



# MASON DIXON POST 194



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**April, May, and June 2021**

This is our 2<sup>nd</sup> Newsletter of 2021. We are providing this newsletter to keep everyone informed of the many upcoming events that will be occurring here at the Legion during the next several months. The American Legion Mason Dixon Post 194 has a web site that offers information about "What's Happening Here at Post 194". Take a few minutes and visit our website at ([www.alpost194.com](http://www.alpost194.com)). Our Post e-mail address is [amerleg194@zoominternet.net](mailto:amerleg194@zoominternet.net).

Here is a listing of the Officers for the American Legion Mason Dixon Post, Unit and SAL Squadron 194 who were elected to serve during the Legion Year of 2020-2021:

**American Legion Post 194 Officers:**

Post Commander – Martin Thompson  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander – Neil Eller  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander – Roger Ball  
3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Commander – Bobby Burlin  
Finance Officer – Jeff Hughes  
Adjutant – George Remhof  
Service Officer – John Kilby  
Sgt-at-Arms- Frank Morgan  
Senior Color Bearer – Tom Hawk  
Judge Advocate – John J. Evans  
Chaplain – David Bradford  
Historian – Joe Bradford

The three members who were elected to serve on the Executive Committee are Robbie Wilson, Danny McLaughlin, and Mike Saponaro. Commander Martin also appointed Art Bradford, Larry Weaver, and Martin Weaver to serve on the E-Board.

**American Legion Auxiliary Unit 194 Officers:**

President – Dana Fritts  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – Doris Orem  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President - Vacant  
Secretary – Shirl Cameron  
Color Bearer - Vacant  
Treasurer – Joann Ross  
Sgt. at Arms - Pat Wood  
Chaplain - Catharina Huyser-Remhof  
Historian – Sharon Burlin

**SAL Squadron 194 Officers:**

Commander – Walt Ragan, Jr.  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander - Steven Webb  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander – Rusty Ewing  
Adjutant – Rodger Gilbert  
Finance Officer - Charlie Richardson  
Sgt-At-Arms – Mick McDaniel  
Chaplain – Mike Gilbert  
Historian - Jack Fritts

**American Legion Riders Officers:**

Director – Charles (Butch) Riley  
Assistant Director – George Remhof  
Road Captain – Chuck White  
Sgt-at-Arms: Steve Waggy  
Treasurer – Joanne Ross  
Secretary – Johanna White  
Safety Officer – Mike Laws  
Membership Officer - Fran To

## 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** – Come out on Monday nights and enjoy our weekly "Chicken Wing Night" from 5:00 – 8:00 PM. We have a great group of members who volunteer each week to work in our kitchen preparing the Wings that we enjoy. We also have our local DJ (Kruisin Karaoke) who will be here to provide great music entertainment from 7:00 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:

April 2 – Fairlanes Band  
 April 9 – Fairlanes Band  
 April 16 – Salamanders DJ  
 April 23 – Fairlanes Band  
 April 30 – Kruisin' Karaoke (DJ & Karaoke)  
 May 7 – Fairlanes Band  
 May 14 – Kruisin' Karaoke (DJ & Karaoke)  
 May 21 – Fairlanes Band  
 May 28 – Kruisin' Karaoke (DJ & Karaoke)

Come out on Friday nights and listen to the great entertainment.



**Saturday Night Bingo** – We have Bingo here at the Post home on every Saturday night from 6:30 – 9:30 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 4:30 – 8:45 PM every Saturday night. A variety of food items are offered on our kitchen menu.

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

**Friday Night Dinners** – The Auxiliary Unit 194 are having their Night Dinner on the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday night of the month during the Spring. The dinners are from 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM. The Ladies Friday Night Dinners will resume in the Fall (1st week in September).

**2021 Membership Dues** – We want to thank those members who have paid their 2021 dues – You have helped us get very close to reaching our membership goal for this Legion Year. However, we still need approximately 80 Regular members to pay their dues to reach our membership goal for this year.



**American Legion Riders (ALR) Local Chapter Meeting Info** – The monthly meetings of the ALR local chapter are held here at Post 194 on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

**Nominations of American Legion Post Officers for 2021-2022** – A reminder to everyone that we are having our Election of Officers for the Legion year 2021-2022 at our April 22<sup>th</sup> General Membership meeting. At our General Membership meeting held in March, the Nomination Committee submitted the following list of members who expressed a desire to serve in the following Officer positions:

Post Commander – Martin Thompson  
 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander – Neil Eller  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander – Roger Ball  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Commander – Bobby Burlin  
 Finance Officer – Jeff Hughes  
 Adjutant – George Remhof  
 Service Officer – Danny McLaughlin  
 Sgt-at-Arms – Frank Morgan  
 Senior Color Bearer – Tom Hawk  
 Judge Advocate – John J. Evans  
 Chaplain – David Bradford  
 Historian – Joe Bradford

The three members who were nominated to serve on the Executive Committee are Robbie Wilson, Martin Weaver, and Mike Saponaro.

**Election of American Legion Auxiliary Officers** – The election of officers for the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 194 will be held at the April meeting, Thursday night, April 22<sup>nd</sup>. The following is a list of people who were nominated at the March General Membership Meeting for the upcoming election to be held at the April Membership Meeting.

President – Dana Fritts  
 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – Doris Orem  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – Vacant  
 Secretary – Shirl Cameron  
 Treasurer – Joann Ross  
 Sgt. at Arms – Pat Wood  
 Chaplain – Catharina Huyser-Remhof  
 Historian – Sharon Burlin  
 Color Bearer: Vacant

**Election of SAL Officers** – The election of officers for the Sons of the American Legion (SAL) Squadron 194 will be also held at the April meeting, Thursday night, April 22<sup>nd</sup>. The list provided below contains the names of the SAL Squadron members that have expressed a desire to serve as Officers for the SAL during the upcoming year.

Commander – Walt Ragan  
 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander – Steven Webb  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander – Rusty Ewing  
 Finance Officer – Charlie Richardson  
 Sgt at Arms – Mick McDaniel  
 Historian – Jack Fritts  
 Adjutant – Rodger Gilbert  
 Chaplain – Michael Gilbert

**Notice - Additional nominations for any Officer position of our three organizations can be made from the floor on the night of the election.**

## Other Upcoming Events to be held here at the Legion:

### American Legion Auxiliary Unit 194 –

- May 2 – Craft Show at Post 194
- May 9 – Mother's Day Basket Raffle
- May 16 – Sunday in the Pavilion (Food and Music)
- June 20 – Auxiliary Raffle at Bull Roast

### SAL Squadron 194 –

- Shrimp Dinners extended through April 2021
- Browning X-Bolt Hells Canyon Long Range 7mm Gun Raffle (Only 300 Tickets to Be Sold - \$10.00 Each) - Raffle will take place once all tickets have been sold.
- Bull Roast Raffle Item – 36" Flat top Griddle with accessories – Tickets - \$2.00 ea.
- 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Gun Show/Raffle – October 3 – Food, Draft Beer, Water – Additional Raffles and Guns to be Raffled



**Legion Riders of Post 194** – The Legion Riders will be having their next Sunday Morning Breakfast on Sunday, April 18, from 8:00 AM – 11:00 AM. The Riders will be having a Bike Night on 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday Night of the month from 5:00 – 8:00 PM on these dates: April 13, May 11, June 8, July 13, August 10, September 14, and October 12. The Legion Riders are also holding a raffle for a Hand Gun Safe with the drawing to go off on October 12. The Riders need volunteers for help out working in the kitchen on Burger Nights here at the Legion.

**Memorial Day Ceremony Sunday May 30<sup>th</sup>** – We are holding our annual Memorial Day program on Sunday, May 30<sup>th</sup>. We will begin our Memorial Day Services by having a short Memorial Day ceremony at the West Nottingham Presbyterian Church Cemetery, at Brookview Cemetery, at Calvert Cemetery, and at the Veteran's Memorial in Center Town of Rising Sun. The actual times at these locations will be announced at a later date. Our main Memorial Day ceremony will be held here at the Legion Pavilion at 2:00 PM. You should plan on being here at the Legion by 1:30 PM. We hope to have a large turnout for this event. We hope to have the Rising Sun Middle School Band to participate in this event by providing musical entertainment.

**Flag Day Ceremony** – We will be having our Annual Flag Day Program on Monday, June 14<sup>th</sup>, 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.



### Special Wreaths Across America Exhibit in Oxford, PA

- Our local branch of the Wreaths Across America will be having a Special Exhibit in Oxford, PA on Flag Day, June 14. We will provide more information (times, location, etc.) concerning this exhibit at a later date.

**Annual Father's Day Bull Roast** – This year's Annual Bull Roast will be held on Father's Day, Sunday, June 20<sup>th</sup>. Food will be from 1:00 – 5:00 PM. Music will be from 2:00 – 6:00 PM with live music provided by the "Fairlanes Band", a very popular local band that who has been recently playing here at the Legion. The ticket prices are: Adults: \$20.00; Children under 10 - \$10.00. Tickets will be on sale soon here at the Post.



**Salute to Veterans Ceremony** – The "Salute to the Veterans" ceremony will be held at the American Legion Mason Dixon Post 194 in Rising Sun, MD on Sunday, June 27 at 4:00 PM. All Veterans (those who are 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 patriotic music selections. 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 airconditioned Banquet Hall.

**Honor Guard "Gun Raffle"** – This year the Honor Guard will be having a Gun Raffle for two guns. The drawing will be conducted at this year's Crab Feast held on Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup>. Featured in this year's Honor Guard Gun Raffle are the following prizes:

**1<sup>st</sup> Drawing – Henry 30-30 Caliber Rifle (or \$500.00)**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Drawing – Henry Golden Boy 22 Magnum (or \$300.00)**

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.

**Family Day Picnic at the Legion** – We have scheduled our "Annual Family Day Picnic" to be held at the Legion's Pavilion on Sunday, August 1 from 2:00-6:00 PM (Rain Day for this event will be Sunday, August 8). 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. In past years, we have had several of our members bring either a Specialty Dish, a Covered Dish with your favorite food, or some type of Dessert. This will help make a great picnic even better. There will be entertainment available for the children. This event is free to any Legion Member, their families and guests.



**Crab Feast – Sunday Sept 12, 2021** – We are having our Annual Crab Feast on Sunday, Sept 12 from 1:00 – 5:00 PM. Live music (featuring the Fairlanes Band) will be from 2:00 – 6:00 PM. **Tickets must be purchased in advance by Friday, Sept 10, 2021. - No Crab Feast ticket sales will occur on the day of the event.** The ticket prices are: \$40.00 for Adults and \$20.00 for children (10 yrs of age and under). Tickets are now available.

**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.

**Message from Dave Bradford, Post 194 Chaplain:** As I write this, we are approaching the start of the Lenten season which begins Wednesday February 17<sup>th</sup> and culminates on Easter Sunday April 4<sup>th</sup>. The Lenten season for Christians is 40 days of prayer, fasting, self-denial, and almsgiving. For those of you counting, Sundays are free of fasting, so if you take them out, you get 40 liturgical days.

Now I'm fascinated by numbers that repeat. So, what is it with the number 40 in the Bible? How does that translate into our modern Lenten season of 40 days? Let's see, God destroyed the world by making it rain for 40 days and 40 nights; Jesus fasted and faced His trials in the desert for 40 days; and the Jews wandered in the desert for 40 years. And, I'm sure that there are many more that could be catalogued. However, rather than a hard number, I believe that the number 40 just represents a "long time or long process"...a time/ process of testing, waiting, praying, cleansing, and finally transformation. So, as we approach this Lenten season maybe our act of self-denial should be a little more than giving up our favorite chocolate bar or French fries. I mean how spiritually cleansing or transformative could that possibly be, except maybe to our waistline.

As Christians, we believe that Christ died for our sins on Good Friday (Luke 22:14-20..."my blood, which is poured out as a sacrifice for you.") and rose again to fulfill scripture on what we now call Easter Sunday. Compared to those words, our self-denial of that chocolate bar or French fries appears somewhat inadequate don't you think? In the early church, new converts to Christianity were adults, who were required to undergo a "long process" in preparation for Baptism. They were mentored in Christian life and were required to faithfully live a life that was demonstrative of Jesus' commandment to Love one another. They also learned how to pray, fast, and give alms. This period of learning and preparation continued through an all-night vigil on Holy Saturday culminating on Sunday morning (Easter/ Resurrection Day) with their Baptism into the body of Christ and consummating that union by receiving the Eucharist. Most of us know that as receiving Communion. In the modern church, we no longer have that long period of preparation, but we do have the Lenten season each year; 40 days to think, pray, fast, give alms and practice a Christian lifestyle. So, how are you being transformed this Lenten season? What sacrifice are you making that was worthy of being joined to Christ's sacrifice on the cross?

Romans 6:5-6: "For if we have been united with him in a death like His, we will certainly also be united with Him in a resurrection like his. For we know that our old self was crucified with Him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin."The Grace of our Lord, the Love of God, and the Fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all!

**Martin Thompson, Commander**

American Legion Post 194

**Dana Fritts, President**

Unit 194 Auxiliary

**Walt Ragan, SAL Commander**

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