

**Note from Judy Palmer, President of the Auxiliary Unit 194 –**

I want to thank everyone who has volunteered their time to help out during our many Auxiliary functions that we have held so far this Legion Year. These events include our Friday Night Dinners, the Lion's Club Dinners, the Veteran's Day Program, the Early Bird Dinner, and the Children's Christmas Party. Thank you for a job well done. Thanks to all of you, our Auxiliary Unit continues to be one of the most active Auxiliary Units in our District and in the State – Keep up the excellent work. I ask that all Legion Members (Regular, Auxiliary and the SAL) please continue to support your Legion and all of the many Legion Programs we support.

**Note from Neil Eller, Commander of Post 194 –**

We are already making the plans for our Super Bowl Party, our Memorial Day Program, Flag Day Program, Father's Day Bull Roast in June and our Crab Feast in the Fall. We will provide additional information concerning these events in later newsletters. We are already half way through this Legion Year – In April, we will be electing the Officers who will serve this American Legion Post during the upcoming Legion Year (2011-2012). We have had a very great group of outstanding individuals who have served this American Legion Post during the past many years – I hope that we continue to have the same caliber of members who are willing to serve as the Officers of this American Legion Post in the upcoming years. I want to take this opportunity to thank all of the current Officers and the other members of the Executive Committee for everything that they have accomplished during this past year. I also want to thank the many, many members of Post 194 who always show up to help out when there is a job to be done here at the Legion. We have many members who are always there to get the job done, you know what needs to be done, and you are always willing to do whatever it takes to get the job done. The many outstanding workers that we have here at our Legion continue to help make Mason Dixon Post 194 to be one of the Best Legion Posts in the State of Maryland. For this – I truly thank you.

**Final Salute to recent Deceased Regular Members of Post 194 who have passed onto Post Everlasting:**

Alert P. Bienieki                      Bill Hurley                      Richard Kind                      Louis Shaw

*We want to extend our deepest sympathy to the families and friends of our departed comrades.*

**Neil Eller, Commander**  
American Legion Post 194

**Judy Palmer, President**  
Unit 194 Auxiliary

**Victor (Butch) C. Webb, Jr., Commander**  
Son of the American Legion



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Here is our first Newsletter of the New Year, 2011. We are sending out this newsletter to keep everyone informed of the upcoming events that will be occurring here at the Legion during the next 3 months. Please make a list of these events so that you will be sure to remember when these events are occurring. 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  
Adjutant – Grant Eller  
Chaplain – Axel Wicks  
Service Officer – John Kilby  
Sgt-at-Arms- Vince McKinnon  
Historian – Carrie Howell  
Senior Color Bearer – Bill Crouch  
Junior Color Bearer – Russ Gulick  
Judge Advocate – Paul Podolak

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.  
Adjutant – Butch Webb  
Finance Officer – Larry Wilson  
Sgt-At-Arms – John Koskie  
Chaplain – Rodger Gilbert  
Historian – Roger Ball  
Color Bearer – Alan Dobosh

**Legion News/Information:**

**Daily Lunches** - We are currently offering 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 every Monday night, we have our "Chicken Wing Night" from 5:00 – 8:00 PM. You have a choice of plain or breaded chicken wings, with no sauce, BBQ sauce, a mild hot sauce, or a HOT sauce. We also offer Karaoke music provided by "Kruisin Karaoke" from 6:00 PM - Midnight.

**Wednesday Night "TACO Night"** – The Legion recently 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 can fix your own TACO's the way you like them, using the ingredients from our "Fixings' Bar". Chicken Quesadillas are also available for \$4.00 each. You can also have a TACO Salad for \$4.00 (you also add your own salad ingredients). This new "TACO Night at the Legion" has become very successful. Come out on Wednesday nights and enjoy TACO's the way you like them!

**American Legion Post 194 Blood Bank** – The American Legion Post 194 is a group member of the Blood Bank of Delmarva. Jeff Hughes, our Finance Officer here at Post 194, is in charge of our group plan here with the Delmarva Blood Bank. Jeff asked that I remind all members that if you wanted to join our Blood Bank, you can contact Jeff here at the Legion (410-658-9078) or at his home (410-378-3179). The Blood Bank annual membership fee is \$5.00 (\$2.00 a year if you are over 65 years old). Our group plan offers the routine benefits that most Blood Bank Plans offer. For more details concerning our Blood Bank, stop by the Legion and pick up a Blood Bank membership application form.

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**Friday Night Dinners** – A reminder to everyone, the Auxiliary are having their monthly Friday Night “Buffet Dinners” on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday Night of each month during the September – May time frame. Please keep these dinners in mind so that you can come out to the Legion, enjoy a great meal for \$10.00 and support your Legion’s Auxiliary.

**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. Our Bingo Games include a series of regular bingo games and a variety of special games, including 2 jackpot games. Our bingo kitchen is open from 5:00 – 8:45 PM every Saturday night and we offer a variety of food items on our kitchen menu.



**Honor Guard Spaghetti Dinners** - The Honor Guard will be having their Spaghetti Dinners from 5:30 – 7:30 PM on the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday night during the months of February, March, and April. Dinner includes: Spaghetti & Meatballs, Italian Bread, Salad, and Dessert. Cost is \$10.00 per person.



**SAL Shrimp Dinner Update** - The Sunday Shrimp Dinners that the SAL Squadron #194 are having each Sunday during the Winter months have been a great success. The SAL will continue having their Shrimp Dinners on each Sunday afternoon from 2:00 – 6:00 PM until the end of March (March 27). The Shrimp Dinner Menu consists of the following:

- ½ lb. of Steamed or Breaded Shrimp - \$5.00
- 1 lb. of Steamed or Breaded Shrimp - \$10.00
- Crab Cake Sandwich - \$7.00
- Homemade Crab Soup - \$2.50
- Hush Puppies - \$2.00
- French Fries Small Order - \$2.00; Large Order - \$3.00

All proceeds from these shrimp dinners are used to support the many programs of the SAL Squadron 194. The SAL may consider extending these Shrimp beyond March if the dinners continue to be a great success.

**Special Notice** – The SAL will not have their Shrimp Dinner on Sunday, Feb 6, 2011 because there will be other Super Bowl activities taking place here on that day.

**2011 Membership Dues** – We want to thank all of you who have already paid your 2011 dues – We currently have 800 members who have paid their 2011 Membership Dues. You have helped us to get very close in reaching our membership goal for this year. We still need 109 members to reach our 4-Star Membership Goal for this year. **A reminder to our 109 members who have not yet paid their 2011 membership dues, as of Jan 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011, your current American Legion Membership expired.** If you want to maintain your consecutive years of Legion membership, you need to send in your 2011 membership dues as soon as possible. We need every member of Post 194 to help our Post reach this year’s membership goal. If you know of anyone who is eligible for Legion Membership and is not a member, ask that person to join our organization. Our regular general membership dues are \$25.00 a year. Note -



**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.



**Valentine’s Party with the Stars** – On Sunday, February 13, the Legion will be offering a very special entertainment program featuring various local singers who will be portraying great singers such as Roy Orbison, Elvis Presley, Patsy Cline, Frank Sinatra, Buddy Holly, and Johnny Cash. We will also have a very special guest appearance from the “The Epic’s”, a great local band from the 60’s – 90’s. All of these singers have agreed to donate their time and talent to the Legion for this one-time special event. Thus, the Legion will not be charging any admission fee to attend this show. The Legion will have a special 50/50 drawing and there will be a Cash Bar open in the back room. The SAL Squadron #194 will be selling steamed and fried shrimp dinners during this event. We expect a very large turnout for this show so you may want to get here early to have a seat. Doors open at 3:30 PM and the Show Time will be from 5:00 – 7:30 PM. Come out and support the Legion and enjoy a great entertainment show consisting of a group of very talented local singers.

**Message from the Post #194 Chaplain, Axel Wicks -**

Wow – Welcome to the Year 2011. It is great to be here. Think of 2011 as a new beginning, a fresh start, a new year, and a blank slate. What do all of these things share in common? It’s a chance to start over. Just think what a powerful opportunity this is. The old has passed and a new day is here. Now we must ask ourselves, “What are we going to do”? You do not have to be shackled by the past when you have a beautiful future before you. This is the powerful message of Christianity. So grab hold of this powerful opportunity and don’t let it slip away. Take advantage of Christ’s offer for a new beginning. Start today to build a powerful tomorrow with the help of God. Put God in your life, if he is not there already. As it states in the Bible in Ephesians 4:24 “Put on the self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness”. If you do not remember anything from this message, remember this: Jesus loves me, this I know because the Bible tells me so”.

**Reminder to All Members of Post 194** – Always remember to keep in your thoughts and prayers that our men and women serving in the military will return home, safe and sound, to their loved ones. It is through their willingness to serve our country in times of great sacrifice that we are able to continue to enjoy the freedoms and liberties that we have. Let us never take these things for granted, or let us never forget to honor our military service men and women who have served our Country in time of War and Peace.

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

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| Glenn Bartlett      | Jack Beaston       |
| David Dean          | James J. Ellis     |
| Kenneth P. Eshleman | Peter Fender       |
| Carl E. Golt        | John J. Gossick    |
| Mark E. MacDonald   | William C. Perkins |
| Lewis E. Smith      | Carol A. Somerton  |
| Stephen P. Weiler   |                    |

**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.

**Phone Numbers Important To All Veterans:**

- Baltimore VA Medical Center: 1-800-463-6295**
- Charlotte Hall Veterans Home 1-800-522-8387**
- Perry Point Medical Center: 1-800-949-1003**
- Maryland Veteran’s Cemetery: 1-410-943-3420**
- Elsmere VA Hospital: 1-800-450-8262**

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

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| Robert J. Alt       | Kenneth B. Capolongo |
| John B. Chamberlain | David Clark          |
| Michael W. Neff     | Kevin B. Prewitt     |
| Charles G. Riley    | Thomas A. Vincenti   |
| Charles H. Wichhart |                      |



**Annual Father’s Day Bull Roast** – This year, we will again be holding our annual Bull Roast on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in June (which is Father’s Day), June 19<sup>th</sup>. Tickets will be available in the upcoming months.

**Election of Next Year’s Officers** – We will hold our election of Officers for the Legion Year “2011-2012” at our General Membership meeting held on April 28<sup>th</sup>. Nominations for this year’s election will be held at our March General Membership meeting to be held on March 24, 2010. We will be sending out another newsletter to remind everyone of the upcoming election in April.

**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:

- Jan 21 - Krusing Karaoke (DJ & Karaoke);
- Jan 28 – Karaoke Addiction (DJ & Karaoke);
- Feb 4 – Sammy K (DJ & Karaoke);
- Feb 11 – Mindy’s Best (DJ & Karaoke);
- Feb 18 – Krusing Karaoke (DJ & Karaoke);
- Feb 25 – Karaoke Addiction (DJ & Karaoke)
- Mar 4 – Sammy K (DJ & Karaoke);
- Mar 11 – Premier Music (DJ & Karaoke);
- Mar 18 - Krusing Karaoke (DJ & Karaoke);
- Mar 25 - Karaoke Addiction (DJ & Karaoke)
- Apr 1 - Sammy K (DJ & Karaoke);
- Apr 8 - Mindy’s Best (DJ & Karaoke)
- Apr 15 - Krusing Karaoke (DJ & Karaoke)
- Apr 22 - Premier Music (DJ & Karaoke);

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