

MASON DIXON POST 194

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October, November, and December 2018

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).

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

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

New Regular Members of American Legion Mason Dixon Post 194:

Wade Brickley	Keith Burcham	David Dale
John Gregor	James Jones	James LeBlanc Jr.
Alan Lewis	Charles Pscherer	

New Members of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 194:

Florence Lippincott	Mary Maffett
Michele Trott	Mary Voltz
Susan Warner	

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

Edward DeMaio Mark Grove Kyle Murphy
 Mark Keffe Austin Riley Thomas Vogt
 Harry Warnick

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 - Kruisin 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. 19 – Kruisin Karaoke
- Oct. 26 – (Adult Halloween Party) Kruisin Karaoke
- Nov. 2 – How’s My Hat
- Nov. 9 – Veterans Day Program – Kruisin Karaoke
- Nov. 16 – Across the Tracks
- Nov. 23 – Kruisin Karaoke
- Nov. 30 – Raising Cain
- Dec. 7 – Kruisin Karaoke
- Dec. 14 – Dave Mark Band
- Dec. 21 – Kruisin Karaoke
- Dec. 28 – Lost Train 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.

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.

 **2019 Membership Dues** – The 2019 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 \$35.00. We ask that all members (Regular, Auxiliary, and SAL) please try to pay your 2019 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 4th 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 3rd Thursday of those months (Nov. 15 and Dec. 20).**

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 1st 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 help pay for the many programs they provide to the Veterans and to this community. 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 (ALR) Local Chapter Meeting Date and Time Info – The ALR local chapter monthly ALR meetings 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 are having a buffet-style breakfast in the Post Banquet Hall during the winter months on the 3rd 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.

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. 28.

Return of Burger Night on Tuesday Nights – The Burger Nights have returned 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. 

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 are 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.

Special Notice - 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 2019 on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of January, February, and March.

Halloween Adult Costume Party – Oct 26th. We will be having this year's Adult Halloween Costume Party on Friday Night, October 26th 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.



Legion Closed on Thanksgiving Day – Just a reminder to let everyone know the Legion will be closed all day on Thursday (Thanksgiving Day), November 22, 2018. Enjoy your holiday.

Veterans Day Program – This year our Annual Veterans Day Program will be held on Friday night, November 9. 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.

Notice to All who served at Bainbridge Naval Training Center – One of our Post 194 members, Larry Ingham, is looking for anyone who served at Bainbridge Naval Training Center. He wants to put together a booklet containing memories of those who served at Bainbridge. If you have any information that can be copied and reproduced (either verbal or written) of your duty while serving at Bainbridge please contact Larry Ingham at 443-731-1373 or by email ingham.larry@gmail.com. He would be very interested in talking to you about your experiences.

Message from our Adjutant George Remhof – Membership renewals are now due. Your 2018 membership expires December 31, 2018. Let me remind you that all members who have renewed their membership by December 2, 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 have a great Post – Be sure to tell others about all of the great work we do in and for our community. 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.



Christmas Concert by Upper Chesapeake Community Band Sunday December 9 at 3:00 PM - This year's Christmas Holiday Concert will be held here at the Legion on Sunday, Dec. 9th from 3:00 – 4:00 PM. Come out and listen to a great concert musical program of your favorite Christmas Music. This event is free and is open to the Public.



Children's Christmas Party - Dec 16- The Auxiliary will be having their "Annual Children's Christmas Party" on Sunday afternoon, Dec 16 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 24th) 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 last minute shopping on Monday, 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 25th).**

New Year's Eve Party here at the Legion – We are having a New Year's Eve Party on Monday night, December 31, 2018 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.

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

Regular Legion Members: Donald "Harvey" Cunningham Paul Elwood Johnny Johnson
William "Bill" Killough George Lloyd Boyd Daniel Orr Victor C. Webb Sr.
Auxiliary Unit 194 Member: None
Sons of American Legion 194 Member: John Vaughan



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

Message from Post Chaplain Axel Wicks:

Happy 100th Birthday to the American Legion. You have been serving our Veterans and their families and our communities for 100 years all over the World. When is the best time to Pray – You can talk to God anytime and He will listen. Jesus doesn't just tell us to give him our burdens - He offers to take our burdens for us. He commands all of us who are weary and with heavy burdens to come to Him and lay our burdens down. Not just half of them, and not just the ones that seem easily fixable – He wants us to lay all of them down. What He gives in return is like a cooling soul satisfying drink. He gives rest. As you reflect on these words, on the promises and call of the Lord, take a deep breath. Exhale the stress you are holding and breathe in the peace of God. I find it good that when I get bad thoughts in my mind, I always stop and pray for some one. God is right there when I need Him. He is my rock, my strength, my ever-present help in times of trouble. I cling to that rock.

It is wonderful to keep seeing new faces at our General Membership Meetings. Keep on coming and bring another member with you. Again, thank you for all of you who volunteer here at the Legion. You help make Post 194 a better place. I recently heard a true story about a Legion that received a good sum of money. They got lazy and let that money pay their bills. They stopped having functions and did little work for the Legion. They started losing members and finally had to close their doors. It takes hard work to make things happen and all of you volunteers are great and are very much appreciated.

May God's strength be yours today, calming you with His Goodness, nourishing you with His all-encompassing presence and grace. May your burdens be replaced with joy and your worries be exchanged for peace. I praise you Lord for taking my burdens over and over, never ceasing to lighten my load. In closing, let me just say "Thank You Lord" for this wonderful day, Thank you for all my blessings. Please forgive me of my sins, come into my heart and help me become a better Christian. I pray to you and ask for good health and safety. 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



American Legion Family

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