

Message from Post 194 Chaplain Axel Wicks:

May your week be filled with good thoughts, kind people, happy moments, and unexpected blessings. Someone just sent me the meaning of a Veteran and I want to share it with you. A “Veteran” is someone, who at one point in their life, wrote a blank check made payable to the United States of America for “Any Amount” up to, and including, their life. How True! Let us continue with a prayer of confession. Dear Patient and Loving God, we stand at the gate and peer through. We keep creating our own ways, believing that we know what is our best interest and ignore the Voice of the Shepherd who will guide us to peace and hope. We wander aimlessly and then wonder why we get lost. Help us stop and listen to the shepherd’s voice. Help us pray. Let us place our trust in the shepherd who has never failed us, who loves and guides our lives. Forgive us our stubbornness. For we ask this in Christ’s name. Amen.

As we continue into the Legion year, let us once again wish the American Legion a very Happy 100th Birthday. You are taking good care of our Veterans all over the world. This is a good time to close with a prayer for our Country. Our Country needs our prayers. Lord, we pray that you will remind us of all we have to be proud of in America. We are proud of our small towns (like Rising Sun), our cities, our farms, our schools, our hospitals, our government, our natural wonders, our monuments, our history, our discoveries, our knowledge, our creativity, and our vision. But mostly of all, we are proud of our people and our Veterans – Individuals from all walks of life and from all ethnic traditions. More than anything else, our people define who we are. Lord help us to act and speak in ways that make us all “Proud to be an American”. Amen

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



Regular American Legion Post #194 Members:

Charles Brandenburg	Richard Christie	Jack Colman
Robert Kennard	Philip Monforte	Jim Singleton

Auxiliary Members: Sara Gough



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

Martin Thompson, Commander
American Legion Post 194

Judy Palmer, President
Unit 194 Auxiliary

Jack Fritts, Commander
Son of the American Legion

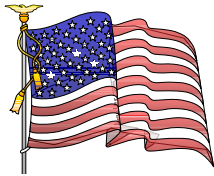


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January, February, and March 2019

This is our Newsletter for the months of January, February, and March 2019 that provides the various events that will be occurring here at the Legion during the next 3 months. You can also visit the American Legion Mason Dixon Post 194 web site that offers information about “What’s Happening at Post 194”- (Web Site: www.alpost194.com).

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
1st Vice Commander – Neil Eller
2nd Vice Commander – Roger Ball
3rd 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
1st Vice President – Charlotte Rhoades
2nd 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
1st Vice Commander - Freddie Gilbert
2nd 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

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

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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 18 – Kruisin Karaoke
Jan 25 – Exit 93
Feb 1 – Kruisin Karaoke
Feb 8 – Lost Train
Feb 15 – Kruisin Karaoke
Feb 22 – All Mixed Up
Mar 1 - Kruisin Karaoke
Mar 8 – Across the Tracks
Mar 15 – Kruisin Karaoke
Mar 22 – Take 2
Mar 29 – Dave Mark Band

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.

2019 Membership Dues – A note to all Post 194 regular members – As of January 1, 2019, we have 700 Regular Members who have paid their 2019 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 this year. We have 120 current members who have still not yet paid their 2019 dues. 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 have not yet paid their 2019 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. 13, Jan. 27, Feb. 10, Feb. 24, March 10, and March 24. 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 1st Friday night of each month from January until April of 2019. 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 (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 \$8.00 per person. Proceeds will be used to support Veterans programs in the local area. The Legion Riders are having a Raffle Drawing for a Westinghouse 7500-Watt Remote Start Generator. Tickets are \$2.00 each – Drawing will be held at our Super Bowl Party on Sunday Feb 3.

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 "2019-2020" at our General Membership meeting held on Thursday night, April 25. Nominations for this year's upcoming election will be held at our March General Membership meeting held on March 28. Mark these dates on your calendar and plan on attending these meetings to help determine who your officers will be for the upcoming year. We will send out another newsletter to remind everyone of the upcoming elections in April.

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.

SAL Fundraiser Drawings

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Annual Flag Day Program - Our Annual Flag Day program will be held at 7:00 PM on Friday June 14.



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



Annual Father's Day Bull Roast – Our Annual Father's Day Bull Roast will on Sunday, June 16. Ticket price is \$20.00 for Adults and \$10.00 for Children under 10. The Dave Mark Band will be providing the music. Tickets will be available in the upcoming weeks.



From the Adjutant's Desk - If you have already paid your dues and received your 2019 membership card, thank you and we wish you a happy and prosperous New Year. However, if you haven't yet paid your 2019 dues, your membership in the American Legion has expired as of January 1, 2019. This means you are not eligible for the daily and weekly sign-in book drawings or to receive our newsletters in the future months. Also, if you haven't paid your 2018 and 2019 dues, as of January 1, 2019, you will be removed from the American Legion National membership roster. We do not want that to happen so renew now, while there is still time.

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

Perry Point Medical Center: 1-800-949-1003

Elsmere VA Hospital: 1-800-450-8262

