

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

**Regular Members of Post 194:**

Clifton M. Brubaker Donald L. Drennen

**SAL Squadron 194 Member:**

Timmy Brooks

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

**Chaplain's Message (From Axel Wicks, Post 194 Chaplain) –**

Life isn't tied with a bow, but it's still a gift. Do not regret growing older. It is a privilege denied to many. As I grow older, I can say that I am happy to be here. I have seen better days but I have also seen worse. I don't have everything I want, but I have all I need. My life is not perfect but I am blessed. Sometimes I think about what I am going to leave behind. I wonder the way people feel about me. Do I leave behind a trail of sadness or of gladness? Do I deposit a blessing behind me or am I a bane to others? Is my life a pleasure to people or a pain? Sometimes it is profitable to ask ourselves such simple questions as: Do I leave behind peace in lives – or turmoil? Do I leave behind forgiveness – or bitterness? Do I leave behind content – or frustration? Do I leave behind love – or rancor? There are two things that you should always remember in life. Take care of your thoughts when you are alone and take care of your words when you are with people.

I am again reminded how important our volunteers are to Post 194. I ask you again, say "thank you" to them for what they do. They make our Post a better place for everyone. Let's continue with a prayer of confession. Lord God, have mercy on us and forgive our sins. Make us instruments of your peace. Where there is injury, pardon; where there is despair, hope; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is darkness, joy. Grant that we may seek to console, understand those around us until You return and make things new. Forgive us in the name of Jesus – Amen. Don't cry over the past, it's gone. Don't stress over the future, it hasn't arrived. Love in the present and make it better. Let's close and speak these words out loud together: I Pledge Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, One Nation under God, Indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all. 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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**August, September, and October 2017**

This is our Newsletter for the late Summer and early Fall of 2017. It contains a listing of the upcoming 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)).

The following Officers for the American Legion Mason Dixon Post, Unit and SAL Squadron 194 were recently installed to serve 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

The 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 New Members to Post 194:** We would like to take this opportunity to welcome the following new members to the American Legion Post 194:

**New Regular Members of Mason Dixon Post 194:**

Wayne R. Childress Zachary A. Haines  
Ronald L. Smith

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

Kayla M. Musselman Jessica A. Musselman  
Sierra Rose Musselman

**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** – We have our weekly "Chicken Wing Night" on Monday Nights from 5:00 – 8:00 PM. We offer a choice of plain or breaded chicken wings, with no sauce, BBQ sauce, a mild hot sauce, or a HOT sauce. We want to thank our outstanding dedicated kitchen crew who are here every week to cook the wings. We also want to thank Haven Bare (Kruisin Karaoke) who is here every Monday night from 6:00 – 11:30 PM providing great music.

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

- Aug 4 – Kruisin Karaoke
- Aug 11 – Dave Mark Band
- Aug 18 – Hawaiian Luau - Kruisin Karaoke
- Aug 25 – Lost Train
- Sept 1 – Kruisin Karaoke
- Sept 8 – Riff Raff Band
- Sept 15 – Western Night – Kruisin Karaoke
- Sept 22 – Across the Tracks
- Sept 29 – Little Scarecrow
- Oct 6 - Kruisin Karaoke
- Oct 13 – Dave Mark Band
- Oct 20 – Kruisin Karaoke
- Oct 27 – Halloween Adult Costume Party – Kruisin Karaoke

## 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. There are a series of regular bingo games that are played, as well as a variety of other special games, including 2 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.



**American Legion Riders Sunday Morning Breakfast** – The American Legion Riders of Post 194 are scheduled to resume their “buffet-style breakfast” in October this Fall. The breakfasts will be held here at our Post Banquet Hall on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month from 8:00 – 11:00 AM during the Fall and Winter months. 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 a person.



**Christmas Music Concert at the Legion** – The Upper Chesapeake Community Band will present a one hour Christmas Music Concert at the Legion on Sunday afternoon December 17 at 3:00 PM. The band will be playing an assortment of popular Christmas Music Selections for your enjoyment. There will be light snacks and refreshments available at this event. This concert is free and open to the public. Bring your friends and attend a wonderful Christmas Music concert. We are sure that you will enjoy yourself.

**Annual Fall Crab Feast** – This year’s Annual Fall Crab Feast will be held on Sunday, Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>. **All tickets must be purchased in advance so that we know how many people to plan for.** We will only have 600 tickets for sale – Tickets must be purchased by Friday, Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>. **(No tickets will be sold after this cut-off date).** Crab Feast tickets are now available at the Legion. Ticket Prices: **Adults: \$40.00 and Children Under 10 - \$20.00.** Contact someone at the Post to purchase your tickets.

**Important Notice to All Post 194 Regular Members – Cost of American Legion Membership Dues Will Increase Effective January 1, 2018.** The current American Legion Membership Renewal Cost for regular members of American Legion Post 194 is \$30.00 per year. Of this \$30.00 cost, the National American Legion Headquarters in Indianapolis, IN receives \$18.50, the State of Maryland Dept. Headquarters receives \$7.00, and Post 194 receives \$4.50. For this \$4.50 share of membership dues, our Post provides many services to our members such as the free Family Picnic in August, the Early Bird Christmas Party, the Christmas Eve Luncheon, newsletter postage fees, etc. These are just a few of the various services that we provide at no cost to our members each year.

At the American Legion Department of Maryland Convention held in Ocean City, MD in July 2017, the **American Legion Department of Maryland Headquarters** stated that their office has for a number of consecutive years experienced a continuous decrease in total funds made available to them that they use to provide the many services and programs they provide to Veterans and their families throughout our State. This decrease in State Legion funding has been caused by increased costs each year for the services they provide and the decrease of income from membership dues due to fewer Legion members renewing their membership each year (older Veterans passing away, other members moving or transferring to American Legions in other States). The American Legion Posts here in Maryland have not been able to sign up enough new members to offset this loss in Legion members.

As a result of this decrease in the amount of available funding, the Dept. Headquarters was faced with two options:

**Option 1.** Raise the amount (\$7.00) of the Annual American Legion Membership Dues that the State of Maryland receives with each membership renewal to \$10.50 – an increase of \$3.50. The State Headquarters stated that their Office has not had any type of raise in Membership Annual Dues since 2006 (a period of 11 years). This increase would provide the State of Maryland with much needed additional Funds that will allow the Department Headquarters to keep funding their various State-wide programs at the current levels.

**Option 2.** This option would have the Dept. Headquarters to cut a certain number of Legion State programs entirely so they could keep other State Legion programs intact.

Faced with these two options, the American Legion Delegates at this year’s American Legion State Convention chose **Option 1** and approved the \$3.50 increase in dues for the State of Maryland Legion Dues to allow the Dept. of Maryland Headquarters to keep their current programs intact. This \$3.50 increase will become effective on January 1, 2018. At the American Legion Post 194 July general membership meeting, the Post 194 membership approved an increase in our Post dues from \$4.50 to \$6.00 to help cover the costs of the many programs and services we provide to our members here at Post 194. **Thus, all Post 194 regular members are hereby notified that the Membership Dues cost will increase from the current \$30.00 to \$35.00 as of January 1, 2018.**

**SAL Gun Raffle in October** – The Squadron 194 will be having a **Beef & Beer 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.

**American Legion Riders (ALR) Local Chapter Meeting Date and Time Info** – The ALR local chapter monthly ALR meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month at 6:30 PM. All members are urged to attend these meetings to stay informed of the many planned upcoming activities of the local chapter.



**2018 Membership Dues** – The 2018 membership cards for the Regular Members, the Auxiliary Members, and the SAL Members are now available here at the Legion. A reminder to all Regular American Legion Members, your current membership dues are now \$30.00 and you will be saving \$5.00 if you pay your dues before Dec 31, 2017. We ask that all Regular members, Auxiliary members, and SAL members please try to pay your 2018 membership dues as soon as you can – You will be helping the membership chairmen for our three organizations reach our membership goals for the upcoming year. Note - Auxiliary and SAL membership dues are now \$25.00.

**Luau Night – Friday Night - Aug 18:** We are having our “Annual Hawaiian Luau Night” here at the Legion on Friday, August 18 from 7:30 PM – 11:30 PM. Kruisin Karaoke will provide the music at this year’s Luau. Dress up in your best (loudest) Hawaiian attire and come out and enjoy a great night here at the Legion. Each year everyone has a lot of fun at this event. The bar and lounge area will be decorated in a Hawaiian atmosphere (special thanks to Haven).



**Honor Guard “Labor Day Chicken BBQ”** - The Honor Guard will be having their final Chicken BBQ of this year on Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 4, 2017. The Chicken BBQ will be held from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM (or until we sell out). Come out and enjoy our famous Chicken BBQ Dinner, consisting of ½ BBQ chicken, baked beans, coleslaw, and rolls for \$10.00. All proceeds raised from this Chicken BBQ will be used to help pay many of the operating expenses for our Post 194 Honor Guard organization.

**Honor Guard “Gun Raffle”** – This year the Honor Guard will be having a Gun Raffle for two guns at this year’s Crab Feast that will be held on Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>. Featured in this year’s Honor Guard Gun Raffle are these two prizes:  
1<sup>st</sup> Drawing – Henry 44 Magnum Big Boy (or \$600.00)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Drawing – Henry 22 Silver 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.

**Western Night on Friday Night – Sept 15.** Our Annual “Western Night” will be held here at the Legion on Friday Night, September 15, from 7:30 PM – 11:30 PM. Dress up in your best Western Gear and come out and listen to the great music entertainment of Kruisin Karaoke.

**Friday Night Dinners** – The American Legion Unit 194 Auxiliary will resume having their monthly Friday night dinners, beginning on September 15, 2017. The dinners are \$10.00 per person and will be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday night of each month from September through May of next year. These dinners are a “Buffet Style” dinner consisting of a choice of two meats with a variety of other food items such as mashed

potatoes, green beans, salad, dessert, etc. Come out and enjoy a great meal for \$10.00 and support our Legion’s Auxiliary Unit. If you are interested in helping the Auxiliary at these events, please contact with Judy Palmer or any Auxiliary Member at the Legion and let them know you are interested.

**SAL Shrimp Dinners** – The SAL will again have their Shrimp Dinners on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays during the months of October and November, and then again resuming in January through March. The dinners will be from 1:30- 5:30 PM. **There will be No Shrimp Dinners scheduled during the Month of December (due to the Holiday Season).** These Shrimp Dinners have proved to be a very successful event for the SAL. All proceeds from these Shrimp Dinners help provide funds to help support the many programs offered by the SAL Squadron 194.

**Halloween Adult Costume Party – Oct 27.** We will be having this year’s Adult Halloween Costume Party on Friday Night, October 27 from 7:30 PM – 11:30 PM. We typically have a great turnout for this event each year. Kruisin Karaoke will be here to provide the musical entertainment. We will be giving out prizes for the funniest, scariest, most original costumes. You should start early this year to come up with a unique costume to wear at this year’s Halloween Party. Come out and enjoy the funny sights here at the Legion at this party. We are sure that you will have a great time.

**Veterans Day Program** – This year our Annual Veterans Day Program will be held on Friday night, November 10<sup>th</sup>. 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 now making the final preparations for this year’s Veterans Day program. A reminder to everyone – We expect a full house for this year’s Veterans Day Programs so you may want to 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.

**Life Line Screening Tests at Post 194:** Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings will be in our community on Friday, November 3, 2017 at American Legion Post 194. Ultrasound screenings to identify risk factors for Cardiovascular disease include; **Carotid Artery** (plaque buildup-a leading cause of stroke), **Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm** (an enlargement or weak area in the main blood vessel that carries blood from the heart to the rest of the body), **Peripheral Arterial Disease** (hardening of the arteries in the legs), a **Heart Rhythm Screening** (an EKG to detect Atrial Fibrillation-irregular heartbeat) and an **Osteoporosis Risk Assessment** for men and women. Being proactive about your health by knowing your risks which will allow you and your doctor to address your problems early. If you are interested you can register at [www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle](http://www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle) and receive your “Community Circle” discount and your Preferred Appointment!

**Membership Early Bird Dinner - Sunday Dec. 3** – Our 2018 Membership Cards are now here at the Post. Any member who has paid their 2018 membership dues can attend (for free) our Early Bird Christmas Party held on Sunday, Dec. 3, 2017. Dinner will be from 3:00 – 4:00 PM and music will be from 4:00 – 8:00 PM. Please help the Legion, the Auxiliary, and the SAL reach their 2018 membership goals by paying your 2018 dues early. Also, always keep in mind that we are always looking to sign up new Legion members. If you know of any eligible person who has expressed a desire to join any of our three Legion Organizations, please give this person a membership application form. We always welcome new members. Non-members who want to attend this event can purchase a ticket at the door for \$10.00 per person.