

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

**Regular Legion Members:** Kenneth F. Dollenger Charles J. Schertz

**Auxiliary Unit 194 Member:** Gyla Fuller Rebecca Jordan

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

**Message from Post Chaplain Axel Wicks:**

Have you ever wondered why you wake up in the middle of the night? Consider, the Lord waking you up so you can pray for someone or something. Please remember your friends, family and the members on our sick call/prayer board at Post 194. If you are looking for a church to attend, join me and my wife and a few other members of Post 194 at the church we attend. You will receive fellowship, a great message and the words of Jesus. I always feel better after I attend church on Sunday. If you need or want a cross to carry in your pocket, please contact me. I have one for you. If you need a Bible, I have one for you.

We are a little closer to the 100<sup>th</sup> year birthday for the American Legion (November 2019). Just think, since 1919 the Veteran has had a place to go for his/her enjoyment, to be with other Veterans and to be welcome all over the world. Here is something that I say in each message and I do so because it is very important – Let us always remember our volunteers and the wonderful job they are doing at Post 194. Stop them and give them a big “Thank You”. They make Post 194 a better place.

We are in my favorite time of the year. We can give Thanks for all our blessings at Thanksgiving and also celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus at Christmas. I think Christmas is every day and we should celebrate Jesus birth each and every day. When you look for Jesus at Christmas, remember he is the reason for the season. You won't need a special star. He is no longer in Bethlehem, he is where you are. You may not be aware of him amid the celebrations – You'll have to look beyond the stores and all the decorations. But if you take a moment from your list of things to do and listen to your heart, you'll find him waiting there for you. You are the reason he came and you'll find him in the stillness as he whispers your name. In Jesus name, Amen.

**Martin Thompson, Commander**

American Legion Post 194

**Judy Palmer, President**

Unit 194 Auxiliary

**Jack Fritts, Commander**

Son of the American Legion

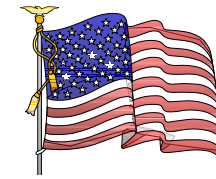


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## October, November, and December 2017

This is our Newsletter for November, December, and January 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](http://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 2017-2018:**

**American Legion Mason Dixon Post 194 Officers:**

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 – 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  
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 - Karen Dobosh  
Chaplain - Dana Fritts  
Historian – Sharon Burlin  
Additional Executive Committee Members: Debby Jackson, Donna Thomas, and Pat Wood.

**Election of SAL Squadron 194 Officers:**

Commander – Jack Fritts  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander - Freddie Gilbert  
2<sup>nd</sup> 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

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:**

Robert J. Martin Jr. Edward F. Slaughter  
Ronald L. Smith Bradley S. Stopa  
Jerry S. Szymczyk

**New Members of Mason Dixon Auxiliary Unit 194:**

Sandra Barr Charlotte Ann Eggink

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

Jack L. Fritts Jonathan M. Gilbert  
Jonathan L. Grace Robert J. Hallman  
Jason R. Kilby David Rowland  
Carl Traina

### 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** – Our weekly “Chicken Wing Night” on Monday Nights from 5:00 – 8:00 PM continue to be a great success, 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 want to thank our great DJ (Haven - Krusin Karaoke) for being here every Monday night, providing great music entertainment from 6:00 PM until 11:30 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:

- Oct. 6 – Kruisin Karaoke
- Oct. 13 – Dave Mark Band
- Oct. 20 – Kruisin Karaoke
- Oct. 27 – (Adult Halloween Party) Kruisin Karaoke
- Nov. 3 – Jukebox Trio
- Nov. 10 – Veterans Day Program – Kruisin Karaoke
- Nov. 17 – Blue Octane Band
- Nov. 24 – Jukebox Trio
- Dec. 1 – Kruisin Karaoke
- Dec. 8 – Rift Raft Band
- Dec. 15 – Kruisin Karaoke
- Dec. 22 – Lost Train Band
- Dec. 29 – Across the Tracks Band
- Dec. 31 – New Year's Eve – Kruisin Karaoke

## B I N G O

**Saturday Night Bingo** – We have Bingo here at the Post home every Saturday night from 7:00–10:00 PM. **Sales begin at 6:00 PM.** We offer a series of regular bingo games and a variety of special games, including 2 Cover-All Jackpot 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.

**2018 Membership Dues** – The 2018 membership cards for the Regular Members, the Auxiliary Members, and the SAL Members are available at the Legion. The cost of Regular Legion Membership dues is currently \$30.00 (until December 31, 2017). On January 1, 2018, the cost of the Regular Legion Membership dues will increase to \$35.00. The Legion Auxiliary and the SAL Membership dues are \$25.00 each. We ask that all members (Regular, Auxiliary, and SAL) please try to pay your 2018 membership dues as soon as you can so that our three organizations reach this year's membership goals.



**Membership Meetings** - The general membership meetings (Regular Members, Auxiliary Unit, and SAL) are normally held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month begin at 7:00 PM. **A special reminder to all members: Due to the upcoming holidays (Thanksgiving and Christmas), our monthly membership meetings in November and December will be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of those months (Nov. 16 and Dec. 21).**

**Raffles/Drawings** – Don't forget to support the Post 194 Honor Guard, the Auxiliary Unit 194, and the SAL by purchasing one of their 50/50 tickets. The proceeds from these drawings provide these organizations with funds for the many services that they provide to this community.

**F R I D A Y N I G H T**  
**Friday Night Dinners** – The American Legion Unit 194 Auxiliary are having a Friday night dinner from 5:30 – 7:00 PM on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday night of every month until April. These dinners are \$10.00 per person and are 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. These dinners are a source of funds that the Auxiliary uses to pay for their many programs to the Veterans and for the community. It is noteworthy that the Auxiliary Unit 194 can always use extra help at their Friday Night Dinners and at the many other functions the Auxiliary holds during the upcoming year. If you are interested in helping out, please get in touch with Judy Palmer or any Auxiliary Member at the Legion and let them know you are available.

**American Legion Riders Sunday Morning Breakfast** – The American Legion Riders of Post 194 are having a buffet-style breakfast in the Post Banquet Hall during the winter months on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month from 8:00 – 11:00 AM. The 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.



**American Legion Riders (ALR) Local Chapter Meeting Date and Time Info** – The ALR local chapter monthly ALR meetings 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.



**SAL Shrimp Dinners Return During the Fall & Winter months** - The SAL Squadron #194 are having Sunday Shrimp Dinners on the second and fourth Sundays of October, November, and January through March. The Shrimp Dinners will be from 1:00 – 5:00 PM and the menu will consist of the following:

- Steamed or Fried Breaded Shrimp
- Crab Cake Sandwich
- Fish Sandwich
- Homemade Crab Soup
- Hush Puppies
- French Fries

The proceeds from the SAL shrimp dinners are used to support the many programs of the SAL Squadron 194. **There will be no Shrimp Dinners in December due to the many holiday events happening here at the Post Home.** The Shrimp Dinners will resume in January 2018 on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of January, February, and March.



**Halloween Adult Costume Party – Oct 27<sup>th</sup>.** We will be having this year's Adult Halloween Costume Party on Friday Night, October 27<sup>th</sup> from 7:30 PM – 11:30 PM. Kruisin Karaoke will provide the musical entertainment for this event. The Legion will be providing gift certificates for the funniest, scariest, and the most original costumes. Come out and enjoy the funny sights to be seen. We are sure that you will have a great time.

**There will be "No Children's' Halloween Party" at the Legion this year** – The Legion Auxiliary Members have announced that they will not be offering a Children's Halloween Party this year at the Legion because the Town of Rising Sun is having a large Children's Halloween Party in the Town on Sunday afternoon, Oct. 29.



**Life Line Screening Tests at Post 194:** Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, is pleased to offer a preventive health event at American Legion Post 194 on 11/3/2017. Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a bone density screening, for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis. Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. There are three ways to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call toll-free 1-888-653-6441 or visit <http://lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle> or text the word circle to 797979.

**Veterans Day Program** – This year our Annual Veterans Day Program will be held on Friday night, November 10. Our program will consist of: Cocktail hour with hors d'oeuvres from 6:00 – 7:00 PM; Dinner from 7:00 – 8:00 PM; and our Veterans Day program will be 8:00 - 9:00 PM. We are in the process of making the final preparations for this year's Veterans Day program. We expect a full house for this year's Veterans Day Programs so you should make your reservations early. We will begin accepting reservations in Mid-October for this event. The cost of the dinner is \$10.00 per person. Immediately following our Veterans Day program, Kruisin Karaoke will provide music from 9:00 PM to Midnight.



**Return of Burger Night on Tuesday Nights** – On Tuesday night, Oct. 17, the Burger Night will return here at Post 194. The Legion Riders will be volunteering their time to have hamburgers available here at the Legion from 5:30 – 7:30 PM on every Tuesday night through the fall and winter months. You will be able to have your hamburger the way you like it - by putting your own fixings on your burger from our Salad Bar. The burgers are \$5.00 and will be made from fresh hamburger (not frozen). Your burger will come with potato chips or you can purchase French Fries at an additional cost.



**Legion Closed on Thanksgiving Day** – Just a reminder to let everyone know the Legion will be closed all day on Thursday (Thanksgiving Day), November 23, 2017. Enjoy your holiday.

**Membership Early Bird Dinner** – Each American Legion member who has paid their 2018 membership dues by Dec. 3 will be entitled to attend our Early Bird Christmas Party (Dinner & Dance) **for Free.** Any guests or non-members who attend this event will be required to pay for their dinner. **The cost of this Early Bird Dinner for Non-Paid Members and Guests will be: Adults - \$15.00, Children 6-12 \$7.50, and children under 6 - free.** Dinner will be from 3:00 – 4:00 PM and we will have Music provided by Kruisin Karaoke in our Bar Lounge Area from 4:00 – 8:00 PM. We are always looking to sign up new Legion members. If you know of anyone who is eligible for Legion membership and would like to join our organization, please have this person fill out a membership application form.



**Children's Christmas Party - Dec 17** - The Auxiliary will be having their "Annual Children's Christmas Party" on Sunday afternoon, Dec 17 from 1:00 – 3:00 PM. There will be refreshments and snacks available and most importantly "A Visit by Santa Claus". This Children's Christmas Party is open to the Public for all children up to 9 years of age. For more information, contact Judy Palmer at the Legion.



**Christmas Eve (December 24<sup>th</sup>) Luncheon** - The Legion will have our Annual Christmas Eve luncheon here at the Legion from 2:00 PM until 5:00 PM. If you are out doing some last minute shopping on Sunday, Dec. 24, stop by the Legion and enjoy a free luncheon (compliments of the Post). **Note – We will be closing at 8:00 PM on Christmas Eve and we will not be open on Christmas Day (Dec 25<sup>th</sup>).**



**New Year's Eve Party here at the Legion** – We are having a New Year's Eve Party on Sunday night, December 31, 2017 here at the Legion. We are having the same type of New Year's Eve Party that we have had for the past several years. This event is free for those who bring some type of food item (a favorite food dish that you have prepared). For those people who do not want to bring a food dish, cash donations for the food will be accepted. All money collected will be used to pay for the food. The New Year's Eve Party has been very successful in the past. Kruisin Karaoke will provide the musical entertainment this year.