

Message from Post 194 Chaplain Axel Wicks:

Greetings in the name of the Lord. Our Heavenly Father, hear our prayers. Sometimes our lives are a mess because of the choices we have made or because of the choices others have made. Sometimes our lives are great, and we are kind and generous. Sometimes our lives are great and we forget to be grateful and humble. We trust that in the jumble of all this, you are with us, walking with us when we stray, nudging us back to the right path, slowing us down when we get ahead of you and waiting for us when we lag behind. So, we thank you and ask for your forgiveness and pray that you stay with us throughout the journey. Forgive us and set us free to serve others, especially the lost and the least, in the name of Jesus. Amen

In 1st Corinthians 12, the Bible talks about the parts of our body and how important each part is – the eye, the ear, the nose, arms and legs. There are many parts but one body. It is the same with the Legion. Each member is as important to the body (the Legion) as the other. If we are going to continue to be successful this year we need your support. So continue volunteering, attend our meetings, help us find new members, bring us your thoughts and ideas and continue to fellowship with your Veteran friends. I am looking forward to the (American Legion's) 100th birthday next year. I think the last 99 years has been great for Veterans. Let's continue with a quote from Corrie Ten Boom. "We never know how God will answer our prayers but we can expect that He will get us involved in his plan for the answer.

In closing, let me ask you to go out and find that coin on the ground. When you find that coin, rub your fingers over the words "In God We Trust" and say a prayer for someone.

Martin Thompson, Commander

American Legion Post 194

Judy Palmer, President

Unit 194 Auxiliary

Jack Fritts, Commander

Son of the American Legion

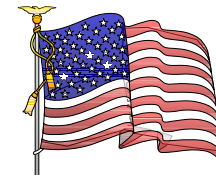


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This is our Newsletter for the months of January, February, and March 2018 that provides the various events that will be occurring here at the Legion during the next 3 months. Please visit the American Legion Mason-Dixon Post 194 web site for additional types of information about "What's Happening at Post 194"- (**Web Site: www.alpost194.com**).

Our list of the Officers for the American Legion Mason Dixon Post, Unit and SAL Squadron 194 who are serving during the Legion Year of 2017-2018:

American Legion Mason Dixon 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

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

Election of 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.

Election of 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

Election of 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

New Members of American Legion Post 194:

New Regular Members of Mason Dixon Post 194:

William F. Bentley	David L. Bradford
Robert D. Bradley	Charles F. Burroughs
Robert Cunningham Jr.	Kenneth R. Heath
Lawrence D. Ingham	Charles F. McCoy
Brianna N. Paquet	Steven J. Shepard
Daniel B. Spencer	John W. Thompson
David J. Valenciabonilla	Robert T. Wimmer
Brendan M. Young	Michael Zeeman

New Auxiliary Unit 194 Members:

Kimberly Akers	Linda McAlexander
Jennifer McGrath	Rebecca Patchell
Johanna White	

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

Braden Draucek	Zachary Draucek
Jeffrey Petty	Seth Shepard

Here is a listing of the various upcoming events that will be occurring here at the Legion during the next 3 months.

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. We continue to have a large turnout for our Wing Nights. We have great food and an outstanding assortment of Karaoke singers who are here each week, helping to make the entertainment on this night a great affair. A Special Thanks to a very special group of members who volunteer each week to work in our kitchen preparing the food that we enjoy. We also have Kruisin Karaoke (local DJ) here each Monday night, providing great music from 7:00 PM until 11:30 PM.



Friday Night Music - We 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 upcoming months:

- Jan 19 – Kruisin Karaoke
- Jan 26 – Lost Train (Country & Western Band)
- Feb 2 – Kruisin Karaoke
- Feb 9 – How’s My Hat
- Feb 16 – Kruisin Karaoke
- Feb 23 – Lost Train
- Mar 2 - Kruisin Karaoke
- Mar 9 – Riff Raff
- Mar 16 – Kruisin Karaoke
- Mar 23 – Exit 93
- Mar 30 – Lost Train

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.

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.



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.

2018 Membership Dues – A note to all Post 194 regular members – As of January 7, 2018, we have 700 Regular Members who have paid their 2018 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 90 members to reach our 4-Star Membership Goal for 2018. We have over 90 current members who have numerous years of consecutive Legion Membership who still not yet paid their 2018 dues. A reminder to those who have not renewed their membership - As of Jan 1st, 2018, your American Legion current membership expired. If you want to continue your Legion membership, you need to send in your membership dues of \$35.00 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 2018 membership dues. Membership dues for both of these organizations are \$25.00.



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. 14, Jan. 28, Feb. 11, Feb. 25, March 11, and March 25. 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.

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 2018. These dinners are from 5:30 – 7:00 PM and 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.



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 \$8.00 per person. Proceeds will be used to support Veterans programs in the local area.

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 “2018-2019” at our General Membership meeting held on Thursday night, April 26. Nominations for this year’s upcoming election will be held at our March General Membership meeting held on March 22. Mark these dates on your calendar and plan on attending these meetings to help determine who your officers will be for upcoming year. We will send out another newsletter to remind everyone of the upcoming elections in April.

Various Upcoming Raffles & Drawings –

SAL TV Drawing - The SAL are having a raffle for a 60 inch Samsung Smart LED & LCD TV. Drawing will be held during the Super Bowl party on Sunday, Feb 4 at half time. Tickets are \$1.00 each and are on sale now.

Other SAL Raffles - During the upcoming months, the SAL will be having tickets available for several different raffles for prizes to be drawn during the Father’s Day Bull Roast in June. Further details concerning what prizes will be raffled will be provided in the next newsletter.



Beef and Gun Raffle - The SAL are having a Beef & Gun Raffle here at Post 194 on October 7, 2018 from 12:00 Noon until 5:00 PM. This event will include separate drawings for various different types of guns (a total of 30 guns will be included in this raffle). During each drawing, the winner will have a choice of the gun or \$300.00 in cash. Tickets are \$10.00 each – Price includes food, draft beer, soda, and water.



Legion Riders Yeti Cooler Drawing - The Legion Riders are having a raffle for a Yeti Cooler containing various types of refreshment (liquor). The drawing will be held here at the Legion during the Half Time Show at the Super Bowl Party on Feb. 4. Tickets are \$2.00 each and are on sale now at the Legion.

Spring Entertainment Show – Final plans are now being made to have a special entertainment show here at the Legion on a Sunday afternoon, sometime in May. There will be a limited number of tickets available (225 people) for this event. This show will include various local artists who provide great performances of artists such as Elvis, Patsy Cline, and other favorite singers of the 50 & 60’s time period. Further information concerning this event (cost of tickets, when the tickets will be available, and names of artists performing) will be provided once the details have been finalized.



Memorial Day Program - Our Memorial Day program will be held on Wednesday, May 30.



Annual Father’s Day Bull Roast – Our annual Bull Roast will on the 3rd Sunday in June (Father’s Day), June 17. Tickets will be available in the upcoming months.

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.

Phone Numbers Important To All Veterans:

- Baltimore VA Medical Center: 1-800-463-6295**
- Charlotte Hall Veterans Home: 1-800-522-8387**
- Perry Point Medical Center: 1-800-949-1003**
- Maryland Veteran’s Cemetery: 1-410-943-3420**
- Elsmere VA Hospital: 1-800-450-8262**

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

Regular American Legion Post #194 Members:

- Joseph G. Chamberlain
- Robert T. Cole Sr.
- Paul K. Spence

Auxiliary Members:

- Helen Stewart

SAL Members:

- Timmy Brooks
- Thomas White

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