

Message from Post Chaplain Axel Wicks:

No matter how smooth or rough this day, GOD is with us each step of the way. One of my favorite religious leaders is Reverend Billy Graham. I have attended his Crusades in New York City, Baltimore, and Philadelphia. I want to share this story with you. Reverend Graham is now very old and he has Parkinson's disease. He was invited to a luncheon in his honor in North Carolina which he first hesitated because of his struggles with Parkinson's disease but when he was told they did not expect a major address, he agreed. After many nice things were said about him, Reverend Graham stepped to the rostrum. He said, I am reminded today of Albert Einstein who was traveling on a train one day. When the conductor came down the aisle punching tickets, Dr. Einstein could not find his ticket. The conductor said, I am sure you bought a ticket, don't worry about it. When looking back, the conductor noticed that Dr. Einstein was still looking for his ticket. The conductor rushed back and said, Dr. Einstein, you don't need a ticket. Dr. Einstein looked at him and said, "Young man, I too know who I am. What I don't know is where I am going". Having said that, Billy Graham continued "See the suit that I am wearing? It's a brand new suit. I bought this suit for this luncheon and one more occasion. This is the suit that I will be buried in. But when you hear I am dead, I don't want you to remember the suit that I'm wearing. I want you to remember this: I not only know who I am - I also know where I am going." May your troubles be less, your blessings be more, and nothing but happiness come through your door. "Life without GOD is like an unsharpened pencil - It has no point".

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.

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

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Unit 194 Auxiliary

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This is our Newsletter for the October - December 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 (**Web Site: www.alpost194.com**)

Here is the list of Officers for Mason Dixon Post 194 for the Legion Year of 2012-2013:

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

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

2012-2013 American Legion Auxiliary Unit 194 Officers:

President - Judy Palmer
1st Vice President - Gladys Wilson
Treasurer - Katherine Bennett
Secretary - Nancy Simpser
Color Bearers - Dianna Gilbert and Pat Wood
Historian - Charlotte Rhodes
Sgt-At-Arms - Karen Dobosh
Treasurer - Kitty Bennett
Chaplain - Alice Kline

2012-2013 Sons of the American Legion (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

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:

Betty Adams	Michael Boyle	Andrew Crowl
Glenn Doyle	John Gilbert	Raymond Pechin
Donald Shuey	James Smith	David Stanton
Thomas Watkins	William Yingling	

New Auxiliary Unit 194 Members:

Doris Duffy	Donna Pohlig	Melissa A. Sheets
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New Members of the Sons of the American Legion (SAL)

Squadron 194:

Douglas Geiger	Timmy J. Hogden	Jerry L. Ickes
James T. Mace	Mark Panaccione	Thomas G. Sepka Jr.

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. A Special Thanks goes out 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, Vinnie Mule', Wayne Welsh, Butch Riley, 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. We also want to thank Haven and Rosemary (Kruisin Karaoke) for their dedication in being here every Monday night, providing great music entertainment from 6:00 PM until midnight.

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 15 and Dec 20) due to the Holiday Season.

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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 5 - Sammy K (DJ & Karaoke)
- Oct 12 – Karaoke Addiction (DJ & Karaoke)
- Oct 19– Vic Bird (DJ)
- Oct 26 –Halloween Party with Kruisin Karaoke (DJ & Karaoke)
- Nov 2 – Sammy K (DJ & Karaoke)
- Nov 9 - Kruisin Karaoke (DJ & Karaoke)
- Nov 16 – Vic Bird (DJ)
- Nov 23 – Karaoke Addiction (DJ & Karaoke)
- Nov 30 - Adriano
- Dec 7 – Sammy K (DJ & Karaoke)
- Dec 14 – Blackwater Duo
- Dec 21 - Kruisin Karaoke (DJ & Karaoke)
- Dec 28 - Karaoke Addiction (DJ & Karaoke)
- Dec 31 – New Year’s Eve - Kruisin Karaoke (DJ & Karaoke)

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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 big 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.

Legion Closed on Thanksgiving Day – Just a reminder to let everyone know the Legion will be closed all day on Thursday (Thanksgiving Day), November 22, 2012. Enjoy your holiday.

2013 Membership Dues – The 2013 membership cards for the Regular Members, the Auxiliary Members, and the SAL Members are now available here at the Legion. We ask that all members (Regular, Auxiliary, and SAL) please try to pay your 2013 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.



Veterans Day Program – This year our Annual Veterans Day Program will be held on Friday night, November 9th. 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 – Please pay at the door. Immediately following our Veterans Day program, Kruisin Karaoke will provide music from 9:00 PM to Midnight in our bar lounge area.

Halloween Adult Costume Party – Oct 26th. We will be having this year’s Adult Halloween Costume Party on Friday Night, October 26th 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.



Children’s Halloween Party – Sunday – Oct 28th - This year, the members of the Auxiliary Unit 194 will be having their Annual Children’s Halloween Party on Sunday, Oct 28th 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.



F R I D A Y N I G H T D I N N E R **Friday Night Dinners** – The American Legion Unit 194 Auxiliary have resumed their monthly Friday night dinners in September. The dinners are \$10.00 per person and are held on the 3rd Friday night during each month up to the end of May. 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 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.



SAL Shrimp Dinner Update - The SAL Squadron #194 members are having Sunday Shrimp Dinners on two Sundays in October (Oct 14 and Oct 28) and two Sundays in November (Nov 11, and Nov 25). 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 in January 2013 on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of January and March. In February, the Shrimp Dinners will be held on Feb 10th and 17th.

American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) Department Executive Committee (DEC) Meeting on Nov. 4th – The American Legion Auxiliary Unit will be hosting the ALA DEC meeting here at Post 194 on Sunday, November 4th. It is indeed an honor for the ALA Unit 194 to have been asked to hold the November ALA DEC Meeting here at the home of ALA Unit 194. We will have a number of ALA Officers from all across the State of Maryland attending this meeting.

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 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, DVDs & CDs, and I-Tune 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 I-Tune 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 – The Honor Guard will be having a Friday Night Spaghetti Dinner on Friday night, February 1, 2013. The dinner will include Spaghetti & Meatballs, Italian Bread, Salad, and Dessert and will be held from 5:30 – 7:30 PM. Cost is \$10.00 per person.

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

Regular Legion Members:

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| Francis Durham | Ron Hixon |
| Norman Gordner | Calvin Grace |
| Donald Lincoln | Thomas McNeill |
| Rudolph Patrick | Clarence Young |

Auxiliary Unit 194 Members:

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| Margaret (Peg) Cornwell | Alice Fraser |
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Our deepest sympathy goes out to the family and friends of our departed members.

Membership Early Bird Dinner –Each American Legion member who has paid their 2013 membership dues by Dec 2nd 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.

New Year’s Eve Party here at the Legion – We are having a New Year’s Eve Party on Wednesday night, December 31, 2012 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.



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 Monday, 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).**



Christmas Music Concert at the Legion – The Upper Chesapeake Community Band will present a one hour Christmas Music Concert at the Legion on Saturday, December 15th at 2:00 PM. The band will be playing an assortment of popular Christmas Music Selections for your enjoyment. There will be light snacks and refreshments available at this event. This concert is free and open to the public. Bring your friends and attend a wonderful Christmas Music concert. We are sure that you will enjoy yourself.

Children’s Christmas Party - Dec 9th - The Auxiliary will be having their “Annual Children’s Christmas Party” on Sunday afternoon, Dec 9th 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.

