

Message from Axel Wicks, Post 194 Chaplain: Show me your ways, O Lord, teach me your paths: guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long. Draw near to God and He will draw to you, James 4:8. QUESTION? If God stood before you today with your miracle, would you accept it? I love the story of the man who was home when it began to rain. His home was flooded and the water covered his feet. He went outside and saw a man on a raft. Need a lift the man called. No thanks I have prayed for a miracle. Before long the waters were up to his knees and another man came by in a canoe. He asked, need a lift? No thanks, I prayed for a miracle. A motor boat powered up to his house. Jump in before it's too late. No thanks, I prayed for a miracle. When the waters were up to his chin a helicopter flew over and lowered a rope ladder. No thanks was the reply again, I'm waiting for a miracle. Suddenly the man was standing at the Pearly Gates. Astonished the man said, what's all this about? I prayed and believed in a miracle. St. Peter replied, we sent you three boats and a helicopter! Sometimes we do not see the miracles God sends to us. If we are not careful we can miss everyone. So Lord, give us the courage to say yes, to grab on to your miracles, and hold on for dear life!

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.

Information concerning Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs local offices (POC Cindy Smith):

Full Time Office: 2 South Bond Street, 4th Floor, Bel Air MD 21014 (8am – 3pm) 410-836-4900

New Outreach Locations:

- Aberdeen Proving Ground, Susquehanna Ave, Bldg 4305 Room 134, 1st Wed Each Month (9am-3pm)
- Elkton Vet Center, 103 Chesapeake Blvd Suite A, Elkton, MD 21921, 2nd Wed Each Month (9am-3pm)
- Perry Point VA Med Center, Bldg 6, Room 6, Perry Point, MD 21902, 3rd Wed Each Month (9am-3pm)
- Aberdeen Vet Center, 223 W. Bel Air Ave, Aberdeen, MD 21001, 4th Wed Each Month (9am-3pm)

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 3rd Newsletter of 2012. We are providing this newsletter to keep everyone informed of the upcoming events occurring here at the Legion during the upcoming months.
Reminder - The American Legion Mason Dixon Post 194 has a web site that offers various types of information about "What's Happening at Post 194". Take a few minutes and visit our website at (**Web Site: 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 – Curtie Janney
- Adjutant – Rodger Gilbert
- Finance officer - Roger Ball
- Sgt-At-Arms – Kenny Skelton
- Chaplain – Allan Dobosh
- Color Bearer – Alan Dobosh

Legion News/Information:

Daily Lunches - During the weekdays from 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM, we offer a limited "Lunch Menu" at a reasonable price

"Wing Night" – Our "Chicken Wing Night" is held on each Monday Night from 5:00 – 8:00 PM. You have a choice of plain or breaded chicken wings with your choice of several types of sauces (BBQ, Mild, or HOT). We also offer music entertainment provided by "Kruisin Karaoke" which begins at 6:00 PM and ends at Midnight. We want to thank the many members and guests who turn out each Monday night to support this Legion function. We also have a great group of talented singers who show up each week to provide our audiences with great entertainment. A very special "thank you" goes out to a very dedicated group of Legion workers who are here each week to work in the kitchen preparing the food for everyone.

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 3 months:

- May 4 – Sammy K (DJ & Karaoke);
- May 11 – Premier Music (DJ & Karaoke);
- May 18 – Kruisin' Karaoke (DJ & Karaoke);
- May 25 – Karaoke Addiction (DJ & Karaoke);
- June 1 – Sammy K (DJ & Karaoke);
- June 8 – Premier Music (DJ & Karaoke);
- June 15 – Kruisin' Karaoke (DJ & Karaoke);
- June 22 – Country Pride Band (Country & Western Music);
- June 29 - Kruisin' Karaoke (DJ & Karaoke);
- July 6 – Sammy K (DJ & Karaoke);
- July 13 – All Mixt Up (Larry Brinegar) (DJ & Karaoke);
- July 20 - Kruisin' Karaoke (DJ & Karaoke);
- July 27 - Karaoke Addiction (DJ & Karaoke);

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

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

No Friday Night Dinners Until Fall - There will be no Ladies Auxiliary Friday night dinners until September - The Auxiliary are having a special fund raising event on Friday night, May 18. The Auxiliary Friday Night Dinners will resume in the Fall on the 3rd Friday night of September (Sept. 21st).

American Legion Post 194 Members on Sick Call:

Donald Frist	Norm Gordner
Bobby Holmes	Lloyd Ingerson

New Regular Members: We would like to welcome the following new members to Mason Dixon Post 194:

Mark W. Coulson	Richard J. Ettinger
Albin C. Meekins	Louis H. Pietschuman

Election of Officers for the new Legion Year - We held the Election of Officers for the Legion year 2012-2013 at our April 26th General Membership meeting. Here is the list of the newly elected Officers who will serve during the upcoming Legion Year.

American Legion Mason Dixon Post 194 Officers:

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

The three members elected to serve on the Executive Committee are: Riley Bennett, Tom Hawk, and Mike Saponaro. Commander Remhof will appoint three additional members to serve on the Executive Committee.

Election of American Legion Auxiliary Unit 194 Officers:

President - Judy Palmer
 Historian - Charlotte Rhodes
 Vice President - Gladys Wilson
 Sgt at Arms - Karen Dobosh
 Secretary - Nancy Simpers
 Treasurer - Kitty Bennett
 Color Bearers - Diana Gilbert and Pat Wood

Election of SAL Squadron 194 Officers -

Commander - Larry Wilson
 1st Vice Commander - Allan Dobosh
 2nd Vice Commander - Freddie Gilbert
 Adjutant - Rodger Gilbert
 Finance Officer - Charlie Richardson
 Sgt. at Arms - Jason Butler
 Chaplain - Kenny Skelton
 Historian - Roger Ball

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. 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.

Other Upcoming Events to be held here at the Legion:

Life Line Screening Tests Available at Post 194 - According to information provided by the National Stroke Association, cardiovascular disease is the #1 cause of death in the United States of both men and women. This disease is also the leading cause of permanent disability. It was also reported that 4 out of every 5 stroke victims had no apparent warning signs and that 80% of strokes can be prevented if proper action is taken. With this in mind, the American Legion Post 194 has given permission to a company named "Life Line Screening" to use our back hall on Thursday, May 31, to provide 5 different types of ultrasound screenings related to the early detection of cardiovascular disease. **Pre-registration is required. To register, call 800-679-5192 and mention Priority Code HSC4623.** It is to be noted that these screening tests are not free - There is a fee associated with each screening test. We want to make you aware that these screening tests are not covered by the Medicare program, nor are the costs reimbursable by the Medicare Program. For more information concerning the purpose of these On-Line Screening tests and their associated costs, please stop by the Legion for more details. We have information packets available that help explain the purpose of these screenings.

Honor Guard Chicken BBQ Dinners Schedule for this year: -

The Post 194 Honor Guard will be having Chicken BBQs on the following dates:

1. Monday, May 28th (Memorial Day Weekend).
2. Wednesday, July 4th
3. Labor Day, Monday, September 3rd.

The BBQ's will be from 11:00 AM and 4:00 PM (or until we sell out). The money raised during these Chicken BBQ's are used to help pay the operating expenses of the Honor Guard. Come out and support the Honor Guard by purchasing a Chicken BBQ dinner, which consists of 1/2 Chicken, Baked Beans, Cole Slaw, and rolls & butter. Cost is \$9.00.

Final Salute to recent Deceased Members of Post 194 who have went on to Post Everlasting:

Post 194 Member:
 Robert (Slim) C. Palmer

Auxiliary Unit #194 Member:
 Jane Jones

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

Memorial Day Ceremony Information - This year we will be holding our annual Memorial Day program on Wednesday, May 30th with the following services:

1. Ceremony at the West Nottingham Presbyterian Church Cemetery at 9:30 AM
2. Brookview Cemetery at 9:45 AM
3. Veteran's Memorial in Center Town of Rising Sun at 10:00 AM
4. Calvert Cemetery at 10:30 AM
5. The main Memorial Day ceremony will be held here at the Legion Pavilion at 11:00 AM.

We hope to see a large turnout for our main Memorial Day Program at 11:00 AM. The Rising Sun Middle School Band will provide a selection of patriotic musical selections. The "Cecil Fall Guys" (a group of local Sky Divers) will parachute in at our Pavilion at approximately 10:50 AM, just before our Memorial Day Program begins.



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 2 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 Thursday, June 14th, 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 - Our Annual Bull Roast will be held on Father's Day, Sunday, June 17th. Food will be from 1:00 - 5:00 PM; Music will be from 2:00 - 6:00 PM with be provided by Kruisin' Karaoke. The menu will consist of Pit Beef, BBQ Chicken, various green table items, draft beer, and other types of salads and desserts. Tickets are now available. The ticket prices are: - Adults: \$20.00; Children under 10 - \$10.00. Contact the Post to purchase your tickets.

Salute to Veterans Ceremony - A local Rising Sun community "Salute to the Veterans" ceremony will be held at the American Legion Mason Dixon Post 194 in Rising Sun, MD on Sunday, June 24th at 3:00 PM. All Veterans, both 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 favorite patriotic music. 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.

2012 Installation of Officers Ceremony: On Sunday, July 29 Cecil Post #15 will serve as the Host Post for the Annual Installation of Officers Ceremony for the three Cecil County American Legion Organizations. All Post, Unit, and SAL newly elected Officers for Cecil Post 15, Susquehanna Post 135, and Mason Dixon Post 194 will be officially sworn in at this ceremony. Further details concerning this year's Cecil County American Legion Association's Installation of Officers Ceremony will be provided at a later date.

Family Day Picnic at the Legion - We will be having our "Annual Family Day Picnic" at the Legion's Pavilion on Sunday, August 5th from 2:00-6:00 PM (Rain Day for this event will be one week later, Sunday, August 12th). 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. Our members are requested to bring any type of Specialty Dish, or a Covered Dish with your favorite food, or some type of Dessert. These additional specialty dishes really helps make for a great family picnic. There will be a variety of games available for the children. This event will be free to any Legion Member, their families and guests.



Honor Guard "Gun Raffle" - This year the Honor Guard will be having a Gun Raffle for two guns. The drawings will be held at this year's Crab Feast that will be held on Sunday, September 9th. Featured in this year's Honor Guard Gun Raffle are the following prizes:

- 1st Drawing - Henry 44 Magnum Big Boy (or \$500.00)
- 2nd Drawing - Henry 22 Magnum Golden Boy (or \$375.00)

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.



Crab Feast - Sunday Sept 9th, 2011 - We will be having our Annual Crab Feast on Sunday, Sept 9th 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 7th. - **No Crab Feast 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.

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**