

MASON DIXON POST 194



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Fall Months of 2020

This is our Newsletter for the Fall of 2020 that contains a listing of the upcoming events that will be occurring here at the Legion during the upcoming Fall months. Our American Legion Post has been affected in many ways since March 2020. We have had to cancel many planned events due to the restrictions caused by the Corona Virus Pandemic. We sure hope that things get better soon and that we will be able to resume our regular planned events here at some point in the near future.

For additional information concerning our upcoming events here at the Legion, 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).

At our June General Membership meetings, the following Officers for the American Legion Mason Dixon Post, Unit and SAL Squadron 194 were elected to serve during the Legion Year of 2020-2021:

American Legion Post 194 Officers:

Post Commander – Martin Thompson
 1st Vice Commander – Neil Eller
 2nd Vice Commander – Roger Ball
 3rd 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
 1st Vice President – Doris Orem
 2nd Vice President - Vacant
 Secretary – Shirl Cameron
 Color Bearer - Vacant
 Treasurer – Joann Ross
 Sgt. at Arms - Vacant
 Chaplain - Catharina Huyser-Remhof
 Historian – Sharon Burlin

SAL Squadron 194 Officers:

Commander – Walt Ragan, Jr.
 1st Vice Commander - Steven Webb
 2nd 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

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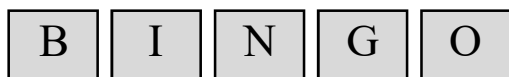
Daily Lunches - We offer daily lunches during the weekdays from 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM. A limited "Lunch Menu" is offered at a reasonable price.

Wing Night on Monday Nights – Our weekly "Chicken Wing Night" on Monday Nights from 5:00 – 8:00 PM continue to be a success despite the current "CoronaVirus" situation that we are in. Thanks to a very special group of members who volunteer each week to work in our kitchen preparing the Wings that we enjoy. We also want to thank our great DJ (Haven - Kruisin Karaoke) for being here every Monday night, providing great music entertainment from 6:00 PM until 11:30 PM.



Friday Night Music - We continue to offer 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:

Sept 4 – Kruisin Karaoke
 Sept 11 – Fairlanes Band
 Sept 18 – Kruisin Karaoke
 Sept 25 - Fairlanes Band
 Oct 2 – Kruisin Karaoke
 Oct 9 – Fairlanes Band
 Oct 16 – Kruisin Karaoke
 Oct 23 – Fairlanes Band
 Oct 30 – Kruisin Karaoke
 Nov 6 – Kruisin Karaoke
 Nov 13 – Fairlanes Band
 Nov 20 – Kruisin Karaoke
 Nov 27 – Back Roads



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.

75th Anniversary Events Being Planned Mason Dixon Post 194 - American Legion Post 194 has formed a planning committee who are currently working together to plan the activities to take place during the Post 194's Celebration of Events for our 75th Year Anniversary that occurs in the Spring of next year. Note – Our American Legion Post was formed in June of 1946, immediately following World War II.

Request for Stories, Events, Photos, Remembrances - As we approach our 75th Anniversary, we are in the process of collecting stories, events, photographs, and remembrances of the last 24 years (1996-2020). If you have something that you believe that the membership would be interested in, or should be captured for posterity purposes, please send them to the Legion. Address your correspondence to:

American Legion Post 194
Attn: 75th Anniversary Committee
338 E. Main St.
Rising Sun, MD 21911



Burger Night on Tuesday Nights – Tuesday night is our Burger Night from 5:00 – 7:00. We have a group of volunteers who help out on every Tuesday night so that you can have your hamburger the way you like it. The burgers are \$5.00 and will be made from fresh hamburger (not frozen). Your burger will come with potato chips or you can purchase French Fries at an additional cost.

Status of Planned SAL Gun Raffle in October – At the time this newsletter was being put together, the actual status of this year's planned SAL Gun Raffle in October is still unknown due to the Corona Virus Pandemic restrictions. A final decision will be made in Mid-September as to how this Gun Show will be conducted. The SAL will make every attempt possible to keep everyone informed of how and when this event will be held.



American Legion Riders Sunday Morning Breakfast – The American Legion Riders of Post 194 are also hoping to be able to resume their “buffet-style breakfast” sometime in the Fall (depending upon what happens regarding the Pandemic crisis. Once we have the okay to start, the breakfasts will be held here at our Post Banquet Hall on the 3rd Sunday of each month from 8:00 – 11:00 AM during the Fall and Winter 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 \$9.00 a person.

2021 Membership Dues – The 2021 membership cards for the Regular Members, the Auxiliary Members, and the SAL Members are now available here at the Legion. The Regular American Legion Member membership dues are \$35.00 and the Auxiliary and SAL dues are \$30.00. We ask that all members please try to pay your 2021 membership dues as soon as you can – You will be helping the membership chair persons for our three organizations reach our membership goals for the upcoming year. All members who have renewed their membership by December 6, 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 Kruisin Karaoke in our Bar Lounge Area from 4:00 – 8:00 PM. We have a great Post – Be sure to tell others about all of the great work we do in and for our community. 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.

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 • **Membership Meetings** - The general membership meetings (Regular Members, Auxiliary Unit, and SAL) are normally held on the 4th Thursday of each month begin at 7:00 PM. **A special reminder to all members: Due to the upcoming holidays (Thanksgiving and Christmas), our monthly membership meetings in November and December will be held on the 3rd Thursday of those months (Nov. 19 and Dec. 21).**
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Friday Night Dinners Suspended – The American Legion Unit 194 Auxiliary are also hoping to be able to resume their Friday Dinners at some point in the future months. Once we are given the okay to restart these dinners, the Friday night dinners will be from 5:30 – 7:00 PM on the 1st Friday night of every month until April in the Spring. These dinners are \$10.00 per person and are 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. These dinners are a source of funds that the Auxiliary uses to help pay for the many programs they provide to the Veterans and to this community. The 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 Dana Fritts or any Auxiliary Member at the Legion and let them know you are available.

SAL Shrimp Dinners - The SAL Squadron #194 typically have their Sunday Shrimp Dinners on the second and fourth Sundays during the Fall and Winter, beginning in October. The SAL Members hope to be able to have these dinners depending upon the circumstances regarding the Corona Virus Pandemic. **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.

The proceeds from the SAL shrimp dinners are used to support the many programs of the SAL Squadron 194.

Special Notice - There will be no Shrimp Dinners in December due to the many holiday events happening here at the Post Home. The Shrimp Dinners will resume in January 2021 on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of January, February, and March.

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. Kruisin Karaoke will provide the musical entertainment for this event. The Legion will be providing gift certificates 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.



Legion Closed on Thanksgiving Day – Just a reminder to let everyone know the Legion will be closed all day on Thursday (Thanksgiving Day), November 26, 2020. Enjoy your holiday.

Raffles/Drawings – Don't forget to support the Post 194 Honor Guard, the Auxiliary Unit 194, and the SAL by purchasing one of their 50/50 tickets. The proceeds from these drawings provide these organizations with funds for the many services that they provide to this community.



Veterans Day Program – This year our Annual Veterans Day Program will be held on Friday night, November 6. 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 in the process of making the final preparations for this year's Veterans Day program. We expect a full house for this year's Veterans Day Programs so you should 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, Kruisin Karaoke will provide music from 9:00 PM to Midnight.



Children's Christmas Party - Dec 20- The Auxiliary will be having their "Annual Children's Christmas Party" on Sunday afternoon, Dec 20 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 Dana Fritts at the Legion.

Christmas Eve (December 24th) Luncheon - The Legion will have our Annual Christmas Eve luncheon here at the Legion from 12:00 PM until 3:00 PM. If you are out doing last minute shopping on Thursday, Dec. 24, 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, 2020 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. Kruisin Karaoke will provide the musical entertainment this year.



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



Chaplain's Message (Dave Bradford)

Scary Times. Not a day passes that there is not some terrible news being reported somewhere; riots in Seattle, Portland, Minneapolis, Chicago; statues and memorials being destroyed; police being attacked; Mayors presiding over the demise of the rule of law; a bombing in Beirut; a dramatic rise in the number of Covid-19 virus cases or deaths; tornadoes or hurricanes ravaging the area; or the latest disagreement between political parties who can't agree to be in the same room with one another. It seems that all we held as sure and sacred is being attacked, mocked, and dismantled under the guise of social justice or political expediency. In Luke (Chapter 11 Verse 17) Christ said, "...Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and a house divided...falleth." Not a very comforting thought especially if you watch the evening news. But there is always Hope if you trust in the Lord. I refer you to Psalm 91 Verses 2,3,4, "I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in Him will I trust. Surely, He shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence. He shall cover thee with His feathers, and under His wings shalt thou trust: His truth shall be thy shield and buckler."

To me the answer is simple. When events and trials of everyday life are spinning totally out of your personal control, Pray and put your trust in God. I believe that Irving Berlin may have said it best when he penned, "God Bless America, land that I love, stand beside her, and guide her, through the night with a light from above". May the blessings and spirit of Almighty God be with each of you now and always.

A Special Request from Post 194 Chaplain -

In line with our goal (No member should ever feel abandoned by Post 194), we send cards of well wishes/ encouragement to members who are ill, undergoing surgery/ medical procedure, or moving to an acute/ long term care facility, and messages of Condolences to families of members who have passed on. The difficulty arises in the fact that many of our members do not come to the Post on a frequent basis or do not have a support structure of friends that could let us know to reach out to you. We recognize and respect each person's right to privacy and accordingly if you choose to advise us of your condition, you can also advise us of your desire for privacy. You can confidentially reach the chaplain via e-mail chaplainpost194@zoominternet.net or by phone 484-748-4744.

Martin Thompson, Commander

American Legion Post 194

Dana Fritts, President

Unit 194 Auxiliary

Walt Ragan Jr., Commander

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