

Message from Post Chaplain Axel Wicks

I have seen this quote on a local church sign and it has stuck in my mind. "A Christian without a church is like a bee without a hive." If you are looking for a church, let me know, you can join my wife and me next Sunday. Question – Do you ever wonder who God is? In Exodus 3:14, when God came to Moses and told him to go to Egypt and deliver his people, Moses asked God, "Who shall I say you are?" God answered Moses, "Tell him I AM WHO I AM. I AM sent you. This description of God tells us so much about Him. It tells us that God is self-existing, unchanging, eternal, and present. As a self-existing God – no one created God. He, alone, is the creator. As an unchanging GOD – He never changes. He is the same yesterday, today, and forever. The same God that talked to Moses is the same God who will deliver you. As an eternal God – He has always existed from infinity and will continue to exist for infinity. This is not something our minds can grasp, but God is bigger than our minds can think. As an ever-present God – HE IS. He exists. He is alive. He is real. Not just as I WAS or I WILL BE, but I AM – yesterday, today, and forever! WOW. I think we can find tremendous comfort in knowing that our life is in the hands of such a big, loving, merciful God. Isn't it nice to know that God is the Great I AM. Amen. I still have some Bibles if you would like one – contact me.

Note from Post Commander George Remhof

I want to thank the many members of Post 194 who always show up to help out when there is a job to be done here at the Legion. The great thing about your help is that you are very dependable and you are great at what you do. Our Legion Post 194 is truly blessed with the many members who are willing to do whatever it takes to get the job done. Without your hard work and dedication, the Post would not have had the many successful events that we held here at the Legion. Our members continue to function as an Outstanding Team, always working like a "Well-Oiled Machine". I am extremely proud to be associated with such an outstanding group of American Legion Members. Concerning our current Legion membership, I ask that every member try to sign up a new member to help our Post 194 reach our "4-Star Membership Goal" this year. During this upcoming year, 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.

George Remhof, Commander

American Legion Post 194

Judy Palmer, President

Unit 194 Auxiliary

Larry Wilson, Commander

Son of the American Legion



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This is our Newsletter for the period January - March of 2012. Here is a listing of the various upcoming events that will be occurring here at the Legion during the next 3 months.
Reminder - The American Legion Mason Dixon Post 194 now 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 (www.alpost194.com). Send e-mail to (amerleg194@zoominternet.net).

Here is the list of new Officers for Mason Dixon Post 194 for the Legion Year of 2011-2012:

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

The Executive Committee also includes 3 elected members (Riley Bennett, Tom Hawk, and Mike Saponaro) and 3 members appointed by Commander Remhof (Chuck Allport, Dick Richardson, and Robbie Wilson).

2011-2012 American Legion Auxiliary Unit 194 Officers:

President – Judy Palmer
1st Vice President – Gladys Wilson
Treasurer – Katherine Bennett
Secretary – Nancy Simperts
Chaplain - Alice Kline
Sgt-At-Arms – Karen Dobosh
Historian – Charlotte Rhodes

2011-2012 Sons of the American Legion (SAL) Squadron 194 Officers:

Commander – Larry Wilson
1st Vice Commander – Donnie White, Jr.
2nd Vice Commander – Curty Janney
Adjutant – Rodger Gilbert
Finance officer - Roger Ball
Sgt-At-Arms – Kenny Skelton
Chaplain – Allan Dobosh
Color Bearer – Alan Dobosh

Welcome New Members to Post 194: We would like to take this opportunity to welcome the following new members to Mason Dixon Post 194:

New Regular Members of Mason Dixon Post 194:

Jimmie L. Manning	Joseph C. Simpkins
Donald C. Scott	Richard A. Christie
Nicholas C. George	Michael A. McCausland
Lisa A. Sherman	William C. Fontes
Frank J. Panaccione	Albert M. Robinson Jr.
Jonathan H. Harris	Stephen Wimer
Ray M. Schell	Brian J. Milburn
James J. Busillo	George D. Hawf

New Auxiliary Unit 194 Members:

Rita S. Racine	Charlotte A. Panaccione
Doris S. Prewitt	Kathleen J. Harris
Barbara A. Flynn	Ann L. Brammer

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

Thomas Lamplear	James P. Rupnicki
Raymond Blakely Jr.	Mathew L. Blakely
Kyle L. Gilbert	Thomas E. Kemp Sr.
Thomas E. Kemp Jr.	Mason A Thompson

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. You have a choice of plain or breaded chicken wings, with no sauce, BBQ sauce, a mild hot sauce, or a HOT !! Sauce. Thanks to our dedicated crew of kitchen volunteers

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Wing Night on Monday Nights

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who are here every Monday night to help out cooking & serving our Wings. These people (Cecil, JR, Richard Hagy, Riley & Kitty, Robbie Wilson, and Sandy Hill) are very dependable volunteers who are here every Monday Night to make sure that everyone can enjoy great wings at a great price. A Right Hand Salute to all of you. Also, special thanks go out to Haven and Rosemary (Kruisin Karaoke) for their dedication in being here every Monday night, providing great music entertainment from 6:00 PM until midnight. Haven and Rosemary still have not missed a single Monday night since they first began playing music here on Monday nights a number of years ago.



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:

- Jan 13 – Larry Brinegar
- Jan 20 – Kruisin Karaoke (DJ & Karaoke);
- Jan 27 – Karaoke Addiction (DJ & Karaoke)
- Feb 3 - Sammy K (DJ & Karaoke);
- Feb 10 – Country Pride Band
- Feb 17 – Kruisin Karaoke (DJ & Karaoke);
- Feb 24 – Karaoke Addiction (DJ & Karaoke)
- Mar 2 – Sammy K (DJ & Karaoke)
- Mar 9 – Larry Brinegar
- Mar 16 – Kruisin Karaoke (DJ & Karaoke);
- Mar 23 – Karaoke Addiction (DJ & Karaoke)
- Mar 30 – Country Pride Band

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

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.

FRIDAY NIGHT DINNERS – The American Legion Unit 194 Auxiliary will resume having their monthly Friday night dinners, beginning on January 20th. The dinners are \$10.00 per person and will be held on the 3rd Friday night of each month until May of 2012. These dinners will be 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. Come out and enjoy a great meal for \$10.00 and support our Legion's Auxiliary Unit. Our Auxiliary Unit 194 can always use extra help at their Friday Night Dinners and at the many other functions the Auxiliary that will be held 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.



2012 Membership Dues – A note to all Post 194 regular members – As of December 31, 2011, we have 778 members who have paid their 2012 Membership Dues. We want to thank all of you who have already paid your 2012 dues – You have helped us to get very close in reaching our membership goal for this year. We still need 130 additional members to reach our 4-Star Membership Goal. In checking our list of the Post 194 members who still have not paid their 2012 dues, our records indicate that we still have 132 members who paid their 2011 dues, but have not yet paid their 2012 dues. A reminder to these 132 members - As of Jan 1st, 2012, your American Legion current membership expired. If you want to maintain your consecutive years of Legion membership, you need to send in your 2012 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.



SAL Shrimp Dinner Update - The SAL Squadron #194 members are having Sunday Shrimp Dinners on Sundays in January, February, and March. **Note – There will be “No Shrimp Dinners” held on Sunday, Feb 5th (Super Bowl Sunday) and on Sunday, March 11 (Other Legion Activity Held this day).** The Shrimp Dinners are held from 2:00 – 6:00 PM. The menu consists of the following:

- ½ lb. of Steamed or Breaded Shrimp - \$5.50
- 1 lb. of Steamed or Breaded Shrimp - \$11.00
- Crab Cake Sandwich - \$7.00
- Fried Fish Sandwich - \$3.00
- Homemade Crab Soup (Cup) - \$2.50
- Hush Puppies - \$2.00
- French Fries Small Order - \$2.00; Large Order - \$3.00

All proceeds from the SAL Shrimp Dinners are used to support the many programs of the SAL Squadron 194.



Children's Easter Egg Party – The American Legion Auxiliary Unit 194 members will have their Annual Children's Easter Egg Party here at the Legion on Sunday, March 25th from 2:00 – 4:00 PM. There will be light food and refreshments, an outside Easter Egg Hunt (weather permitting), and a visit from the Easter Bunny. This event is free and Open to the Public for all children - ages 10 and under.

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

Regular Legion Members:

Charles Nick Miles John M. Weaver III
Paul F. Adams

Auxiliary Unit 194 Members:

Mary Cather Josephine Ginegaw
Mildred Brumfield

SAL Member:

Terry D. Dalton

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



Honor Guard Spaghetti Dinners - The Honor Guard will resume having their Friday Night Spaghetti Dinners during the months of January through April 2012. These dinners will include Spaghetti & Meatballs, Italian Bread, Salad, and Dessert and will be held from 5:30 – 7:30 PM on the 1st Friday night of each month (January 6th, February 3rd, March 2th, and April 6th). Cost is \$10.00 per person.



Annual Father's Day Bull Roast – This year, we will again be holding our annual Bull Roast on the 3rd Sunday in



June (which is Father's Day), June 17th. 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 “2012-2013 at our General Membership meeting held on April 26. Nominations for this year's election will be held at our March General Membership meeting to be held on March 22. We will be sending out another newsletter to remind everyone of the upcoming election in April.

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:

- Perry Point Medical Center: 1-800-949-1003**
- Elsmere VA Hospital: 1-800-450-8262**
- Baltimore VA Medical Center: 1-800-463-6295**