

**Message from Neil Eller, Outgoing Post Commander of Mason Dixon Post 194:** I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the members of the American Legion Mason Dixon Post 194 for the outstanding support you have provided to me during these past two years while I served as Commander of Mason Dixon Post 194. During these two years, we have held many successful activities and ceremonies at Post 194. Thanks to the members of Post 194 for their hard work and dedicated support, Mason Dixon Post 194 is recognized as one of the best American Legion Posts in the State of Maryland. It was indeed an honor and a privilege to have been given the opportunity to serve as the Post Commander during these past two years. I hope many of you will try to attend many of the various upcoming events and programs that will be held at Post 194 during the next 6 months. I am sure you will enjoy yourself.

**Message from Judy Palmer, Unit President for Auxiliary Unit 194:** To the Ladies of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 194 – I want to thank you for all of your outstanding dedicated support during this past year. We were really busy throughout the entire year with our monthly Friday Night Dinners, the Lions Club Dinners, the Children’s Halloween Party, the Early Bird Dinner, the Children’s Christmas Party, and the Children’s Easter Egg Hunt. These events were very successful. I also want to thank the members of the Legion and the SAL for all of your help during this year. We worked Great as a Team!

**Message from Axel Wicks, Post 194 Chaplain** – Lord lead me to the person(s) you want me to reach today. It is the Easter Season as I put this message together. Easter reminds me how much my Lord did for me. The dying Jesus is evidence of God’s anger toward sin, but the living Jesus is the proof of God’s love and forgiveness. —Thanks for the Life Daily Devotional for this message: NO OTHER PLAN. I love the story about a conversation that takes place in Heaven. Jesus is talking to an angel who asks, “Jesus, you lived on Earth and presented your message to the people there. But what happens now? Well, I trained my apostles and shared with them everything I know. They’ll tell others, who will tell others.... Until the whole world has heard my message and know my name.” “But, Jesus,” the angel inquires “what if they don’t tell others? And Jesus replies, I HAVE NO OTHER PLAN. Christ is counting on you and me to share the good news of Jesus Christ with the world – with our families-friends-neighbors and everyone who needs to hear it. We are Christ’s messengers and Christ’s message to a spiritually lost and needy world. Who will you share his message with today? Will you help me? John 3:16 FOR GOD SO — If you do not know what comes after “SO”, please find out and tell everyone you know.

**Neil Eller, Commander**  
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**Judy Palmer, President**  
Unit 194 Auxiliary

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



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May, June, and July 2011

We are sending out this second Newsletter during the Spring of 2011 to make sure that our members are aware of the upcoming events to be held here at the Legion during the next several months. We have a very busy schedule during May and June and we wanted everyone to be aware of the many events to be held here. We are also providing a list of the newly elected Officers for the upcoming 2011-2012 Legion Year. 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 (**Web Site: [www.alpost194.com](http://www.alpost194.com)**)

## Newly Elected Officers for the Legion Year of 2011-2012

### 2011-2012 American Legion Mason Dixon Post 194 Officers:

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

Riley Bennett, Jim Jones, and Mike Saponaro were elected to serve on the Executive Committee. Commander-elect Remhof will also appoint three additional members to the Executive Committee.

### 2011-2012 American Legion Auxiliary Unit 194 Officers:

President – Judy Palmer  
1<sup>st</sup> 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  
Finance Officer – Roger Ball  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander – Donnie White, Jr.  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander – Curty Janney  
Adjutant – Rodger Gilbert  
Finance officer - Roger Ball  
Sgt-At-Arms – Kenny Skelton  
Chaplain – Allan Dobosh  
Color Bearer – Alan Dobosh

The newly elected Officers will be officially installed during the Cecil County Legion Association “Joint Installation of Officers Ceremony” to be held on Sunday, July 31 at 2:00 PM at the American Legion Susquehanna Post 135 in Perryville, MD.

**Special Scholarship Announcement to All Legion Members:** This year, the American Legion Post 194 has a limited amount of funding available for several scholarships to local students from the surrounding communities who did not attend Rising Sun High School (RSHS).

Special Note - RSHS Seniors and 1<sup>st</sup> year College Students who attended RSHS are eligible for other established American Legion Post 194 scholarships and should apply through the RSHS Guidance Department for those Post 194 scholarships.

The amount of funding for these two scholarship funds is limited. The scholarships will be awarded based on previous scholastic performance, personal financial need, and past involvement in community projects. These two types of scholarships are available to any non-RSHS student from the surrounding communities who meets the following criteria:

- A local high school senior who will be attending college “full time” in the Fall; or
- A college full time student who will begin their sophomore year in the Fall.

Scholarship Funds are not available for 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> year College students. Any student who would like to apply for this Post 194 scholarship should write a letter requesting an application. The letter and a self-addressed stamped envelope should be addressed to:

American Legion Post 194  
Attn: Scholarship Chairman  
338 East Main Street  
Rising Sun, MD 21911

**Deadline for receiving completed applications at Post 194 is Friday, May 27, 2011.**

### 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 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. We also offer music entertainment provided by “Kruisin Karaoke” from 6:00 PM until Midnight.

**Friday Night Music** - We offer various types of music in our lounge area every Friday night from 8:00 – 12:00 PM.

- May 13 – Mindy’s Best
- May 20 – Kruisin Karaoke
- May 27 – Karaoke Addiction
- June 3 – Sammy K
- June 10 – Exstatic Sound
- June 17 – Kruisin Karaoke
- June 24 – Karaoke Addiction
- July 1 – Sammy K

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. 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.

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



**2010-2011 Membership Record** – Thanks to the members of Mason Dixon Post 194 who have paid your 2011 dues. The Legion still needs approximately 25 more members to reach our “4-Star Membership Goal” this year. A reminder to everyone – We will receive our 2012 membership cards in Mid-June. The annual cost for your membership dues for 2012 will remain the same as last year. At some point during the Summer months the American Legion National Headquarters will start sending out 2012 Membership Renewal notices. If you receive one of these Dues Renewal Notices and you have already paid your 2012 membership dues, please disregard the renewal notice. Sometimes it takes several weeks for the American Legion National Headquarters to update their membership database.

**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**

**Friday Night Dinners** – The Auxiliary will be having just one more monthly Friday night dinner this Spring on Friday, May 20<sup>th</sup>. Come out and enjoy a great meal for \$10.00 and support your Legion’s Auxiliary. The dinner will offer a choice of two meats with an assortment of other food items (such as vegetables, salads, and desserts). Reminder - The dinner on May 20<sup>th</sup> will be the last dinner until September (the Ladies will be taking the Summer months off). The Auxiliary dinners will resume in the Fall of 2011 on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday night of the month, beginning on September 16<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to all of you who helped make these dinners a great success throughout this past year.



**Armed Forces Day Ceremony:** On May 21 at 1:00 PM, the Oxford Area Historical Association will be holding a special Armed Forces Ceremony at the Visitor Center Auditorium at Herr’s Food Inc. in Nottingham, PA. This ceremony will honor Lt. General John Wilson O’Daniel who grew up in Oxford, PA and graduated from the University of Delaware. He was commissioned an Officer in the U.S. Army in 1917 and then served in Pershing’s Expedition in Mexico, World War I, World War II, Korea, and Vietnam. The Guest Speaker will be Lt. Colonel Timothy R. Stoy who is a U.S. Army Intelligence Analyst and a O’Daniel Biographer from Washington, DC. The public is invited to attend this event.



**MEMORIAL DAY**

**Memorial Day Ceremony** – This year we will be holding our annual Memorial Day program on Monday, May 30<sup>th</sup>. We will be having a short Memorial Day ceremony at several different cemeteries and in the Town of Rising Sun. Our main Memorial Day program will be held at our Pavilion at 11:00 AM. Here is a listing of the times that the ceremony will be held at each location:

- 09:00 AM – West Nottingham Cemetery
- 09:15 AM – Brookview Cemetery (Ceremony to be held at the Veteran’s Monument)
- 09:30 AM – Center Square in Town of Rising Sun
- 10:00 AM – Calvert Cemetery
- 11:00 AM – Main Ceremony at Post 194 Pavilion

We hope to see a large turnout for this event. The Rising Sun Middle School Band will provide musical entertainment at this year’s ceremony. We also have scheduled the “Cecil Fall Guys” Sky Divers to drop in ((parachute in) at the approximately 10:50 AM at the Pavilion as part of our program. Hope to see you there.

**Honor Guard Chicken BBQ Dinners Schedule for this year:**  
 - The Post 194 Honor Guard will be having three Chicken BBQ’s this year. The 1<sup>st</sup> Chicken BBQ will be on Sunday, May 29<sup>th</sup> during the Memorial Day Weekend. We will also be having a Chicken BBQ 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 until 4:00 PM (or until we sell out). Our Chicken BBQ’s have been very successful during the past several years. The dinner will consist of ½ Chicken, Baked Beans, Cole Slaw, and rolls & butter. Cost is \$8.00.



**Sunfest Car Show** – The American Legion Post 194 and the Sun City Cruisers Car Club will be having a Car Show at the Legion on Saturday, June 4 from 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM. Come out and see many great looking cars from various local car clubs. Admission is Free and there will be food and entertainment available.

**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** – 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 and music will be provided from 2:00 – 6:00 PM by the “LIX Band”, a local popular band. Tickets are now available. The cost of tickets are: Advance Sales (up to June 18<sup>th</sup>) – Adults: \$25.00; Children Under 10 - \$15.00. Prices on June 19<sup>th</sup> will be: Adults - \$28.00 and Children under 12 - \$18.00.



**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. If you would like to bring in a Covered Dish, Specialty Dish, or some type of Dessert, these items will be gladly accepted. There will be a variety of games available for the children. This event will be free to any Legion Member and their families.

**Luau Night – Friday Night - Aug 19<sup>th</sup>** : We are having our “Annual Hawaiian Luau Night” here at the Legion on Friday, August 19 from 8:00 PM until Midnight. Kruisin Karaoke will provide the music at this year’s Luau. Dress up in your best Hawaiian attire and come out and enjoy a great fun night here at the Legion. We will have the lounge area decorated in a Hawaiian atmosphere (thanks to Haven and Rosemary).



**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 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.



**Honor Guard “Gun Raffle”** – This year the Honor Guard will be having a Gun Raffle for two rifles. The drawings will be held at this year’s Crab Feast to 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.

**Other items of interest** – Don’t forget to support the Post 194 Honor Guard and the Unit 194 Auxiliary by purchasing one of their weekly 50/50 tickets. The proceeds from these weekly drawings are used to help these organizations finance the many services that they provide to this community.

**Final Salute to the recent Deceased Regular Members of Post 194:**

- Lewis Garvin Jr. (Post 194 Charter Member)
- Frank Hillyer
- William L. Kreiss Jr
- Arvil W. Prewitt
- Joseph A. Russell Jr.

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