

**Message from Axel Wicks, Post 194 Chaplain:** In God we Trust. The next time you find an American Coin on the ground, please pick it up, rub your fingers across those words (In God We Trust) and say a prayer for someone.

This will probably be my last Chaplain’s Message to you, the Good People of American Legion Post 194. I am 79 years of age and it’s is time for me to retire and give someone else the opportunity to serve the Lord as your Chaplain. I want to give another “Big Thank You” to all of you who volunteer here at Post 194. Whether it’s daily, weekly, monthly or once a year, you help make our Post 194 to be a “Better Place. Keep doing what you are doing, you are really needed. Also, I want to say “Thank You” to all of the Bartenders who have been keeping me informed as to the changes on our “Sick Call/Prayer Call Boards” for these many years. In our February monthly meeting, we had 25 members attend this meeting. It is nice to see new faces at our meetings. Keep on coming and bring another member with you the next time. A quote by Corrie Ten Boom: “You may never know that Jesus is all you need, until Jesus is all you have”. Good thought to remember.

Here is a prayer you can use to receive Jesus Christ: Lord Jesus, thank you for showing me how much I need you. Thank you for dying on the Cross for me. Please forgive my failures and sins of my past. Make me clean and help me start fresh with you. I now receive you into my life as my Lord and Savior. Help me to love and serve you with all my heart.” Amen Jesus said “Whoever comes to me I will never drive away” – John 6:37.

**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.



**Annual Father’s Day Bull Roast** – This year’s Annual Bull Roast will be held on Father’s Day, Sunday, June 16<sup>th</sup>. Food will be from 1:00 – 5:00 PM. Music will be from 2:00 – 6:00 PM with live music provided by the “Apple Jack 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.

**Martin Thompson, Commander**  
American Legion Post 194

**Judy Palmer, President**  
Unit 194 Auxiliary

**Jack Fritts, Commander**  
Son of the American Legion

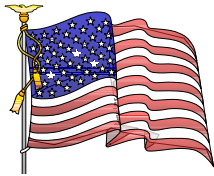


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April, May, and June 2019

This is our 2<sup>nd</sup> Newsletter of 2019. 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](http://www.alpost194.com) ). Our Post e-mail address is [amerleg194@zoominternet.net](mailto:amerleg194@zoominternet.net).

**Here is a list of the Officers for the American Legion Mason Dixon Post, Unit and SAL Squadron 194 who are serving during the Legion Year of 2018-2019:**

**American Legion Post 194 Officers:**

Post Commander – Martin Thompson  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander – Neil Eller  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander – Roger Ball  
3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Commander – Bobby Burlin  
Finance Officer – Jeff Hughes  
Adjutant – George Remhof  
Service Officer – John Kilby  
Sgt-at-Arms- Frank Morgan  
Senior Color Bearer – Tom Hawk  
Judge Advocate – John J. Evans  
Chaplain – Axel Wicks  
Historian – Larry Ingham

The three members who were elected to serve on the Executive Committee are Robbie Wilson, Danny McLaughlin, and Mike Saponaro. Commander Martin also appointed Larry Coulson, Chuck Allport, and Martin Weaver to serve on the E-Board.

**American Legion Auxiliary Unit 194 Officers:**

President – Judy Palmer  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – Charlotte Rhoades  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President - Dianne Gilbert  
Secretary – Dana Fritts  
Treasurer – Joanne Ross  
Sgt. at Arms - Doris Orem  
Chaplain - Diane Fritz  
Historian – Sharon Burlin

Additional Executive Committee Members: Debby Jackson, Donna Thomas, and Mary Lou Thompson.

**SAL Squadron 194 Officers:**

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

**American Legion Riders Officers:**

Director – Vince Mule’  
Assistant Director – George Remhof  
Road Captain – Charles “Butch” Riley  
Sgt-at-Arms: Jim Gardner  
Treasurer – Joanne Ross  
Secretary – Catharina Huyser  
Safety Officer – Rick Gough

**Appointed Officers:**

Chaplain – Dave Horn  
Historian – Mike Laws  
Event Coordinator – Jim Gardner

**Legion News/Information**

**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 11:00 PM.



**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 5 – Kruisin' Karaoke (DJ & Karaoke)  
April 12 –Lost Train  
April 19 – Kruisin Karaoke  
April 26 – Day Tripper  
May 3 – Kruisin Karaoke  
May 10 – Across the Tracks  
May 17 – Kruisin Karaoke  
May 24 – Raising Cain  
May 31 – Take 2

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

## BINGO

**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 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month. The meetings begin at 7:00 PM.

**Friday Night Dinners** – On May 3, 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 1<sup>st</sup> Friday night of each month, beginning in September.

**2019 Membership Dues** – We want to thank those members who have paid their 2019 dues – You have helped us get very close to reaching our membership goal for this Legion Year. However, we still need approximately 60 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 Special Olympics during this year’s “Ice Plunge” held in February at the Wellwood in Charlestown, MD.

**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. Here is a listing of those concerts:

1. Sunday April 28 at 3:00 PM, the band will be offering a Spring Band Concert.
2. June 14 (Flag Day), the band will be participating in our Annual Flag Day Program. The will be playing from 6:30 – 7:00 PM, our Flag Day program begins at 7:00 PM, the band will provide music during the Flag Day program.
3. Sunday June 30, the Band will provide a one-hour program, beginning at 3:00 PM as part of our “Annual Salute to Veterans Program”.
4. Sunday August 25, the Band will provide a one-hour music program during our Summer Concert. These concerts are “Free” and are “Open to the General Public”. Come out and support your local Community Band.



**American Legion Riders Thank Everyone for Supporting their Sunday Morning Breakfast** – The American Legion Riders (ALR) of Post would like to thank the many people who attended their monthly Sunday Morning Breakfasts during the Fall and Winter months (from October through March). The Legion Riders had record attendances each month and they are truly thankful for all of your support. The March Breakfast was their last Sunday Breakfast until the Fall of 2019 – The April Breakfast was cancelled as a result of Easter Sunday being on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of April. The Legion Riders will resume their Sunday Breakfasts on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month, beginning in October 2019.



**American Legion Riders (ALR) Local Chapter Meeting Info** – The monthly meetings of the ALR local chapter are held here at Post 194 on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.



**Flag Day Ceremony** – We will be having our Annual Flag Day Program on Friday, June 14<sup>th</sup>, 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.

**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 26<sup>th</sup> General Membership meeting for the American Legion Post 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.

### American Legion Post 194:

Post Commander – Martin Thompson  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander – Neil Eller  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander – Roger Ball  
3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Commander – Bobby Burlin  
Finance Officer – Jeff Hughes  
Adjutant – George Remhof  
Service Officer – John Kilby  
Sgt-at-Arms – Frank Morgan  
Senior Color Bearer – Tom Hawk  
Judge Advocate – John J. Evans  
Chaplain – David Bradford  
Historian – Larry Ingham

Nominations to the E-Board include: Danny McLaughlin, Robbie Wilson, and Mike Saponaro.

### SAL Squadron 194:

Commander – Walt Ragan Jr.  
Finance Officer – Charlie Richardson  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander – Steven Webb Sr.  
Sgt at Arms – Rusty Ewing  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander – Robert Fritz  
Historian – Jack Fritts  
Adjutant – Rodger Gilbert  
Chaplain – Michael Gilbert

### American Legion Riders

Director – Charles (Butch) Riley  
Assistant Director – George Remhof  
Treasurer – Joann Ross  
Secretary – Johanna White  
Sgt-At-Arms – Steve Waggy  
Road Captain – Chuck White  
Membership Officer – Fran To  
Safety Officer – Mike Laws

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

The American Legion Auxiliary Unit 194 held their Election of Officers for the Legion year 2019-2020 at their March Meeting. The results of this election were as follows:

### American Legion Auxiliary Unit 194:

President – Judy Palmer  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – Charlotte Rhoades  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – Doris Orem  
Secretary – Dana Fritts  
Color Bearer – Pat Wood  
Treasurer – Joann Ross  
Sgt. at Arms – Mary Lou Thompson  
Chaplain – Catharina Huyser  
Historian – Sharon Burlin

**Other Upcoming Events to be held here at the Legion:**

**Memorial Day Ceremony Wednesday May 30<sup>th</sup>** – We are holding our annual Memorial Day program on Thursday, May 30<sup>th</sup>. 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 a number of our American Legion Post 194 members who have obtained 50 or 60 continuous years of membership in the American Legion. The Rising Sun Middle School Band will participate in this event by providing musical entertainment.

**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, June 30 1 at 3:00 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.



**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 8<sup>th</sup>. Featured in this year’s Honor Guard Gun Raffle are the following prizes:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Drawing – Henry 30-30 Caliber Rifle (or \$600.00)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

**Crab Feast – Sunday Sept 8, 2019** – We are having our Annual Crab Feast on Sunday, Sept. 8 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 6, 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.



**Gun Raffle in October** - SAL Squadron 194 will be having their 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Gun Raffle here on October 6, 2019 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.