

**Message from Axel Wicks, Post 194 Chaplain:** My message for this newsletter will focus on prayer. Next time you visit Post 194, check out our Sick Call Board. It is now a "Sick Call – Prayer Call" Board. I invite you to pray with me for the people listed on the Sick Call – Prayer Call Board. I believe in the power of prayer. I pray every day. It is my way of keeping God in my daily life. Here are some guidelines for saying your prayers. Set aside a few minutes to be alone and quiet. Talk to God in a simple manner and tell Him anything on your mind. Practice talking to God as you go about the business of the day. Affirm that God is with you and helping you. Think only positive thoughts when you pray. State in your prayer that you are ready to accept God's will. It is good to remember that prayers are answered in God's time, not in our time. Put everything into God's hands. Pray for strength to do your best and confidentially leave the rest to God. Believe that your prayers will be answered. "What things so ever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that you receive them and ye shall have them" – Mark 11:24. Generally speaking, there are three ways to get what you want and need: (1) by work; (2) by thought; and (3) by prayer. The first step is just to pray. You can read every book ever written about prayer and you can attend innumerable discussions on prayer, but the only way to learn to pray is to pray. In closing, let me leave with a thought. The word BIBLE – a meaning – Basic Information Before Leaving Earth. (Think about that and ask yourself – Where am I?) Ask the Savior to help you, comfort, and strengthen and keep you: He is willing to aid you, He will carry you through.

**Message from Neil Eller, American Legion Post Commander:** I want to take this opportunity to thank all of you for the outstanding support that you have given me during this past year. One of the greatest assets of this American Legion Post is the "willingness and desire of our members (Regular, Auxiliary, and SAL)" to work together for the greater benefit of our three great organizations. Working together, our three groups have consistently accomplished what we have set out to do. Whether it was a Friday Night Dinner, the Bull Roast, the Crab Feast, a Chicken BBQ, a Spaghetti Dinner, or one of the many Children's Events that were held here at the Legion, everything always went well and everyone had a great time. Thanks to all you for your help in making this happen. I am really thankful for the members of this American Legion, who always do whatever is necessary to get the job done. As I have stated repeatedly, our group always responds with this thought in mind – "**When the Going Gets Tough, The Tough Get Going**". I would ask that all of you please keep in your thoughts and prayers the many brave men and women who are serving in our Military in many places all over the world. Please pray that our service men and women will return home soon, safe and sound, to be with their families and their loved ones.

**Final Salute to recent Deceased Members of Post 194 who went on to Post Everlasting:**

**Post 194 Regular Members:**

Martin F. Allaband  
Charles R. Patti

Walter W. Anderson (Charter Member)  
Ralph (Bud) Reed (Charter Member)

Earl C. Daugherty  
Richard M. Russell

Clarence Parker  
Stanley W. Smith

**Auxiliary Unit 194 Members:**

Emma Lee Davis

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

**Neil Eller, Commander**

American Legion Post 194

**Judy Palmer, President**

Unit 194 Auxiliary

**Victor (Butch) C. Webb, Jr., Commander**

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This is our 2<sup>nd</sup> Newsletter of this year (2011). We are providing this newsletter to keep everyone informed of the many upcoming events that will be occurring here at the Legion during the next several months.

Reminder - The American Legion Mason Dixon Post 194 has a web site that offers many different types of information about "What's Happening at Post 194". Take a few minutes and visit our website at (**Web Site: [www.alpost194.com](http://www.alpost194.com)**)

**Here is the list of the Officers for Mason Dixon Post 194 for the Legion Year of 2010 -2011:**

Commander – Neil Eller  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander – Dick Kline  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander – Butch Webb  
3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Commander – Bobby Holmes  
Finance Officer – Jeff Hughes  
Judge Advocate – Paul Podolak  
Service Officer – John Kilby  
Sgt-at-Arms- Vince McKinnon  
Historian – Carrie Howell  
Senior Color Bearer – Bill Crouch  
Adjutant – Grant Eller  
Chaplain – Axel Wicks

Additional Executive Committee Members: Riley Bennett, Jim Jones, Curt Janney, George Remhof, Mike Saponaro, and Dick Richardson.

**2010-2011 American Legion Auxiliary Unit 194 Officers:**

President – Judy Palmer  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – Margaret Bulfaro  
Treasurer – Katherine Bennett  
Secretary – Nancy Simperts  
Historian – Charlotte Rhodes  
Chaplain – Alice Kline  
Sgt-At-Arms – Karen Dobosh

**2010-2011 Sons of the American Legion (SAL) Squadron 194 Officers:**

Commander – Butch Webb  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander – Curty Janney  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander – Roger Ball  
3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Commander – Donnie White, Jr.  
Historian – Roger Ball  
Finance Officer – Larry Wilson  
Sgt-At-Arms – John Koskie  
Chaplain – Rodger Gilbert  
Adjutant – Butch Webb  
Color Bearer – Alan Dobosh

**Legion News/Information:**

**Daily Lunches** - During the weekdays from 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM, we offer a limited "Lunch Menu" at a reasonable price

**"Wing Night"** – Our "Chicken Wing Night", held each Monday Night from 5:00 – 8:00 PM, continues to be a big success. We offer a choice of plain or breaded chicken wings, with your choice of no sauce, a BBQ sauce, a mild hot sauce, or a HOT sauce. Our music entertainment (provided by "Kruisin Karaoke") begins at 6:00 PM and ends at Midnight. The Legion wants to say "Thanks" to all of members and guests who turn out each Monday night to support this Legion function. We typically have a great group of talented singers who show up each week. The Legion also thanks our very special group of dedicated Legion workers who are here each week to work in the kitchen preparing the food for everyone. We also want to thank Kruisin Karaoke (Haven & Rosemary) who have not missed a single Monday Night since we first started having Music on Monday Nights.

**Friday Night Music** - We continue to offer various types of music in our lounge area every Friday night from 8:00 – 12:00 PM. Here is a listing of the entertainment schedule for Friday Nights during the next 3 months:

- April 1 – Sammy K (DJ & Karaoke);
- April 8 – Mindy's Best (DJ & Karaoke);
- April 15 – Kruising Karaoke (DJ & Karaoke);
- April 22 – Premier Music (DJ & Karaoke);
- April 29 – Karaoke Addiction (DJ & Karaoke);
- May 6 - Sammy K (DJ & Karaoke);
- May 13 - Mindy's Best (DJ & Karaoke);
- May 20 - Kruising Karaoke (DJ & Karaoke);
- May 27 - Karaoke Addiction (DJ & Karaoke);
- June 3 - Sammy K (DJ & Karaoke);

Come out on Friday nights and listen to some great music.

**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.

**Membership Meetings** - The general membership meetings (Regular General Membership, Auxiliary Unit, and SAL) are held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month. The meetings begin at 7:00 PM.

**2011 Membership Dues** – We want to thank those members who have paid their 2011 dues – You have helped us become very close to reaching our membership goal for 2011. A reminder to all

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Post 194 regular members, we still need approximately 65 members to pay their 2011 dues so we can reach our “4 Star” Membership Goal for this year. To those of you who have not yet paid your 2011 dues, as of Jan 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011, your American Legion membership expired. If you want to maintain your consecutive years of Legion membership, you should send in your 2011 membership dues as soon as possible. Also, if you know of anyone who is eligible for membership in the American Legion and is not currently a member, please ask that person to join our organization. Our regular general membership dues are \$25.00 a year.

**Wednesday Night “TACO Night”** – During the Winter Months, the Legion began having a TACO Night on every Wednesday night from 5:00 – 8:00 PM. The TACO’s (Hard or Soft Shell) are \$1.50 each and you fix your TACO’s the way you like them, using the ingredients from our “Fixins Bar”. Chicken Quesadillas are also available for \$4.00 each. TACO Salads are also available for \$4.00 (add your own salad ingredients from our “Fixins Bar”). When we first began having TACO Nights, we initially had a good turnout during the Winter Months. Now that warmer weather has finally arrived, we have experienced a small decline in the number of people coming out for TACO’s. As a result, we have decided to switch our TACO Night to a schedule of twice a month (every other week). Beginning on March 9<sup>th</sup>, we will now have TACO’s only on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday nights of each month. (Note – for those Months having 5 Wednesdays, we will skip that 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesday as well.) We are also having an “Open Jukebox” and an “Open Pool Table” on TACO Nights from 5:00 – 8:00 PM.

#### **Welcome New Members to Post 194:**

We would like to welcome the following new members to Mason Dixon Post 194:

#### **New Regular Members:**

Mike Campbell	Harold L. Feller	Gilbert J. Galyen
Robert Galyen	Gergory A. Gouty	John J. Purcell, Jr.
Gerald Sebastian		

#### **New Auxiliary Members:**

Nancy Blomquist	Nancy Falkenstein	Susan Marowitz
Lillian Miller	Catherine Moerschel	Christina Paynes
Deborah Roche	Darlene Stansman	Kaitlan Stone
Dawn Teti	Diana Williams	Pat Wood

#### **New SAL Members:**

David Clark	William D. Flynn	Jim Martz
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**Friday Night Dinners** – The Auxiliary will be having two more monthly Friday night dinners this Spring (in April and May). Come out to the Legion on these nights to support the Auxiliary Unit 194 and enjoy a great meal for \$10.00. These two Friday Dinners will be held on April 15<sup>th</sup> and on May 20<sup>th</sup>. The dinners will have a choice of 2 meats with an assortment of other food items (potatoes, beans, salad, coleslaw, etc). The dinner on May 20<sup>th</sup> will be the last dinner until September (No Friday Night Dinners will be offered during the Summer). The Auxiliary Friday Night Dinners will resume in next Fall on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday night of September (Sept. 16<sup>th</sup>). If you would like to help out during these dinners, please contact one of the Auxiliary Members and let them know you are available to help out. Our Auxiliary Unit can always use extra help at their dinners and the many other functions that they have.

**Auxiliary Unit #194 Diamond Necklace Drawing:** The Auxiliary Unit 194 Members are now selling chances for a 14-Carat Yellow Diamond Necklace (Value \$650.00). Chances are \$1.00 each. The drawing will be held on Saturday night, May 7, 2011. Tickets are now available at the legion.

**Auxiliary Unit #194 TV Raffle** – The Auxiliary Unit #194 members are selling chances for a 42-inch Flat Screen HD Color TV. The drawing for this TV will be at our Annual Crab Feast held on Sunday, Sept. 11, 2011. Tickets are \$1.00 each. Support your Auxiliary Unit by purchasing a ticket for this TV.

**Election of Next Year’s Officers** – A reminder to everyone that we are having our Election of Officers for the Legion year 2011-2012 at our April 28<sup>th</sup> General Membership meeting. At our General Membership meeting held on March 24<sup>th</sup>, the Nomination Committee submitted the following list of names who have indicated a desire to serve as Officers during the upcoming Legion Year.

Commander – George Remhof  
Service Officer – John Kilby  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander – Neil Eller  
Sgt-at-Arms- Norman (Butch) Robinson  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander – Dick Kline  
Senior Color Bearer – Russell Gulick  
3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Commander – Bobby Holmes  
Judge Advocate – Paul Podolak  
Finance Officer – Jeff Hughes  
Chaplain – Axle Wicks  
Adjutant – Grant Eller

The Executive Committee will include all elected Officers and three members elected by the general membership and three additional members appointed by the new incoming Post Commander. The following three names were submitted by the Nomination Committee to serve on the Executive Committee: Riley Bennett, Jim Jones, and Mike Saponaro.

Additional nominations for any officer position and the three at-large members to serve on the Executive Committee will be accepted from the floor on the night of the election. This election will occur at our April general membership meeting held on April 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM.

**Election of Auxiliary Officers** – The election of officers for the Auxiliary Unit 194 will be also held at the April meeting, Thursday night, April 28<sup>th</sup>. The list of names of the Unit 194 Auxiliary members submitted by the Nominating Committee to serve as Officers for the Auxiliary during the upcoming year includes the following:

President – Judy Palmer  
Vice President – Gladys Wilson  
Secretary – Nancy Simpser  
Treasurer – Kitty Bennett  
Historian – Charlotte Rhodes  
Sgt at Arms – Karen Dobosh  
Chaplain – Alice Kline

Additional nominations for any Auxiliary Officer position will be accepted from the floor on the night of the election.

**Election of SAL Officers** – The election of officers for the Sons of the American Legion (SAL) Squadron 194 will be also held at the April meeting, Thursday night, April 28<sup>th</sup>. The list provided below contains the names of the SAL Squadron members that have expressed a desire to serve as Officers for the SAL during the upcoming year. Note – There are still several Officer positions that still need to be filled:

Commander – Larry Wilson  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander – Donnie White  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander – To Be Determined  
3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Commander – To Be Determined  
Adjutant – Rodger Gilbert  
Finance Officer – Larry Wilson  
Sgt at Arms – To Be Determined  
Chaplain – Allan Dobosh  
Historian – To Be Determined  
Color Bearer – Allan Dobosh

Additional nominations for any SAL Officer position will be accepted from the floor on the night of the election.

**Crab Feast – Sunday Sept 11<sup>th</sup>, 2011** – We will be having our Annual Crab Feast on Sunday, Sept 11<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 – 5:00 PM. Live music will be from 2:00 – 6:00 PM. Tickets must be purchased in advance by Friday, Sept 9<sup>th</sup> - *No Crab Feast ticket sales will occur on the day of the event.* The ticket prices are: \$35.00 for Adults and \$18.00 for children (10 yrs of age and under). Tickets are now available.

**All members of the American Legion Mason Dixon Post 194 are urged to attend the April General Membership Meeting and participate in the Election of Officers for the upcoming Legion Year 2011–2012.**

#### **Other Upcoming Events to be held here at the Legion:**

**Life Line Screening Tests Available at Post 194** – According to information provided by the National Stroke Association, cardiovascular disease is the #1 cause of death in the United States of both men and women. This disease is also the leading cause of permanent disability. It was also reported that 4 out of every 5 stroke victims had no apparent warning signs and that 80% of strokes can be prevented if proper action is taken. With this in mind, the American Legion Post 194 has given permission to a company named “Life Line Screening” to use our back hall on Monday, May 2, to provide 5 different types of ultrasound screenings related to the early detection of cardiovascular disease. It is to be noted that these screening tests are not free – There is a fee associated with each screening test. We want to make you aware that these screening tests are not covered by the Medicare program, nor are the costs reimbursable by the Medicare Program. For more information concerning the purpose of these On-Line Screening tests and their associated costs, please stop by the Legion for more details. We have information packets available that help explain the purpose of these screenings.

**Honor Guard Chicken BBQ Dinners Schedule for this year:** - The Post 194 Honor Guard will be having three Chicken BBQs this year. The 1<sup>st</sup> Chicken BBQ will be on Sunday, May 29<sup>th</sup> (Memorial Day Weekend). Our 2<sup>nd</sup> Chicken BBQ will be on Monday, July 4<sup>th</sup>, and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Chicken BBQ will be on Labor Day, Monday, September 5<sup>th</sup>. The BBQ’s will be from 11:00 AM and 4:00 PM (or until we sell out). The Chicken BBQ’s have been a very successful fundraiser for the Honor Guard during the past several years. The funds raised during these Chicken BBQ’s are used to pay many of the yearly 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 \$8.00.

**Memorial Day Ceremony** – This year we will be holding our annual Memorial Day program on Monday, May 30<sup>th</sup>. We will begin our Memorial Day Services by having a short Memorial Day ceremony at the West Nottingham Presbyterian Church Cemetery, at Brookview Cemetery, at Calvert Cemetery, and at the Veteran’s Memorial in Center Town of Rising Sun. The actual times at these locations will be announced at a later date. Our main Memorial Day ceremony will be held here at the Legion Pavilion at 11:00 AM. We hope to see a large turnout for this event. This year we will again have the Rising Sun Middle School Band participate in this event by providing musical entertainment. We also will try to schedule the “Cecil Fall Guys”, a group of local Sky Divers, to land at our Pavilion at approximately 10:50 AM, just before our Memorial Day Program begins.

**Flag Day Ceremony** – We will be having our Annual Flag Day Program on Tuesday, June 14<sup>th</sup>, 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.

**Annual Father’s Day Bull Roast** – A Reminder to Everyone – This year’s Annual Bull Roast will be held on Father’s Day, Sunday, June 19<sup>th</sup>. Food will be from 1:00 – 5:00 PM; Music will be from 2:00 – 6:00 PM with live music provided by the “LIX Band”, a very popular local band that plays all types of music. Tickets are now available. The ticket prices are: Advance Sales (on or before June 18<sup>th</sup>) – Adults: \$25.00; Children under 10 - \$15.00. Prices on the day of the event will be: Adults - \$28.00 and Children under 12 - \$18.00. Contact the Post to purchase your tickets in advance.

**Honor Guard “Gun Raffle”** – This year the Honor Guard will be having a Gun Raffle for two guns. The drawings will be held at this year’s Crab Feast that will be held on Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>. Featured in this year’s Honor Guard Gun Raffle are the following prizes:

1<sup>st</sup> Drawing – Henry 44 Magnum Big Boy (or \$500.00)

2<sup>nd</sup> Drawing – Henry Golden Boy 30/30 (or \$500.00)

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. You can also purchase your Gun Raffle tickets from any member of the Honor Guard.

**Family Day Picnic at the Legion** – We will be having our “Annual Family Day Picnic” here at the Legion’s Pavilion on Sunday, August 7<sup>th</sup> from 2:00-6:00 PM (Rain Day for this event will be Sunday, August 14<sup>th</sup>). We will be having hot dogs, hamburgers, sweet corn, tomatoes, and an assortment of snacks and condiments. We will also have sodas and other refreshments available. Several of our members will also be bringing additional food items such as specialty dishes and assortment of desserts. In past years, we have asked our members to bring one of your Specialty Dishes, a Covered Dish with your favorite food, or some type of Dessert. We would appreciate it if you continue to do this – It helps make for a great picnic. There will be a variety of games available for the children. This event will be free to any Legion Member, their families and guests.

**Message from Judy Palmer, Auxiliary Unit 194 President:** I want to thank everyone who has helped out with the many Auxiliary Programs such as the Friday Night Dinners, the Lions Club Dinners, the Funeral Luncheons, the various Children’s Parties (Halloween, Christmas, and the upcoming Easter Egg Hunt) during these past 8 months since I took Office in July, 2010. Without all of your dedicated support and help, we would not have had the great success that we had. All of our events and functions went very smoothly and we always had plenty of help. For this I thank you very much. All of you have helped make my job as Unit 194 President a very pleasant experience for me. I ask that all of you continue to support our Auxiliary and the programs that we sponsor. I also hope that each of you continue to support the many Legion and SAL Programs that our American Legion Post 194 is involved in. Together, our three organizations provide tremendous support to our Veterans and to our Community.

**Message from Butch (Victor) Webb Jr., SAL Commander:** I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has supported the SAL Squadron #194 during this past year. The Shrimp Dinners held by the Members of SAL Squadron 194 during this past year were a great success - We want to thank everyone who came out and supported our Shrimp Dinners. We had a very good turnout for each of our Dinners. I also want to thank everyone who helped support the SAL programs by purchasing the raffle tickets for the several SAL Drawings that we held this past year. The SAL has been able to financially support a number of Veteran and Community programs as a result of your great support. To those SAL Members who have helped out during this past year, I really thank you for always being there to help out in so many ways. We need additional SAL Members to start attending our monthly SAL Membership meetings. We need your ideas so that by working together, we can all help make our organization even better. We need new SAL Members to become a part of the Great Team that we have here. You will find that helping out here at the Legion can be fun and at the same time, you will be helping your American Legion Post.

**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.