olympics Ice Plunge Team" – Speaking on the behalf of the Cecil County Special Olympics organization in Elkton, MD, we want to take this opportunity to thank Dee Anna Ragan and the members of her team who raised funds for the Cecil County Special Olympics during this year's "Ice Plunge" held in February at the Well Wood in Charlestown, MD.

A Reminder to Everyone – There will be no Easter Party at the Legion for kids this year.

Gun Raffle in October - SAL Squadron 194 will be having their 2nd Annual Gun Raffle here on October 7, 2018 from 12:00 Noon until 5:00 PM. Thirty guns will be included in this raffle. The winner has a choice of a gun or \$300.00 in cash. Tickets are \$10.00 each – Price includes food, draft beer, soda, and water.

Upper Chesapeake Community Band Concerts Held at the American Legion Post 194 – The Upper Chesapeake Community Band will be providing a series of Band Concerts here at the Legion during the next several months. On Sunday April 29 at 4:00 PM, the band will be offering a Spring Band Concert. On June 14 (Flag Day) they will be participating in our Flag Day Program. On Sunday July 1, the Band will participate in our community "Salute to Veterans Program", and on Sunday August 26 at 4:00 PM, the Band will provide a Summer Concert. These concerts will be approximately 1 hour in length.

American Legion Riders Sunday Morning Breakfast – On the 3rd Sunday of April and May, the American Legion Riders (ALR) of Post 194 will be having their monthly Sunday Morning Breakfast.



American Legion Riders (ALR) Local Chapter Meeting Info – The monthly meetings of the ALR local chapter are held here at Post 194 on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 6:30 PM. All members are urged to attend these meetings to keep informed of the many planned upcoming activities of the local chapter. The Riders are now selling raffle tickets on a "Yeti Cooler" – Drawing to be held at our Crab Feast in September.

Scholarship Funds Available for local High School Students –

The American Legion Post 194 currently provides a limited amount of scholarship funds to the students who attend Rising Sun High School. These funds are provided directly to the Rising Sun High School and are administered by the RSHS Guidance Office personnel. Applications for the RSHS scholarships are available at the RSHS Guidance Office. The American Legion Post 194 does not have any direct input as to what RSHS seniors receive a scholarship award.

Scholarship Awards available for non-RSHS Seniors. This year the American Legion Post 194 will also be providing a limited amount of scholarship funds that has been designated for high school seniors who attended a different high school (other than RSHS). The RSHS Guidance Office personnel have agreed to oversee the distribution of these funds as well. To apply for this non-RSHS student scholarship award, send a self-addressed envelope to the American Legion Post 194, 338 East Main St., Rising Sun, MD 21911 and we will send you an application form. **Important Note – American Legion Post 194 will not be involved in the selection process for the awarding of a scholarship to any high school senior.**

Crab Feast – Sunday Sept 9, 2018 – We are having our Annual Crab Feast on Sunday, Sept. 9 from 1:00 – 5:00 PM. Live music (featuring the Apple Jack Band) will be from 2:00 – 6:00 PM. **Tickets must be purchased in advance by Friday, Sept 7, 2018. - No Crab Feast ticket sales will occur on the day of the event.** The ticket prices are: \$40.00 for Adults and \$20.00 for children (10 yrs of age and under). Tickets are now available.



Annual Father's Day Bull Roast – This year's Annual Bull Roast will be held on Father's Day, Sunday, June 17th. Food will be from 1:00 – 5:00 PM. Music will be from 2:00 – 6:00 PM with live music provided by the "Dave Mark Band", a very popular band that plays all types of music. The ticket prices are: Adults: \$20.00; Children under 10 - \$10.00. Tickets are now on sale at the Post.



Election of Next Year's Officers – A reminder to everyone that we are having our Election of Officers for the Legion year 2018-2019 at our April 26th General Membership meeting for the American Legion Post 194, the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 194, and the SAL Squadron 194. Here is a listing of the names of the people who have been nominated for the upcoming election of officers to be held at our next meeting.

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 2nd Vice Commander – Roger Ball
 Senior Color Bearer – Tom Hawk
 3rd Vice Commander – Bobby Burlin
 Judge Advocate – George Remhof
 Finance Officer – Jeff Hughes
 Chaplain – Axle Wicks
 Adjutant – Dick Kline
 Historian – Larry Ingham

Nominations to the E-Board include: Danny McLaughlin, Larry Coulson, and Mike Saponaro.

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 194:

President – Judy Palmer
 1st Vice President – Charlotte Rhoades
 2nd Vice President – Dianne Gilbert
 Secretary – Dana Fritts
 Color Bearer - Catharina Huyser
 Treasurer – Joann Ross
 Sgt. at Arms – Doris Orem
 Chaplain – Diane Fritz
 Historian – Sharon Burlin

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 Historian – Michael Ruth
 Chaplain – Michael Gilbert

Notice - Additional nominations for any Officer position can be made from the floor on the night of the election.

Other Upcoming Events to be held here at the Legion:

"Rock Around the Jukebox" Show with the Cruisers – (Sunday, May 6)

We are having a special "Rock Around the Jukebox Show" featuring The Cruisers on Sunday afternoon, May 6. This show will include Gary Baker, Ted Tharp, Terry Harris, Steve Riddle, and Connie McGuirk who will provide great performances of various artists such as Elvis, Roy Orbison, Buddy Holly, and others. Tickets to this event are on sale now: Advance Sales Tickets - \$15.00 a person, Tickets on the Day of the Show - \$20.00 a person. There will be a "Cash Bar" and we also will be offering various food items such as Pit Beef/Ham, Steamed & Fried Shrimp, Crab Cakes, Fish Sandwiches, and French Fries at an additional cost. **Only 225 Tickets will be sold. We expect an "Early Sell Out" of this show. We strongly advise you to get your tickets early – Less than 50 tickets remain.**



Honor Guard Chicken BBQ Dinners Schedule for this year: - The Post 194 Honor Guard will be having two Chicken BBQs this year.

- 1st Chicken BBQ will be on Monday, May 28th (Memorial Day Weekend).
- 2nd Chicken BBQ will be on Labor Day, Monday, September 3.

The BBQ's will be from 11:00 AM until 3:30 PM (or until we sell out). The funds raised during these Chicken BBQ's are used to help pay many of the operating expenses of the Honor Guard. Come out and support the Honor Guard by purchasing a Chicken BBQ dinner, which consists of ½ Chicken, Baked Beans, Cole Slaw, and rolls & butter. Cost is \$10.00.

Memorial Day Ceremony Wednesday May 30th – We are holding our annual Memorial Day program on Wednesday, May 30th. We will begin our Memorial Day Services by having a short Memorial Day ceremony at the West Nottingham Presbyterian Church Cemetery, at Brookview Cemetery, at Calvert Cemetery, and at the Veteran's Memorial in Center Town of Rising Sun. The actual times at these locations will be announced at a later date. Our main Memorial Day ceremony will be held here at the Legion Pavilion at 11:00 AM. You should plan on being here at the Legion by 10:30 AM. We hope to have a large turnout for this event. This year, we will be honoring seven of our American Legion Post 194 members who have obtained 50 continuous years of membership in the American Legion. The Rising Sun Middle School Band will participate in this event by providing musical entertainment.



Flag Day Ceremony – We will be having our Annual Flag Day Program on Thursday, June 14th, beginning at 7:00 PM. The Legion will retire many old, worn, tattered Flags of our Country in a Formal Flag Retirement/Flag Burning Ceremony. The Upper Chesapeake Community Band will provide a selection of Patriotic Music from 6:30 – 7:00 PM. The Flag Day Program will begin promptly at 7:00 PM. The band will also provide additional patriotic music during the Flag Day Ceremony.

Honor Guard "Gun Raffle" – This year the Honor Guard will be having a Gun Raffle for two guns. The drawing will be conducted at this year's Crab Feast held on Sunday, September 9th. Featured in this year's Honor Guard Gun Raffle are the following prizes:

- 1st Drawing – Henry 30-30 Caliber Rifle (or \$600.00)
- 2nd Drawing – Henry Golden Boy 22 Magnum (or \$400.00)

These Rifles are currently on display at the Legion. Stop in at the Legion and buy your raffle tickets to help support your Honor Guard.

Salute to Veterans Ceremony – Our local community "Salute to the Veterans" ceremony will be held in our Hall at the American Legion Mason Dixon Post 194 on Sunday, July 1 at 4:00 PM. All Veterans currently on Active Duty and those who have previously served in any of the various military branches will be honored at this ceremony. The Upper Chesapeake Community Band will provide a 1-hour concert consisting of patriotic music selections. Light food and refreshments will be provided immediately following the ceremony. This event is free and the general public is invited to attend this ceremony.

