

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

Post 194 Regular Members:

Thomas L. BealeGordon W. HendersonWilliam C. KaelinJames O. Monger

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

Message from Axel Wicks, Post 194 Chaplain:
This is the time of the year when we look back at the many accomplishments of the American Legion Post 194 and appreciate the warm friendship of other Legion members. It is also a time to begin planning for the challenges that lie ahead. Let me start with a quote from Corrie Ten Boom - "You may never know that Jesus is all you need, until Jesus is all you have". Let's talk about membership. Every Legion meeting that I attend I always get an update on new members and the number of current members and I always hear the words "Help us find new members". So, let me remind you, every member of Legion Post 194 is important in improving the quality of life in our local Post and our Legion community. We pledge to never forget our Veterans or our Community. So I ask you to help us find a new member this next year. Here is a story I want to share. A dog followed his owner to school one day. When the bell rang, the dog sidled inside the school and made it all the way to the child's classroom. The teacher noticed and shooed him out, closing the door. Outside, the dog sat down, whimpered and stared at the door. Then God appeared beside the dog and said "Don't feel bad fella.... They won't let me in ether". (Sad but True)! I appreciate when members send me little notes I can use in my message. Here is one of those notes – "When God measures a person, he puts the tape around the heart instead of the Head. Thought for today – The nicest place to be is in someone's thoughts, the safest place is in someone's prayers and the best place to be is ... in the Hands of God. Let us close in prayer: Thank you Father, for your grace toward this Nation. Thank you that through your blessings we can in turn bless many other Nations with food materials, education and medical assistance. Lord, enlarge our concerns for those in need and increase our generosity both in the world and our local community. Amen.

Martin Thompson, Commander

American Legion Post 194

Judy Palmer, President

Unit 194 Auxiliary

Allan Dobosh, Commander

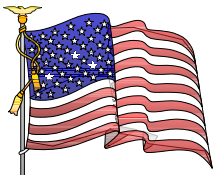
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May, June, and July 2017

This is our 3rd Newsletter of 2016. We are providing this newsletter to keep everyone informed of the events occurring here at the Legion during the upcoming months.

Reminder - The American Legion Mason Dixon Post 194 has a web site that offers various types of information about "What's Happening at Post 194". Take a few minutes and visit our website at (**Web Site: www.alpost194.com**). Send e-mail to (**amerleg194@zoominternet.net**).

Here is a listing of the current 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 – Joann 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 of American Legion Post 194: Post 194 Regular Members:

Ronald P. Allen Charles F. Burroughs Richard Debacco
John R. Dyer Frank Esposito Steven Jenkins
James R. Kadow Edward F. Slaughter

SAL Squadron 194 Members:

Faron C. Pyles Zachary Rocke Joseph M. Smith
Norman G. Seekford Jr.

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.

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.

No Auxiliary Friday Night Dinners Until Fall– There will be no Auxiliary Friday night dinners until September – the Auxiliary Friday Night Dinners will resume in the Fall on the 3rd Friday night of September (Sept. 15th).

Home Improvements Underway at Post 194 - We are sorry for any inconvenience that we have caused recently here at our Post Home. We have had to undergo several weeks of interior building construction while making needed repairs to our plumbing system in the bar area and while we are undergoing several building improvements in the bar lounge area. We should be finished within the next month.

Flag Day Ceremony – We will be having our Annual Flag Day Program on Wednesday, 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. Note – There will be no "Wednesday Night Bingo" offered by the Conowingo Lions club on this night.



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:

May 26 – Lost Train
 June 2 – Kruisin Karaoke
 June 9 – Bill Clery & Tom Hatfield
 June 16 – Kruisin Karaoke
 June 23 – TBA
 June 30 – Wings of Blue Grass
 July 7 – Kruisin Karaoke
 July 14 – TBA
 July 21 – Kruisin Karaoke
 July 28 – Lost Train

Come out on Friday nights and enjoy our great music 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.



American Legion Riders Sunday Morning Breakfast – The American Legion Riders of Post 194 will be having their last buffet-style breakfast this Spring here at Post 194 on May 21. The Breakfast Menu will include scrambled eggs, bacon, scrapple, sausage, sausage gravy, fried potatoes, toast, biscuits, and will be served with coffee and juices. Cost is \$8.00 per person. Proceeds will be used to support Veterans programs in the local area. Note – This will be the last Sunday Morning Breakfast until October 15 at which time the Sunday morning breakfasts will resume on the 3rd Sunday of each month until June of next year.



American Legion Riders (ALR) Local Chapter Monthly Meetings –The Monthly ALR Meetings are held on the 2nd Thursday night of each month at 6:30 PM. All Legion Riders are urged to attend the ALR monthly meetings to keep themselves informed of the upcoming activities of this chapter.

Election of Officers for the new Legion Year – The Election of Officers for the Legion year 2017-2018 was held at our April 27 General Membership meeting. Here is the list of the newly elected Officers who will serve during the upcoming Legion Year 2017-2018.

American Legion Mason Dixon Post 194 Officers:

Post 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 – Axle Wicks
 Historian – David Horn

The Executive Committee will include all elected Officers and three members elected by the general membership. The following three members were elected to serve on the Executive Committee: Bobby Burlin, Larry Coulson, and Mike Saponaro.

Commander Martin announced that he appointed Robbie Wilson, Chuck Allport, and Danny McLaughlin to also serve on the E-Board. The membership ratified these selections.

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 Walsh
 Sgt. at Arms – Karen Dobosh
 Chaplain – Diane Fritz
 Historian – Sharon Burlin

Additional Executive Committee Members: Debby Jackson and Pat Wood.

Election of 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

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

Other Upcoming Events to be held here at the Legion:

Honor Guard Chicken BBQ Dinners

Schedule for the Summer: - The Post 194 Honor Guard will be having their three annual Chicken BBQs on the following dates:

1. Monday, May 29th (Memorial Day Holiday Weekend).
2. Tuesday, July 4th
3. Labor Day, Monday, September 4th.

The BBQ's will be from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM (or until we sell out). The money raised during these Chicken BBQ's are used to help pay a portion of the annual 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 Information – This year we will be holding our annual Memorial Day program on Tuesday, May 30th with the following services:

1. Ceremony at the West Nottingham Presbyterian Church Cemetery at 9:00 AM
2. Brookview Cemetery at 9:15 AM
3. Veteran's Memorial in Center Town of Rising Sun at 9:30 AM
4. Calvert Cemetery at 10:00 AM
5. Our main Memorial Day ceremony will be held at our Pavilion at 11:00 AM. The Rising Sun Middle School Band will provide a selection of patriotic musical selections.

Sunfest Car Show – The American Legion Post 194 and the Sun City Cruisers Car Club will be having a Car Show at the Legion on Saturday, June 3 from 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM. Come out and see many great looking cars from various local car clubs. This year, the American Legion Riders will also be having a Motorcycle Show at the same time here at the Legion. Admission is Free and there will be food and entertainment available.

Annual Father's Day Bull Roast

– This year's Annual Bull Roast will be held on Father's Day, Sunday, June 18th. 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.



Salute to Veterans Ceremony – The "Salute to the Veterans" ceremony will be held at the American Legion Mason Dixon Post 194 in Rising Sun, MD on Sunday, July 2 at 4:00 PM. All Veterans (those who are on Active Duty and those who have completed their Military Service) will be honored at this ceremony. The Upper Chesapeake Community Band will provide a 1-hour concert consisting of patriotic music selections. The American Legion will provide light food and refreshments immediately following the ceremony. This event is free and the general public is invited to this ceremony. Due to the heat at this time of the year, this event will be held inside in our air conditioned Banquet Hall.

Family Day Picnic at the Legion – We have scheduled our "Annual Family Day Picnic" to be held at the Legion's Pavilion on Sunday, August 6 from 2:00-6:00 PM (Rain Day for this event will be Sunday, August 13). We will be having hot dogs, hamburgers, sweet corn, tomatoes, and an assortment of snacks and condiments. In past years, we have had several of our members bring either a Specialty Dish, a Covered Dish with your favorite food, or some type of Dessert. This will help make a great picnic even better. There will be entertainment available for the children. This event is free to any Legion Member, their families and guests.



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 11th. 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.

Crab Feast – Sunday Sept 10, 2017 – We are having our Annual Crab Feast on Sunday, Sept 10 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 8, 2017. - 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.

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.

Rising Sun Elementary School (RSES) to Honor All Veterans during their Memorial Day Program

– The Rising Sun Elementary School has invited all local Veterans and current Military personnel to attend their special tribute to Military Personnel who have served our Country. Due to the number of students attending their school, this special tribute will be held in two separate sessions on May 25, 2017 at the Elementary School auditorium. The 1st session will be at 9:15 AM for Grades PK, 5,4, 2. The 2nd session will be held at 2:15 PM for Grades PK, K, 1, and 3. The RSES students and staff hope to see a large turnout of Veterans attend this event. Contact the Legion Post 194 or the Rising Sun Elementary School for more details of this program.