

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

Regular Legion Members: Frederick Boddy Ray Stike Wynfred C. Sibley
American Legion Auxiliary Unit: Carol Buell Lee O'Donnell Doris Killough
Sons of the American Legion Squadron: Daniel L. Melrath Sr.
Our deepest sympathy goes out to the family members and their many friends.

Message from Post Commander Vinnie Mule': It has been 3 months into my term as Post Commander and I must say that I have learned a lot about our Post and its operations over this time. I have learned how challenging it can be to run a Post of this size. That being said, I want to say how lucky we are to have such a loyal and experienced group of Officers who have given so much of their time over the years to Mason Dixon Post 194. I want to say "Thank You" to all of our volunteers from our Regular Members, from the Ladies Auxiliary members, from the SAL members, and from the members of the Legion Riders who have provided such great support for such a long time. You guys and gals are a special group and you are the life line of our organization here at American Legion Post 194.

While we have had such great support in the past, there is a need for more volunteers now while we strive to maintain and expand our activities here at Post 194. I want to reach out and find those in our membership who would like to get more involved in the day to day activities of our Post. **We could really use your help. If you would like to volunteer, please call and leave a message at the Post with your name and phone number. We will have someone call you back and provide you with more information about where we really need help.** One of the major areas that we need help is in the kitchen - specifically we need someone to help cook on Bingo nights! We will gladly train anyone who is interested in helping out on Saturday nights.

Legion Closed on Thanksgiving Day – Just a reminder to let everyone know the Legion will be closed all day on Thursday (Thanksgiving Day), November 27, 2014. Enjoy your holiday.

Vince Mule', Commander
American Legion Post 194

Judy Palmer, President
Unit 194 Auxiliary

Allan Dobosh, Commander
Son of the American Legion



American Legion Family

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November, December, January

This is our Newsletter for November, December, and January that provides the various events that will be occurring here at the Legion during the next 3 months. Please visit the American Legion Mason-Dixon Post 194 web site for additional types of information about "What's Happening at Post 194"- (**Web Site: www.alpost194.com**).

Here is a listing of the Officers of the American Legion Mason Dixon Post, Unit and SAL Squadron 194 for the Legion Year of 2015-2016:

American Legion Mason Dixon Post 194 Officers:

Commander – Vince Mule'
 1st Vice Commander – Neil Eller
 2nd Vice Commander – Grant Eller
 3rd Vice Commander – Robbie Wilson
 Finance Officer – Jeff Hughes
 Adjutant – Dick Kline
 Service Officer – John Kilby
 Sgt-at-Arms- Norman (Butch) Robinson
 Senior Color Bearer – Tom Hawk
 Judge Advocate – Vacant
 Chaplain – Axel Wicks
 Historian – George Remhof
 Executive Committee members also includes: Mike Saponaro, Riley Bennett, David Horn, Chuck Allport, Roger Ball, and Bobby Burlin.

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 194 Officers:

President – Judy Palmer
 1st Vice President – Charlotte Rhoades
 2nd Vice President - Dianne Gilbert
 Secretary – Dana Fritts
 Color Bearers: Dianne Gilbert and Pat Wood
 Treasurer – Doris Orem
 Sgt. at Arms - Karen Dobosh
 Chaplain - Alice Kline
 Historian – Charlotte Rhoades

Election of SAL Squadron 194 Officers:

Commander – Allan Dobosh
 1st Vice Commander - Larry Wilson
 2nd Vice Commander – Rodger Gilbert
 Adjutant – Steven Webb
 Finance Officer - Charlie Richardson
 Sgt-At-Arms – Jack Fritts
 Chaplain – Mike Gilbert
 Historian - Kevin McCullough

Welcome New Members to Post 194: Welcome to the following new members of the American Legion Mason Dixon Post, Unit, and SAL 194:

New Regular Members of American Legion Mason Dixon Post 194:

1 st Lt. Richard M. Jackson (USMC – Active Duty)	Philip R. Monforte
William C. Kaelin	Richard M. Pierce
Donald C. Morse	Carl J. Yeagley
Steven A. Vest	

New Members of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 194:

Mackenzie E. Boyle	Sharon L. Burlin
Susan Coulson	Vickie L. Evans
Janet P. Ford	Ann E. Freyer
Diane M. Fritts	Pamela B. Jones
Ashley M. McDaniel	Frances H. McKinney
Hailey R. Rice	Hannah M. Rice
Kimberly A. Spratt	Stephanie M. Wood

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

Christopher Gray	John Gray
Robert Graybeal	Mark Krauser
Xavier Losaro	Michael Moretti Eric
Strickler Jr.	Tim Williams

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.

2016 Membership Dues – The 2016 membership cards for the Regular Members, the Auxiliary Members, and the SAL Members are available at the Legion. We ask that all members (Regular, Auxiliary, and SAL) please try to pay your 2016 membership dues as soon as you can – You will be helping our three organizations (American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary, and the SAL) reach our membership goals for the upcoming year.

Wing Night on Monday Nights – Our weekly “Chicken Wing Night” on Monday Nights from 5:00 – 8:00 PM continue to be a great success. We want to express our sincere appreciation for a very special group of members who volunteer each week to work in our kitchen preparing the Wings that we enjoy. These people are very dependable volunteers who are here every Monday Night to make sure that you can enjoy great wings. We also want to thank our great DJ (Haven - Krusis Karaoke) for being here every Monday night, providing great music entertainment from 6:00 PM until midnight.



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 months:

Oct 16 – Krusis Karaoke
 Oct 23 – Vic Bird
 Oct 30 – Krusis Karaoke
 Nov 6 – Krusis Karaoke
 Nov 13 – Charlie Hitman
 Nov 20 - Krusis Karaoke
 Nov 27 – Vic Bird
 Dec 4 – Krusis Karaoke
 Dec 6 - (Sunday - Early Bird Party) – Krusis Karaoke
 Dec 11 – Vic Bird
 Dec 18 – Krusis Karaoke
 Dec 25 (Christmas) – Closed
 Dec 31 (New Year’s Eve) – Krusis Karaoke

B I N G O

Saturday Night Bingo – We have Bingo here at the Post home every Saturday night from 7:00–10:00 PM. **Sales begin at 6:00 PM.** We offer a series of regular bingo games and a variety of special games, including 2 Cover-All 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 Members, Auxiliary Unit, and SAL) are held on the 4th Thursday of each month. The meetings begin at 7:00 PM. **A special reminder to all members: Our monthly meetings in November and December will be held on the 3rd Thursday of those months (Nov 19 and Dec 17) due to the upcoming Holiday Season.**



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

Important Notice to All Post 194 Regular Members – Legion Membership Dues Increase Effective January 1, 2016. At this year’s National American Legion Convention held in the late summer of 2015 in Baltimore, MD, a motion was passed to increase by \$5.00 the price of the yearly membership dues for belonging to the American Legion. The effective date of this \$5.00 increase in annual membership dues will be January 1, 2016. All American Legion Post 194 **“Regular Members”** are hereby notified that if you submit your 2016 renewal dues after December 31, 2015 your cost for membership renewal will be \$30.00 - instead of the \$25.00 if you pay your dues before December 31, 2015. **Note – This increase in membership dues does not pertain to the American Legion Auxiliary Members or the SAL Members.** This \$5.00 increase (effective January 1, 2016) has been mandated by the American Legion National Headquarters in Indianapolis, IN.

Friday Night Dinners – The American Legion Unit 194 Auxiliary are having a Friday night dinner on the 3rd Friday night of every month until April. These dinners are \$10.00 per person and 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. Our Auxiliary Unit 194 can always use extra help at their Friday Night Dinners and at the many other functions the Auxiliary holds 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.



American Legion Riders Sunday Morning Breakfast – The American Legion Riders of Post 194 are having a buffet-style breakfast in the Post Banquet Hall on the 3rd Sunday of each month from 8:00 – 11:00 AM during the next several 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 \$7.00 per person. Proceeds will be used to support Veterans programs in the local area.

Children’s’ Halloween Party – Sunday – Oct 25th - This year, the members of the Auxiliary Unit 194 will be having their Annual Children’s Halloween Party on **Sunday, Oct 25 from 1:00 – 3:00 PM.** All children (10 years old and younger) are invited to attend this event. The costumes will be judged for various categories and there will be prizes for each age group. There will be refreshments available at this event. A reminder to All Auxiliary Members – We need a lot of help at this event and we need members to bring baked cookies to this event.



Christmas Music Concert at the Legion – This year’s scheduled Christmas Concert featuring the Upper Chesapeake Community Band has been cancelled.



Halloween Adult Costume Party – Oct 30th. We will be having this year’s Adult Halloween Costume Party on Friday Night, October 30th from 7:30 PM –11:30 PM. Krusis Karaoke will provide the musical entertainment for this event. The Legion will be providing various prizes for the funniest, scariest, and the most original costumes. Come out and enjoy the funny sights to be seen. We are sure that you will have a great time.

SAL Shrimp Dinner Update - The SAL Squadron #194 members are having Sunday Shrimp Dinners on these three Sundays (Oct. 25, Nov. 8 and Nov. 22). The Shrimp Dinners will be from 1:00 – 5:00 PM and the menu will consist of the following:

- Steamed or Fried Breaded Shrimp;
- Crab Cake Sandwich;
- Fish Sandwich;
- Homemade Crab Soup;
- Hush Puppies;
- French Fries.

Note - All proceeds from the SAL shrimp dinners are used to support the many programs of the SAL Squadron 194. No Shrimp Dinners will be offered in December due to the many holiday events happening here at the Post Home. The Shrimp Dinners will resume in January 2016 on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of January, February, and March.



Veterans Day Program -This year our Annual Veterans Day Program will be held on Friday night, November 6th. 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 still 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, Krusis Karaoke will provide music from 9:00 PM to Midnight.

Children’s Christmas Party - Dec 13th - The Auxiliary will be having their “Annual Children’s Christmas Party” on Sunday afternoon, Dec 13th from 1:00 – 3:00 PM. There will be refreshments and snacks available and most importantly “A Visit by Santa Claus”. This Children’s Christmas Party is open to the Public for all children up to 9 years of age. For more information, contact Judy Palmer at the Legion.



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 SAL members are now selling tickets for a 55 Inch Samsung Smart TV to be drawn at our Superbowl Party. The proceeds from these weekly drawings are used to help these organizations finance the many services that they provide to this community.

Membership Early Bird Dinner –Each American Legion member who has paid their 2016 membership dues by Dec 6th will be entitled to attend our Early Bird Christmas Party (Dinner & Dance) **for Free.** Any guests or non-members who attend this event will be required to pay for their dinner. **The cost of this Early Bird Dinner for Non-Paid Members and Guests will be: Adults - \$15.00, Children 6-12 \$7.50, and children under 6 - free.** Dinner will be from 3:00 – 4:00 PM and we will have Music provided by Krusis Karaoke in our Bar Lounge Area from 4:00 – 8:00 PM. We are always looking to sign up new Legion members. If you know of anyone who is eligible for Legion membership and would like to join our organization, please have this person fill out a membership application form.

Christmas Eve (December 24th) Luncheon - The Legion will have our Annual Christmas Eve luncheon here at the Legion from 11:30 AM until 3:00 PM. If you are out doing some last minute shopping on Thursday, Dec. 24th, stop by the Legion and enjoy a free luncheon (compliments of the Post). **Note – We will be closing at 8:00 PM on Christmas Eve and we will not be open on Christmas Day (Dec 25th).**



New Year’s Eve Party here at the Legion – We are having a New Year’s Eve Party on Thursday night, December 31, 2015 here at the Legion. We are having the same type of New Year’s Eve Party that we have had for the past several years. This event is free for those who bring some type of food item (a favorite food dish that you have prepared). For those people who do not want to bring a food dish, cash donations for the food will be accepted. All money collected will be used to pay for the food. The New Year’s Eve Party has been very successful in the past. Krusis Karaoke will provide the musical entertainment this year.

Message from Post Chaplain Axel Wicks: Each morning is God’s way of saying one more time – Go make a difference, touch a heart, encourage a mind, inspire a soul, enjoy the day. Here we are in October as I write this message – Where has this year gone? Baseball is almost over, football is just starting. Veterans Day is coming soon and Christmas is just around the corner. God Bless our Troops for serving when America needed them. Please join us on November 6 at the Post 194 as we pray for and remember our Veterans. The program that we have this year will be extra special if you attend. Christmas is not far away. I still think it is OK to say “Merry Christmas”. Jesus is the reason for the season. If you look for Jesus at Christmas you won’t need a special star. He is no longer in Bethlehem, he is right where you are. You may not be aware of him amid the many celebrations, you’ll have to look beyond the stores and all the decorations. But if you take a moment from your list of things to do and listen to your heart, you will find he is waiting there for you. You’re the one he wants to be with, you are the reason that he came, and you will find him in the stillness as he whispers your name. Please take the time, talk with him, pray with him and have a Blessed Christmas. Please read the Christmas Story in the Bible in the Book of Luke. May God Bless Our Veterans and May God Bless America. Amen