



MASON DIXON POST 194



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Rising Sun, Maryland

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April - June 2025

This Newsletter contains a list of the upcoming events that will be occurring at the Legion. Our next Newsletter will be sent out at the end of June 2025.

For additional information concerning our upcoming events, you can visit the American Legion Mason Dixon Post 194 web site that offers information about "What's Happening at Post 194"- (Web Site: www.alpost194.com).

Below are the current Officers for the American Legion Mason Dixon Post, Auxiliary Unit 194, SAL Squadron 194 and American Legion Riders that were elected to serve during the Legion Year of 2024-2025:

American Legion Post 194 Officers:
American Legion Mason Dixon Post 194

Post Commander – James Parker
1st Vice Commander – Ray Conger
2nd Vice Commander – Roger Ball
3rd Vice Commander – Marty Weaver
Finance Officer – Jeff Hughes
Adjutant – Glenn Bearers
Service Officer – Danny McLaughlin
Chaplain – Russ Gulick
Sgt-at-Arms- Robert Barben
Judge Advocate - Frank Morgan
Historian – Joe Bradford
Senior Color Bearer – Tom Hawk

Members elected to serve on the Executive Committee are Mike Saponaro, Dick Kline, and Jay Evans; appointed members are Bobby Burlin, Charlie Johnson, and Martin Thompson

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 194 Officers:
American Legion Auxiliary Unit 194

President – Dana Fritts
1st Vice President – Lisa Ewing
Secretary – TBD
Treasurer – Joann Ross
Sgt. at Arms - Pat Wood
Color Bearer - Julie Guethler
Chaplain - Barb Flynn
Historian – Sharon Burlin

SAL Squadron 194 Officers:
Mason Dixon SAL Squadron 194

Commander – Walt Ragan, Jr.
1st Vice Commander - Rusty Ewing
2nd Vice Commander - Steve Webb
Adjutant – Roy Stoltzfus
Finance Officer - Charlie Richardson
Sgt-At-Arms – Mick McDaniel
Chaplain – Fred “Buck” Crosse
Historian - Matt Haught

American Legion Riders Officers:
Mason Dixon American American Legion Riders

Director – Johanna White
Assistant Director – Edwin Ramirez
Road Captain – Chuck White
Sgt-at-Arms: Bob Johns
Treasurer – Amy Cavanaugh
Secretary – Michael Laws
Safety Officer – Steve Crippa
Membership Officer - Fran To
Chaplain – Rose Johns

NOTICE

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<http://www.alpost194.com/Newsletters.htm>

Facebook Pages

AL Members: [American Legion Mason Dixon Post 194](#)

SAL Members: [Mason Dixon SAL Squadron 194](#)

Auxiliary Members: [American Legion Auxiliary Unit 194](#)

Legion Riders: [Mason Dixon American Legion Riders Post 194](#)

VETERANS CORNER

This part of our Newsletter is dedicated to the Veteran Members of the American Legion Mason Dixon Post 194. On March 6, 2025 the Mason Dixon Post 194 celebrated our 79th anniversary.

Message from Post Commander, James Parker

I would like to take a minute to thank everyone for all the help and time you have given to the Post. Keep in mind that this is your Post, not my Post, not the officers Post, but your Post and we need each and every one of you to keep it going. That may be helping with something as simple as taking out the trash, helping in the kitchen, or running for and working as a Post Officer. It is all appreciated and goes a long way toward keeping this Post the home that we have come to love. Also, keep in mind that membership is always a key part of keeping the Post alive, and we need to constantly be encouraging new eligible veterans and friends to join us. Please reach out to me or any of our family officers if you are interested in volunteering.

Thank you all.

Respectfully, James Parker, Post Commander of the Mason-Dixon Post 194

Message from Honor Guard Commander, Tom Hawk

The Honor Guard of Post 194 provides Military Honors for our Deceased Veterans within a 30 mile radius of our post in the tri-state area. At the present time we have 20 members. Last year we provided honors for 130 of our veterans. We visit our local schools to talk to the children for Veterans Day. We also participate as Color Guards in our local Parades.

If you are a Legion member and are interested in joining the Honor Guard please contact Tom Hawk at the Post at 410-658-9078.

Election of Next Year's Officers - A reminder to everyone that we will be having our Election of Officers for the Legion year 2025-2026 during our April Membership meetings for the American Legion Post 194, the SAL Squadron 194, and the Auxiliary Unit 194.

The American Legion Post 194 and the SAL Squadron 194 meetings will be held on April 24, 2025 at 7:00PM. The Auxiliary Unit 194 meeting will be held on April 17, 2025 at 6:30PM. Please make all efforts to attend these very important meetings in order to vote in the Officers for the upcoming year.

Legion News/Information

School Supply Donations - Please help us collect school supplies for area students. The Give to Education donation box is located at the American Legion, 338 E Main Street, Rising Sun MD 21911. Monetary donations are also accepted. We will be collecting donations throughout the school year. The Auxiliary Unit thanks you for your support.

A Night at the Track - The Legion will be hosting A Horse Race Game Event on Friday, April 11, 2025. Doors open at 5:00PM for food sales and seating. Games begin at 7:00PM. Come out and enjoy a fun night and cheer on your favorite horse. More information is available at the Legion.

Rising Sun Chocolate Festival - The Auxiliary will be hosting a Chocolate tasting event on Saturday, April 19, 2025 from 10:00AM - 12:00PM. Tickets are \$1.00 per chocolate sample. You will have the opportunity to sample chocolate desserts made by both professional and home bakers. Take out containers will also be available for purchase. For more information please contact berrier176@yahoo.com

SAL Shrimp Dinners - The SAL will be hosting their Shrimp Dinners on the 2nd and 4th Sundays through April. The dinner will be from 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM. The menu consists of steamed or breaded shrimp, crab cake sandwiches, fish sandwiches, homemade crab soup, hush puppies, and french fries. These Shrimp Dinners have proved to be a very successful event for the SAL. All proceeds from these dinners help provide funds to support the many programs offered by the SAL Squadron 194. There will also be live bands playing in the Banquet Room during the shrimp dinners.

Below is the scheduled band list for the Shrimp Dinners in April;

Apr 13th - Throwback Junkies

Apr 27th - Olivia Reynolds

Bike Night at the Legion - The Legion Riders will be having this event at the Legion on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, April 2025 through October 2025. There will be a 50/50 at each Bike night event and there will be hot dogs and hamburgers for sale at each of these events.

Blood Drive - The American Legion Post 194 is sponsoring a Mobile Blood Drive on Monday, April 21, 2025 from 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM in the parking lot at the American Legion Mason-Dixon Post 194. You can schedule your appointment through the Blood Bank of Delmarva at 888-8BLOOD8 or delmarvablood.org. Walk-ins are also welcomed.

Memorial Day Ceremony - We are holding our annual Memorial Day program on Friday, May 30, 2025 at the Legion Pavilion beginning at 11:00 AM. The Rising Sun Middle School will be providing music for this event. The Legion will be providing lunch for the event which is open to the public.

Sun City Cruisers will be having their 3rd Annual Barry Cameron Car Show as part of the Rising Sun Sunfest event. The car show will be held here on Saturday, June 7, 2025 from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm. The American Legion will be selling food and drinks. There will also be raffle tickets and other items for sale.

Flag Day Ceremony - We will be having our Annual Flag Day Program on Friday, June 14, 2025 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 perform a number of Patriotic Musical selections at this event, beginning at 6:30 PM. The actual Flag Retirement Day Program will begin promptly at 7:00 PM. The Legion will be lunch for this event which is open to the public.

Annual Bull Roast - This year's Annual Bull Roast will be held on Sunday, June 8, 2025. Food will be served from 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM. The ticket prices are: Adults: \$25.00; Children under 10 - \$10.00. Tickets will be on sale soon here at the Post. Ticket will include food, draft beer, soda, water and live music by Smokin Guns.

SAL Golf Tournament – The SAL will be having their 3rd Annual Golf Tournament, Friday, September 12, 2025. It will be held at Furnace Bay Golf Course in Perryville, MD. Registration is at 8:00 AM with a Shotgun start at 9:00 AM. The cost for this event is \$100 per golfer, \$400 per team. You can also sponsor a hole for \$100. Prize donations and general sponsorships are welcome. For additional information contact Walt Ragan at 410-459-3608 or Steve Webb at 443-309-2892.

SAL Gun Raffle – Squadron 194 will be having their 9th Annual Gun Raffle on October 5, 2025 from 12:00 PM -5:00 PM. The cost is \$20 per ticket which includes food (pit beef pit ham, and sides), draft beer, soda, and water. 30 guns are being raffled with additional raffles throughout the day. The winners will have the choice of the gun or \$300 cash. Exit 93 will be playing live music during the event. Venmo payments are accepted -@SAL-Squadron194. Tickets are available at The Rising Sun Legion, Walt Ragan at 410-459-3608, or Rusty Ewing at 443-309-2293.

Decade's Dance Party will be held on Friday, June 13, 2025 from 7:00 pm until 11:00 pm. The 45 Guy will be providing the music. Come dressed to dance in your favorite decade featuring 50's, 60's, 70's and 80's. There will be games, prizes and a 50/50 drawing. Food and a cash bar will be available for purchase. A \$5 donation per person will be accepted at the door.

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 194 Cookbook - The American Legion Auxiliary Unit 194 has collected recipes from several members of Post 194 and compiled them in a beautiful cookbook. The cookbooks are currently for sale for the cost of \$12.00 per book. Please stop by the Legion and pick up a copy from the bartender on duty. Thank you for your support.

Daily Lunches:

We offer limited lunch weekdays from 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM for \$8.00.

Week Night Dinners are available in the Lounge area from 5:00 PM – 7:30 PM:

Monday – Chicken Wings

We offer plain wings, breaded wings, and chicken fingers with a variety of sauces and French fries.

Haven Bare (Kruisin Karaoke) is here from 6:00 PM – 11:00 PM providing great music.

Tuesday – Burgers

We offer plain burgers and cheeseburgers with a variety of toppings on the fixing bar and french fries.

Wednesday – Flatbread Pizzas

We offer a wide variety of pizza toppings for your Flatbread. Ricky Holbrook is here playing music from 5:30 PM – 8:30 PM.

Thursday – Tacos

We offer ground beef hard tacos, soft tacos, nachos, and taco salad. We have a fixing bar available to add all of your toppings.

Friday – Steaks and Cheesesteaks

We offer plain steaks and cheesesteaks with toppings and french fries.

Please note: Cheesesteaks will not be served on April 4th and May 2nd due to Auxiliary Dinners.

Friday Night Music – We continue to offer various types of music in our lounge area every Friday from 6:30 PM – 10:30 PM.

Below is the current music scheduled for Friday Nights:

Apr. 4 th – TBD	May 23 rd – Rick and Connie
April 11 th – Across the Tracks	May 30 th – Amigos
Apr. 18 th – Haven	Jun 6 th – TBD
Apr. 25 th – How's My Hat	Jun 13 th – 45 Guy (Event in the Hall)
May 2 nd – Bad Alibi	Jun 20 th – Haven
May 9 th – Lost Train	Jun 27 th – Rick and Connie
May 16 th – Haven	

Saturday Night Bingo – We have Bingo here at the Post home every Saturday from 6:30 PM – 9:30 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 4:30 PM – 8:30 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. ***Please Note: During our April Meetings we will be holding elections for the 2025-2026 Officers. Regular Members and SAL will be meeting on April 24th at 7:00PM. The Auxiliary will be meeting on April 17th at 6:30PM in the Bingo Hall. Please make every effort to attend these meetings.***

Family Meetings – These meetings are open to all members (Regular Members, Auxiliary Unit, and SAL) and are held the Thursday following the general membership meetings beginning at 7:00 PM.

American Legion Riders (ALR) Local Chapter Meeting Info – The monthly meetings of the ALR local chapter are held here at Post 194 on the 1st Wednesday 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.

Friday Night Dinners – The American Legion Unit 194 Auxiliary sponsors dinners on the 1st Friday Night of each month from through May from 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM. The dinners are \$15.00 per adult and \$6.00 for children under 12. These dinners are a "Buffet Style" dinner. Dinner menus change each month. Please check the Auxiliary Facebook page for the menu each month. If you are interested in helping the Auxiliary at these events, please contact Dana Fritts at 410-688-0280 or any Auxiliary Member at the Legion and let them know you are interested.

Ice Splash 2025 – The American Legion Post 194 sponsored a team of individuals to participate in the 2025 Cecil County Ice Splash held at the Wellwood Yacht Club in Charlestown, MD on February 22, 2025. We had 23 splashers and our theme was "Freezing our Coconuts". Post 194 won the prize for the Best Theme Spirit. This group and the units of Post 194 raised over \$5,000 which was contributed to the Children and Youth Programs in Cecil County. Thank you to all our splashers and those who contributed to this event.

School Supply Donations – Please help us collect school supplies for area students. The Give to Education donation box is located at the American Legion, 338 E Main Street, Rising Sun MD 21911. Monetary donations are also accepted. We will be collecting donations throughout the school year. The Auxiliary Unit thanks you for your support.

Compliments and Suggestions Box – Change is not always easy but may be necessary to make improvements and attract new members to our Legion. In order to better serve our Veterans and our Community our Legion family is working on new ways to raise funds to support Veteran and Community programs. If you have any suggestions please add them to our Compliments and Suggestions Box located in the lounge. Thank you for your support.

Chaplain's Message (From Russ Gulick, Post 194 Chaplain) – As we head into a new quarter of the year let us pray to the lord to lead us. We will face many challenges to test our faith. As we face these challenges, with prayer we will be comforted by the Lord. This past December we lost a true Legion member, Riley Bennett. He was an Honor Guard member for over 20 years and a great leader. Riley spent many hours volunteering and is greatly missed. Please remember him and his family in your prayers. Peace, Love, Health, and Happiness to you all.

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

T-Shirt (Merchandise) Sales – SAL and Auxiliary t-shirts are available for purchase. The Post will have shirts available on Facebook soon.

Hall Rental – If you need a space to hold an event please remember that if you are a member of the American Legion, Sons of American Legion, or the Auxiliary Unit, you can rent the Post 194 Hall. The Hall will accommodate 250 people. Members can also sponsor a hall rental for anyone in our community. You can supply your own food, decorations and music or pay for the Auxiliary unit of Post 194 to cater your event. Please contact Dana Fritts at 410-688-0280 for rental costs and other information.

Don't Throw Away your Slot Machine Tickets – Instead, drop them in our Veteran's Donation Box located in the game room. Every little bit helps as we accumulate funds to donate to our local area veteran organizations.

James Parker, Commander

American Legion Post 194

Dana Fritts, President

Unit 194 Auxiliary

Walt Ragan Jr., SAL Commander

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