

Message from Post Chaplain Axel Wicks:

Let's start with a "Thought for the Day" – Today, I will celebrate and embrace what God is doing with my life. Think about this – Waiting to come to the Lord until you had a chance to get your life cleaned up is like waiting to go the Hospital Emergency Room until you stop bleeding. God does not love some future version of you – He loves us in our mess. If you were once close to God and you are not now, guess who moved.

Let us pray together. Our Father who art in Heaven, strengthen us to press forward in Faith, knowing that you are showing us the Open Doors of Opportunity. Lead, guide and direct us by your spirit. Amen

In John 14:2, we learn Jesus said "In my Father's House there are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you". A thought I really treasure is "God is in charge of everything". I can pray, talk to God and turn my troubles over to Him and He will guide me.

Please do not forget our Sick Call-Prayer Call Board at the Legion. Check it when you come into the Legion. Pray for those listed on the board. When you pray for others, God listens to you and blesses them; and sometimes when you feel safe and happy, remember someone has prayed for you.

Let us close with a prayer of confession. Our Heavenly Father, we know we have fallen short. We turn our backs when we could embrace. We remain silent when we could speak. We speak when we should listen. We close the door when we could fling it open. We judge when we could seek understanding. Forgive us, for being so very human at times and help us to grow into the people you created us to be through Jesus Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

Martin Thompson, Commander
American Legion Post 194

Judy Palmer, President
Unit 194 Auxiliary

Allan Dobosh, Commander
Son of the American Legion



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This is our Newsletter for the Winter months of 2017. Here is a listing of the various upcoming events that will be occurring here at the Legion during the next 3 months.
The American Legion Mason Dixon Post 194 has a web site that offers information about "What's Happening at Post 194". Take a few minutes and visit our website at (www.alpost194.com). Our e-mail address is amerleg194@zoominternet.net.

Here is a listing of the Officers of the American Legion Mason Dixon Post, Unit and SAL Squadron 194 for the Legion Year of 2016-2017:

American Legion Mason Dixon Post 194 Officers:

Commander – Martin Thompson
1st Vice Commander – Neil Eller
2nd Vice Commander – Norman (Butch) Robinson
3rd Vice Commander – Grant Eller
Finance Officer – Jeff Hughes
Adjutant – Dick Kline
Service Officer – John Kilby
Sgt-at-Arms- Roger Ball
Senior Color Bearer – Tom Hawk
Judge Advocate – George Remhof
Chaplain – Axel Wicks
Historian – David Horn
Executive Committee members also includes: Mike Saponaro, Riley Bennett, Wade Norbutas, Chuck Allport, Bobby Burlin, and Larry Coulson.

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 194 Officers:

President – Judy Palmer
1st Vice President – Doris Orem
2nd Vice President - Dianne Gilbert
Secretary – Dana Fritts
Color Bearers: Sharon Burlin and Catharina Huyser
Treasurer – Joanne Walsh
Sgt. at Arms - Karen Dobosh
Chaplain - Alice Kline
Historian – Charlotte Rhoades
Executive Committee members also include: Diane Fritz, Debby Jackson, and Pat Wood

Election of SAL Squadron 194 Officers:

Commander – Allan Dobosh
1st Vice Commander - Freddie Gilbert
2nd Vice Commander – Rodger Gilbert
Adjutant – Steven Webb
Finance Officer - Charlie Richardson
Sgt-At-Arms – Jack Fritts
Chaplain – Mike Gilbert
Historian - Kevin McCullough

Welcome New Members to Post 194: Welcome to the following new members of the American Legion Mason Dixon Post, Unit, and SAL 194:

New Regular Members of Mason Dixon Post 194:

Jason M. Alexander Michael J. Atkin Courtney S. Beard
Lawrence E. Sherrow Thomas W. Thompson Jr.

New Auxiliary Unit 194 Members:

Darla J. Copenhaver

New Members of the Sons of the American Legion (SAL) Squadron 194:

Thomas R. DeVitis Andrew Himmer Jeremy Kauffman
Richard Ray Scott Richardson Brian Russell

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 – On Monday nights we offer our weekly "Chicken Wing Night" from 5:00 – 8:00 PM. A Special Thanks to a very special group of members who volunteer each week to work in our kitchen preparing the Wings that we enjoy. We also have our special DJ, Krusin Karaoke, here each Monday night, providing great music from 7:00 PM until midnight.

Status of Burger and Taco Nights at the Legion – We have stopped having our Burgers on Tuesday Nights and Taco's on Wednesday Nights until later in the Spring. If we decide to resume these two events later, we will let you know in a newsletter.

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

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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 3 months:

- Jan 20 – Kruisin Karaoke (DJ & Karaoke)
- Jan 27 – Northern Connection Band
- Feb 3 – Kruisin Karaoke (DJ & Karaoke)
- Feb 10 – Dave Mark Band
- Feb 17 - Kruisin Karaoke (DJ & Karaoke)
- Feb 24 – Laredo Band
- Mar 3 – Kruisin Karaoke (DJ & Karaoke)

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. Bingo sales for the evening begin at 6:00 PM. We offer a series of regular bingo games and a variety of other special games, including 2 jackpot games. Our bingo kitchen is open from 5:00 – 8:45 PM every Saturday night. Our Bingo Kitchen offers a variety of food items each week.



2017 Membership Dues – A note to all Post 194 regular members – As of January 3, 2017, we have 701 Regular Members who have paid their 2017 membership dues. We want to thank these members – You have helped us to get very close in reaching our membership goal for this year. We need approximately 100 members to reach our 4-Star Membership Goal for 2017. We have over 90 current members who have numerous years of consecutive Legion Membership who still not yet paid their 2017 dues. A reminder to those who not renewed their membership - As of Jan 1st, 2017, your American Legion current membership expired. If you want to continue your Legion membership, you need to send in your membership dues of \$30.00 to renew your Legion membership. Also, if you know anyone who is eligible for Legion Membership and is not a member, please ask that person to join our organization. The American Legion Auxiliary Unit 194 and the Sons of the American Legion Squadron 194 also have a number of their members who still have not paid their 2017 membership dues. Membership dues for both of these organizations are \$25.00.

FRIDAY NIGHT DINNERS – The American Legion Unit 194 Auxiliary members are having their monthly Friday night dinners on the 3rd Friday night of each month from January until April of 2017. These dinners will be a buffet style dinner consisting of a choice of two meats and a variety of other food items such as mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, and salad, etc. Come out and enjoy a great meal for \$10.00 and support our Legion's Auxiliary Unit. If you are interested in helping out at these Auxiliary Unit 194 functions, please contact Judy Palmer or an Auxiliary Member at the Legion to let them know you are available.



SAL Shrimp Dinner Update - The SAL Squadron #194 members are having Sunday Shrimp Dinners on the 2nd and 4th Sundays in January, February, and March as a fundraiser for their organization. The Shrimp Dinners will be held on the following Sundays: Jan. 8, Jan. 22, Feb. 12, Feb. 26, March 12, and March 26. The Shrimp Dinners are held from 1:00 – 5:00 PM. The menu consists of the following: Steamed & Breaded Shrimp, Crab Cake Sandwiches, Fried Fish Sandwiches, Homemade Crab Soup, Hush Puppies, and French Fries. Prices vary with the various food items. Come out and support the SAL. All proceeds from the SAL Shrimp Dinners are used to support the many programs of the SAL Squadron 194.



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.



American Legion Riders Sunday Morning Breakfast – The American Legion Riders of Post 194 continue to have a buffet-style breakfast in the Post Banquet Hall on the 3rd Sunday of each month from 8:00 – 11:00 AM. The menu includes scrambled eggs, bacon, ham, scrapple, sausage, sausage gravy, fried potatoes, toast, biscuits, pancakes, and coffee and juices. Cost is \$7.00 per person. Proceeds will be used to support Veterans programs in the local area.

Various Upcoming Raffles & Drawings –

The SAL members are having the following raffles:

1. A drawing for a 60 inch Samsung Smart LED & LCD TV. Drawing will be held on Super Bowl party on Sunday, FEB. 5th at half time. Tickets are \$1.00 each and are on sale now.
2. A Troy-Built Power Washer that has a 2800 psi/2.3 GPM output with a 190 cc Briggs & Stratton engine. Drawing will be held at our Father's Day Bull Roast. Tickets are \$1.00 each and are on sale now.
3. SAL Squadron 194 will be having a Beef & Gun Raffle here on October 1, 2017 from 12:00 Noon until 5:00 PM. Twenty different 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.

The Legion Riders are having a raffle for a Yeti Cooler that contains a number of different types of liquor. The drawing will be held at the Super Bowl Party on Feb. 5 at half time. Tickets are \$2.00 each and are on sale now at the Legion.



Special Entertainment Show to be held here on Sunday, May 7.

We have scheduled a special entertainment show here at the Legion on Sunday afternoon, May 5. This show will provide a number of different local artists who provide great performances of artists such as Elvis (Ted Tharp), Patsy Cline, and other favorite singers of the 50 & 60's time period. Tickets to this event are \$15.00 a person. There will be a "Cash Bar" and the SAL Squadron 194 will be offering various food items for sale such as Pit Beef/Ham, Steamed & Fried Shrimp, Crab Cakes, Home Made Crab Soup, Fish Sandwiches, French Fries, etc. at an additional cost. Tickets will be available in March 2017. We will provide more details in our next newsletter.



Annual Father's Day Bull Roast – This year, we will again be holding our annual Bull Roast on the 3rd Sunday in June (Father's Day), June 18. Tickets will be available in the upcoming months.

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

Regular American Legion Post #194 Members:

Thomas W. Gillette Wessels S. Pusey

Auxiliary Members:

Kelly Dobosh Sheets

SAL Members:
William L. Bolton

Our deepest sympathy goes out to the family members and their many friends.

50/50 TICKETS

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.

Election of Next Year's Officers – All Regular, Auxiliary and Sal members are reminded that we will hold our election of Officers for the upcoming Legion Year "2017-2018" at our General Membership meeting held on Thursday night, April 27. Nominations for this year's upcoming election will be held at our March General Membership meeting to be held on Thursday night, March 23. We will be sending out another newsletter to remind everyone of this upcoming election in April.



Phone Numbers Important To All Veterans:

- Perry Point Medical Center: 1-800-949-1003
- Elsmere VA Hospital: 1-800-450-8262
- Baltimore VA Medical Center: 1-800-463-6295

