

**Final Salute to recent Deceased Members of American Legion Post 194:**  
**Regular American Legion Post #194 Members:**  
 William Bowen      Robert Flinn      Richard L. Goodie      Mack P. Greene  
**Auxiliary Members:**  
 Rosemary Burton      Rita Funk  
**Our deepest sympathy goes out to the family and friends of our departed members.**

**Message from Axel Wicks, Post 194 Chaplain:** First, I would like to honor God to whom we owe our deepest gratitude, for without him life is empty. As I write this message, it makes me sad to know our great Country is so divided. Our Country needs our prayers, our Country needs more Godliness. I do believe this time of our history, the U.S.A. is in the process of returning to God. Please join me and always pray to have eyes that see the best in people and our Country, a heart that forgives the worst, a mind that forgets the bad and a soul that never loses faith in God. Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in his wonderful face and the things of this Earth will grow strangely dim in the light of his glory and grace. I recently saw this quote by Billy Graham – “Our society strives to avoid any possibility of offending anyone – except God”. If you are looking for a Church, please let me know, you can join my wife and I and a few other Legion people at the Church we attend. I guarantee you will not be disappointed in the Service or the Message. It is now Springtime, a great time for renewal. Please check our Sick/Call/Prayer List Board at the Legion. I check it daily with the wonderful help of the bartenders or in person myself. People listed on that board need our prayers as they recover. I am again reminded of the wonderful contributions of our Legion volunteers. They make Post 194 a better place. Thank you so much. Here is a quote someone mailed to me – There are hundreds of languages in the World, but a smile speaks them all. In closing our Lord has said “If my people, who are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray and seek my faith, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from Heaven and will forgive them and forgive their Sins and will heal their Land” – 2 Chronicles, 7:14. **Amen.**

**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.

**Martin Thompson, Commander**  
 American Legion Post 194

**Judy Palmer, President**  
 Unit 194 Auxiliary

**Allan Dobosh, Commander**  
 Son of the American Legion



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**April, May, and June 2017**

This is our 2<sup>nd</sup> Newsletter of 2017. 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. The American Legion Mason Dixon Post 194 has a web site that offers information about “What’s Happening Here at Post 194”. Take a few minutes and visit our website at ([www.alpost194.com](http://www.alpost194.com)). Our Post e-mail address is [amerleg194@zoominternet.net](mailto: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  
 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander – Neil Eller  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander – Norman (Butch) Robinson  
 3<sup>rd</sup> 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  
 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – Doris Orem  
 2<sup>nd</sup> 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  
 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander - Freddie Gilbert  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander – Rodger Gilbert  
 Adjutant – Steven Webb  
 Finance Officer - Charlie Richardson  
 Sgt-At-Arms – Jack Fritts  
 Chaplain – Mike Gilbert  
 Historian - Kevin McCullough

**List of New Members:**

**American Legion Post 194 New Members:**

Lex E. Carns II      Sean M. Creamer      John D. Evans  
 Henry A. Farmer      Tony Gall      Clarence M. McMahon Jr.  
 Christopher Ort      Nicholas A. Spangler      Edward Thorton

**Auxiliary Unit 194 New Members:**

Lorraine D. Bell      Priscilla A. Devonshire  
 Carol A Dyer      Clarissa M. Sherrow

**Sons of the American Legion Squadron 194 New Members:**

Thomas R. Devitis      Austin Glessner      Andrew B. Himmer  
 Donald L. Kaine Jr.      Joseph M. Smith

**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** – Come out on Monday nights and enjoy our weekly “Chicken Wing Night” from 5:00 – 8:00 PM. We have a great group of members who volunteer each week to work in our kitchen preparing the Wings that we enjoy. We also have our local DJ (Kruisin Karaoke) who will be here to provide great music entertainment from 7:00 PM until midnight.

**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.

**2017 Membership Dues** – We want to thank those members who have paid their 2017 dues – You have helped us get very close to reaching our membership goal for this Legion Year. However, we still need approximately 60 members to pay their dues to reach our membership goal for this year.

**A Reminder to Everyone – There will be no Easter Party at the Legion for kids this year.**

**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:

April 7 – Kruisin' Karaoke (DJ & Karaoke)

April 14 – Bill Clery & Tom Hatfield (Favorite 70 – 80's Music)

April 21 – Kruisin Karaoke

April 28 – Lost Train (Laredo)

May 5 – Kruisin Karaoke

May 12 – How's My Hat

May 19 – Kruisin' Karaoke

May 26 – Lost Train

Come out on Friday nights and listen to the great entertainment.

**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.

**No American Legion Riders Sunday Morning Breakfast in April** – As a result of April 16 being Easter Sunday, the American Legion Riders (ALR) of Post 194 will not be having their Sunday Morning Breakfast during the month of April.

**American Legion Riders (ALR) Local Chapter Meeting Info** – The monthly meetings of the ALR local chapter 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. The Riders are now selling raffle tickets on a "Yeti Cooler" – Drawing to be held at our Crab Feast in September.

**Flag Day Ceremony** – We will be having our Annual Flag Day Program on Wednesday, 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.

**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 11<sup>th</sup>. Featured in this year's Honor Guard Gun Raffle are the following prizes:

**1<sup>st</sup> Drawing – Henry 30-30 Caliber Rifle (or \$600.00)**

**2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

**Friday Night Dinners** – On April 21, the Auxiliary Unit 194 will be having their last Friday Night Dinner during this Spring. The dinners are from 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM. The Ladies Friday Night Dinners will resume in the Fall (3<sup>rd</sup> week in September).



**Election of Next Year's Officers** – A reminder to everyone that we are having our Election of Officers for the Legion year 2017-2018 at our April 27<sup>th</sup> General Membership meeting. At our last General Membership meeting held in March, the Nomination Committee submitted the following list of members who expressed a desire to serve in the following Officer positions:

Post 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 – Axle Wicks

Historian – David Horn

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

**Election of Auxiliary Unit 194 Officers** – The election of officers for the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 194 will be held at the April meeting, Thursday night, April 27<sup>th</sup>. The following is a list of names of the people who are interested in serving during the upcoming Legion year.

President – Judy Palmer

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – Doris Orem

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – Dianne Gilbert

Secretary – Dana Fritts

Treasurer – Joann Walsh

Sgt. at Arms – Karen Dobosh

Chaplain – To Be Determined

Historian – Charlotte Rhoades

Color Bearers: Sharon Burlin and Catharina Huysler

Three members who were nominated to serve on the Executive Committee include: Diane Fritz, Debby Jackson, and Pat Wood

**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 27<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.

Commander – Jack Fritts

1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander – Freddie Gilbert

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander – Steven Webb

Adjutant – Rodger Gilbert

Finance Officer – Charlie Richardson

Sgt at Arms – Bob Fritz

Historian – Mike Ruth

Chaplain – Michael Gilbert


**Notice - Additional nominations for any Officer position of our three organizations can be made from the floor on the night of the election.**

**The SAL members are having the following raffles:**

1. A Troy-Built Power Washer that has a 2800 psi, 2.3 GPM output with a 190 cc Briggs & Stratton engine. Drawing will be held at our Father's Day Bull Roast. Tickets are \$1.00 each and are on sale now.
2. SAL Squadron 194 will be having a Beef & Gun Raffle here on October 1, 2017 from 12:00 Noon until 5:00 PM. Twenty different guns will be included in this raffle. The winner has a choice of a gun or 300.00 in cash. Tickets are \$10.00 each – Price includes food, draft beer, soda, and water.

**"Rock Around the Jukebox Show" with the Cruisers – (Sunday, May 7)**

We are having a special "Rock Around the Jukebox Show" featuring The Cruisers on Sunday afternoon, May 7. This show will provide a number of different local artists including Gary Baker, Ted Tharp, Terry Harris, Steve Riddle, and Connie McGuirk who will provide great performances of various artists such as Elvis, Roy Orbison, Buddy Holly, and others. Tickets to this event are on sale now: Advance Sales Tickets - \$15.00 a person, Tickets on the Day of the Show - \$20.00 a person. There will be a "Cash Bar" and we also will be offering various food items such as Pit Beef/Ham, Steamed & Fried Shrimp, Crab Cakes, Fish Sandwiches, and French Fries at an additional cost. **Only 225 Tickets will be sold. We have already had a great response in the initial advance sale of these tickets and we expect an "Early Sell Out" of this show. If you want to attend this event, we strongly advise you to get your tickets early.**

 **Honor Guard Chicken BBQ Dinners Schedule for this year:** - The Post 194 Honor Guard will be having three Chicken BBQs this year.

- 1<sup>st</sup> Chicken BBQ will be on Monday, May 29<sup>th</sup> (Memorial Day Weekend).

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Chicken BBQ will be on Tuesday, July 4<sup>th</sup>.

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Chicken BBQ will be on Labor Day, Monday, September 4.

The BBQ's will be from 11:00 AM until 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 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 Tuesday May 30<sup>th</sup>** – We are holding our annual Memorial Day program on Tuesday, 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. You should plan on being here at the Legion by 10:30 AM. We hope to have a large turnout for this event. The Rising Sun Middle School Band will participate in this event by providing musical entertainment.

**Rising Sun Elementary School (RSES) to Honor All Veterans during their Memorial Day Program** – The Rising Sun Elementary School has invited all Veterans and current Military personnel to attend their special tribute to Military Personnel who have served our Country. This special tribute will be held at 9:00 AM on Thursday morning, May 25, 2017 at the Elementary School auditorium. 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.

**Annual Father's Day Bull Roast** – This year's Annual Bull Roast will be held on Father's Day, Sunday, June 18<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 "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 and possible inclement weather, 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. We will also have sodas and other refreshments available. 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.

**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.

**Special Thanks goes out to Dee Anna Ragan and the members of her Legion Post 194 Special Olympics Ice Plunge Team** – Speaking on the behalf of the Cecil County Special Olympics organization in Elkton, MD, we want to take this opportunity to thank Dee Anna Ragan and the members of her team who raised \$2,638.00 for the Cecil County Special Olympics during this year's "Ice Plunge" held in February at the Wellwood in Charlestown, MD.