

Message from Post Chaplain Axel Wicks

I have heard some nice comments about our SICK CALL-PRAYER CALL board. Thank you to those of you who have been praying with me for those people listed on the board. My message this time will continue on the subject of prayer. How to P. R. A. Y. PRAISE – Thank God for what He has already accomplished. REPENT – Confess your sins and short comings. Repent personally and on behalf of our nation. The Lord is quick to forgive when we come to Him. ASK – Ask God to reveal truth, turn our hearts back to Him and bring healing. YIELD – Yield to the Lord and recognize He has heard our prayers and will answer according to His will. He is waiting to provide guidance and direction. Now, let us ask ourselves – Why Pray? Prayer brings us into the presence of Almighty God. In our seasons of trial, in our times of prosperity, when we don't know where to turn, He is our answer. Scripture tells us "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord." (Psalm 33:12) – and He is faithful to bless those who turn to Him. Some areas to consider praying for in addition to the people listed on the Sick Call – Prayer Call Board are our government, our churches, our military, our families, our education system, and our media coverage. Protect and defend us against our enemies and may the cause of Christ always prevail in our schools, courts, homes, and churches. Lord God, send a spirit of revival and may it begin in our hearts. Remember, America we pray. Remember the foundation of which this country was founded. Remember the prayers of our nation's fathers and mothers and do not forget us in our times of need. In the name of our Savior, Amen. I have some bibles, free for the asking. If you would like one, please contact me.

Note from Post Commander George Remhof

As I begin my term as Commander, I am reminded of all the support I, and the Post, have been given by the many volunteers of Post 194 (Regular Members, Auxiliary Members, and SAL Members) who are very dedicated and who continue to put in countless hours here at the Legion. Without these volunteers helping to make sure that all of the many events held here at the Legion are successful, we could not be recognized as one of the best American Legion Posts in the State of Maryland. For all that you do, I thank you for a job well done. I want to wish all members of Post 194 and their families a very safe and happy Holiday Season during the upcoming Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year Holiday periods. Please take a moment to be sure that we do not forget our men and women in Uniform, who are stationed all around the world. Please keep these brave service men and women in your prayers so that they may return home, safe and sound, to their loved ones here in the States.

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.

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 October - December of 2011. 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 (**Web Site: www.alpost194.com**)

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:

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| Alex Bodnar Jr. | Lloyd S. Miller | Daniel T. Gilbert |
| Robert Brose | Donald L. Hess | Francis E. Dixon Jr. |
| Ethan T. Senn | Stephen M. Thomas | Stephen Kreider |
| Raymond J. Makouski | | |

New Auxiliary Unit 194 Members:

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| Judith A. Caffey | Sharon A. Kaminken | Shirley A. Kilby |
| Carolyn S. Thomas | Diannen Gilbert | Barbara Hess |
| Kimberly Webber | Daniellel Ellis | |

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

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| John C. Hornyak | Brad J. Craig | Charlie Richardson, |
| Robert A. Hawke | Kevin B. Vaughan | Frederick L. Gilbert |

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 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.

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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:

- Oct 7 - Sammy K (DJ & Karaoke);
- Oct 14 – Blues Brothers (Special Dinner/Show Event in Hall)
- Oct 21 – Karaoke Addiction (DJ & Karaoke)
- Oct 28 – Halloween Party with Kruisin Karaoke (DJ & Karaoke);
- Nov 4 – Sammy K (DJ & Karaoke)
- Nov 11 - Premier Music (DJ & Karaoke);
- Nov 18 – Kruisin Karaoke (DJ & Karaoke);
- Nov 25 – Country Pride Band
- Dec 2 – Sammy K (DJ & Karaoke)
- Dec 9 – Premier Music (DJ & Karaoke);



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 Members, Auxiliary Unit, and SAL) are held on the 4th Thursday of each month. The meetings begin at 7:00 PM.



Halloween Adult Costume Party – Oct 28th. We will be having this year's Adult Halloween Costume Party on Friday Night, October 28th from 7:30 PM – 11:30 PM. Haven & Rosemary (Kruisin 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.

Friday Night Dinners – The American Legion Unit 194 Auxiliary will resume having their monthly Friday night dinners, beginning on September 16th. The dinners are \$10.00 per person and will be held on the 3rd Friday night of each month until May of next year. 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 – The 2012 membership cards for the Regular Members, the Auxiliary Members, and the SAL Members are now available here at the Legion. We ask that the Regular Members, the Auxiliary Members, and the members of the SAL please try to pay your 2012 membership dues as soon as you can – You will be helping our three organizations (American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary, and the SAL) reach their membership goals for the upcoming year.

“Blues Brothers” Dinner & Entertainment Show – October 14 – Friday Night. We have scheduled a very special event to take place on this date. Gary Robinson and David Huston will bring their famous “Blues Brothers Act” to the Post 194 on Friday night, October 14. This performance will be conducted as a “Special Tribute & Memorial” to Gary Robinson’s father, Frank Robinson Sr., who passed away during the past year. Frank Robinson Sr. was a very active member of our Post Honor Guard. Gary Robinson and David Huston have gained great notoriety as a result of their previous performances during their “Blues Brothers Shows” they have provided in the Oxford (PA) area. This will be a dinner & show event. Dinner will be served at 7:00 PM and the Blues Brothers Show will be from 8:30 – 9:15 PM. Kruisin Karaoke will provide additional music from 9:15 until Midnight. Tickets to this event are \$20.00 for each person. Tickets are now available at the Legion. We expect this event to be a sellout (only 250 tickets will be available).

Veterans Day Program – This year our Annual Veterans Day Program will be held on Friday night, November 11th. Our program will consist of the following: 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 in the process of making the final preparations for this year's Veterans Day program. A reminder to everyone – Due to the size of our turnout for our Veterans Day Programs during previous years, you will need to make reservations in advance for this event. We will start accepting reservations in Mid-October for this event. The cost of the dinner this year will be \$10.00 per person. Immediately following our Veterans Day program, Premier Music will provide music from 9:00 PM to Midnight in our bar lounge area.



Children's' Halloween Party – Sunday – Oct 30th - This year, the members of the Auxiliary Unit 194 will be having their Annual Children's Halloween Party on Sunday, Oct 30th from 2:00 – 4:00 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



SAL Shrimp Dinner Update - The SAL Squadron #194 members are having Sunday Shrimp Dinners on three Sundays in November (Nov 6, Nov 13, and Nov 27). The Shrimp Dinners will be from 2:00 – 6:00 PM and the menu will consist 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

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 during the Month of December due to the many holiday events happening here at the Post Home. The Shrimp Dinners will resume on Sundays in January 2012.

Support for Our Troops Serving Overseas – With the Holiday Season approaching soon, Post 194 will be collecting various items that we will send to our Troops serving in Iraq and Afghanistan. We are collecting various types of personal hygiene items (tooth paste, tooth brushes, shampoo, deodorant, etc.), various types of snack items that won't melt (cookies, gum, hard candy, chips, etc.), other types of personal items (Q-tips, Dr. Scholl's insole pads, visine, eye drops, chapstick, etc.), magazines, books, DVDs & CDs, and International Phone Cards. If you would like to donate any of these items, we will have a Drop Box here at the Legion so you can drop your items off here. We also are accepting cash donations that will be used exclusively to purchase International Phone Cards. All Cash Donations will be used to purchase these Phone Cards. The Legion will take the necessary actions to ensure that these items are shipped to our troops before the Christmas Holiday. Note – If you want to write a short letter thanking the troops for serving our country, we will make sure your letters get delivered to the troops.



Honor Guard Spaghetti Dinners – In January 2012, 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 2nd, and April 6th). Cost is \$10.00 per person.

Membership Early Bird Dinner – Each American Legion member who has paid their 2012 membership dues by Dec 4th 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 in the 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 give this person a membership application form.

Super Bowl Party – A reminder to everyone on our Big Super Bowl Board. You need to have your block paid off in full by December 31, 2011. Any blocks that are not paid up in full by this date will be sold to the next person on our long waiting list for people wanting to get on this board.



Children's Christmas Party - Dec 11th - The Auxiliary will be having their “Annual Children's Christmas Party” on Sunday afternoon, Dec 11th from 2:00 – 4:00 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.



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 Friday, 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).**

Tribute to the Stars (Repeat Performance) – Sunday, November 13 –

On Sunday afternoon, November 13, the American Legion Post 194 presents “Premier's Tribute to the Stars”. This show will provide multiple artists providing great performances of Elvis, Patsy Cline, Frank Sinatra, Roy Orbison, Englebert Humperdink, Johnny Cash, Hank Sr., and others. The Epics, a great local band, will also be here to provide their music. Tickets to this event are \$15.00 a person. There will be a “Cash Bar” and the SAL Squadron 194 will be offering various seafood items (Steamed & Fried Shrimp, crab cakes, etc.) at an additional cost. This event is expected to sell out quick, so be sure to get your tickets early. Tickets are now available at the Legion.

New Year's Eve Party here at the Legion – We are having a New Year's Eve Party on Saturday night, December 31, 2011 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. We are asking anyone who wants to attend this event to bring some type of food item, especially if you have a favorite food dish that you can prepare. 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 that the Legion provides. These parties have been very successful and everyone who has attended this event in the past has had a great time. Haven and Rosemary (Kruisin Karaoke) will provide the musical entertainment this year.

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

Regular Legion Members:

Clarence “Ed” White George T. Mace

Auxiliary Unit 194 Member:

Molly Ivins

SAL Member:

Andre J. Dupuis

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