



MASON DIXON POST 194



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January - March 2026

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 March 2026.

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 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 2025-2026:

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

- Post Commander – James Parker
- 1st Vice Commander – Michael McMullen
- 2nd Vice Commander – Roger Ball
- 3rd Vice Commander – Marty Weaver
- Finance Officer – Jeff Hughes
- Adjutant – Anthony Bulfaro
- Service Officer – Danny McLaughlin
- Chaplain – Dave Bradford
- Sgt-at-Arms- Robert Barben
- Judge Advocate - Martin Thompson
- Historian – Dana Fritts
- Senior Color Bearer – Tom Hawk

Members elected to serve on the Executive Committee are Mike Saponaro, Dick Kline, and Bobby Burlin; appointed members are Charlie Johnson, and Frank Morgan.

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

- President – Julie Guethler
- 1st Vice President – Pat Wood
- Secretary – Lisa Ewing
- Treasurer – Connie McMullen
- Sgt. at Arms - Doris Orem
- Color Bearer - Cheryl Bartz
- Chaplain - Barb Flynn
- Historian - Kathy Weaver

Members appointed to the Executive Board are Donna Thomas, Doris Orem, and Dee Ragan.

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 - Steve Kyle

American Legion Riders Officers:
Mason Dixon American American Legion Riders

- Director – Fran To
- Assistant Director – Amy Cavanaugh
- Road Captain – Steve Crippa
- Sgt-at-Arms: Bob Johns
- Treasurer – Jeanette Pinker
- Secretary – TBD
- Safety Officer – Kimmie Crippa
- Membership Officer - Rose Johns
- Chaplain – TBD

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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.

- We would like to honor those Comrades that have been called to the High Command and have transferred to Post Everlasting: Robert A Fisher, Jerry A Gwaltney, John Bard and David R Dean

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Legion News/Information

Auxiliary Maryland Pick 3 Lottery Raffle - The American Legion Auxiliary Unit of Post 194 will be holding a Maryland Pick 3 Lottery Raffle during the month of June 2026. For a \$20.00 ticket you will enjoy 30 chances to win. You'll be entered to win every day during the month of June on the same ticket. Each evening in June a winning number will be selected based on the MD Pick 3 Evening Lottery. If your ticket matches the results for that day YOU WIN !!! The amount available to win each day is posted on the ticket. Best of all your ticket remains eligible all month long regardless how many times you win.

Rising Sun Post #194 American Legion Ladies Auxiliary • Raffle Fundraiser • \$20 Donation	
<p>1- \$75 CASH PRIZE 2- \$75 CASH PRIZE 3- \$75 CASH PRIZE 4- \$75 CASH PRIZE 5- \$150 CASH PRIZE 6- \$200 CASH PRIZE 7- \$150 CASH PRIZE 8- \$75 CASH PRIZE 9- \$75 CASH PRIZE 10- \$75 CASH PRIZE 11- \$75 CASH PRIZE 12- \$150 CASH PRIZE 13- \$200 CASH PRIZE 14- \$150 CASH PRIZE 15- \$75 CASH PRIZE 16- \$75 CASH PRIZE</p>	<p>LOTTERY CASH RAFFLE MD PICK 3 EVENING LOTTERY Dates: June 1st-30th, 2026</p> <p>Must be 16 yrs old to purchase Local and federal laws will apply</p> <p>Winners will be contacted by an American Legion Ladies Auxiliary member</p>
<p>17- \$75 CASH PRIZE 18- \$75 CASH PRIZE 19- \$150 CASH PRIZE 20- \$200 CASH PRIZE 21- \$150 CASH PRIZE 22- \$75 CASH PRIZE 23- \$75 CASH PRIZE 24- \$75 CASH PRIZE 25- \$75 CASH PRIZE 26- \$150 CASH PRIZE 27- \$200 CASH PRIZE 28- \$150 CASH PRIZE 29- \$75 CASH PRIZE 30- \$75 CASH PRIZE</p>	<p>For questions or more information contact Kim Bullaro @ Kimberlydod10@gmail.com Thank you for supporting the Rising Sun American Legion Post #194 Ladies Auxiliary</p>

Blood Drive – The Sons of the American Legion Post 194 is sponsoring a Blood Drive on Friday, January 16, 2026 from 1:00 PM – 6:00 PM at the American Legion Mason Dixon Post 194. For additional information contact Walt Ragan at 48ragan@gmail.com.



Valentine's Italian Dinner – The American Legion Auxiliary Unit will be hosting a Valentine's Italian Dinner Night on Friday, February 13, 2026 from 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM. There will be live music by Bad Alibi from 7:00 PM – 11:00 PM, a 50/50, and basket raffle as well. The cost of the dinner is \$15 per person. Please join us. Additional details for the dinner and ticket sales will be available soon on the American Legion Auxiliary Rising Sun Facebook account.

Special 80th Anniversary Dinner and Dance – The American Legion Post 194 will be celebrating their 80th Anniversary on March 6, 2026. This event will be commemorated with a Special Dinner and Dance. Music will be provided by The Amigos. We will also have commemorative 80th Anniversary Shirts for sale. We will also recognize the 51st Anniversary of the Vietnam War during our celebration. Additional details to follow.

SAL Gun Raffle – Squadron 194 will be having their 10th Annual Gun Raffle on October 4, 2026 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 off with additional raffles throughout the day. The winners will have the choice of the gun or \$300 cash. Venmo payments are accepted -@SAL-Squadron194. Tickets will be available for sale at The Rising Sun Legion beginning in January, Walt Ragan at 410-459-3608, or Rusty Ewing at 443-309- 2293.

SAL Kill It, Grill It, and Chill It Raffle Sales – Raffle sales for the SAL Kill It (Gun), Grill It (Grill), and Chill It (Cooler) Raffle will go on sale at the American Legion beginning January 2, 2026. Tickets are \$10 each. Venmo payments are accepted -@SAL-Squadron194. Walt Ragan at 410-459-3608, or Rusty Ewing at 443-309- 2293.



SAL Shrimp Dinners – The SAL will be hosting their Shrimp Dinners on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of January through April (excluding Super Bowl Sunday). The dinners 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:

- Jan 11th – Exit 93
- Jan 25th – Bad Alibi
- Feb 8th – Super Bowl – NO SHRIMP
- Feb 22nd – Olivia Reynolds Band
- Mar 8th – Raising Cain
- Mar 22nd – Throwback Junkies
- Apr 12th – Smokin' Guns
- Apr 26th – Olivia Reynolds Band



Riders Breakfast – The American Legion Riders will be having their delicious all you can eat breakfast buffet the 3rd Sunday of each month, October through April, from 8:00 AM – 11:00 AM.



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 \$10.00 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

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

We are changing our Thursday Night Dinner night and trying something new in 2026. Beginning January 15, 2026 on the first and third Thursday Nights we will be offering a different home style meal. Menus and prices will vary. Please check the Auxiliary Facebook page for menus and pricing each month. American Legion Auxiliary Rising Sun

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 – Home Style Dinners Offered the First and Third Thursday's of the month beginning January 15, 2026. Remaining Thursday dinners during the month will also be advertised.

Friday – Steaks and Cheesesteaks

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

Please note: Cheesesteaks will not be served on February 13th, and March 6th due to Special Dinners on those nights.

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.

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:

- Jan 9th – How's My Hat
- Jan 16th – Bopper
- Jan 23rd – The Amigos
- Jan 30th – Rick & Connie
- Feb 6th – TBD
- Feb 13th – Bad Alibi (Valentine's Dinner/Dance)
- Feb 20th – Sun & Strings
- Feb 27th – Rick & Connie
- Mar 6th – The Amigos (80th Anniversary of Post 194 Dinner/Dance)
- Mar 13th – Bopper
- Mar 20th – How's My Hat
- Mar 27th – Bad Alibi

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.

Membership Meetings – The general membership meetings (Regular Members, Auxiliary Unit, and SAL) are held on the 4th Thursday of each month. The Regular Member and SAL meetings begin at 7:00 PM. The Auxiliary meetings begin at 6:30 PM.

Family Meetings – These meetings are open to all members (Regular Members, Auxiliary Unit, and SAL) and are held after the general membership meetings on the 4th Thursday of each month.

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.

Auxiliary Angel Tree – The Auxiliary would like to thank all those that contributed to our 2025 Christmas Angel Tree. Through your generosity and support we were able to help 54 children from 23 different families within our community. Thank You!!!!



School Supply Donations – Please help us collect "new" 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.

Perry Point Collection Box – Please help our Veterans with the following items: Deodorant, Razors (at least triple blade please), Full size body wash, Full size shampoo, Toothpaste, K-Cups (medium & dark roast). The Perry Point Collection Box is located at the American Legion Post 194. 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.

The Hours of Operation at Post 194 – Monday through Saturday, 11:00AM until Midnight; Sunday, 1:00PM until 10:00PM. Happy Hour is Monday through Friday from 3:00PM until 7:00PM.

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, the Auxiliary Unit, or the American Legion Riders, 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 Julie Guethler at 443-243-8142 (julieguethler63@gmail.com) for Hall availability, rental costs, catering needs, and questions.

Chaplain's Message (From Dave Bradford, Post 194 Chaplain) – As I write this message, we are approaching the 3rd Sunday of Advent.

The four messages of Advent are Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love. Each Sunday before Christmas, churches light one candle on the Advent wreath to represent these themes. The first candle symbolizes Hope in Christ's coming, the second represents Peace through the Prince of Peace, the third celebrates Joy in our salvation, and the fourth focuses on Love shown through God's gift of Jesus. These messages prepare believers' hearts to celebrate Christ's birth.

Week 1 HOPE: The Prophecy Candle: God promised to send a Savior; and He kept that promise by sending his only begotten son, Jesus/ Immanuel into this world. See Isaiah 9:6 throughout scripture, God has always kept his promises. So if we are looking for a solid foundation upon which to set our Hopes for the New Year, may I suggest that we turn our thoughts and desires from material things and focus our lives on knowing and honoring God.

Week 2: PEACE: The Bethlehem Candle. Jesus came as the Prince of Peace. He came to heal the wounds of Original Sin against God. And so, Through Christ we can have Peace in our hearts. If we have Peace in our hearts, it follows that we would be better prepared to demonstrate Peace to our fellow man; something that is severely lacking in today's morally askew and politically motivated world.

Week 3: JOY: The Shepherd Candle: The Angels announced a great Joy to the Shepherds in the fields. This Joy comes from the knowledge that because of Jesus' Birth, Death, and Resurrection, we are saved. See Luke 2:10-11

Week 4: LOVE: The Angels candle. God's Love for us was and is clearly demonstrated in that He sent his Son to die for our sins. No greater Love has a man than to lay down his life for his fellow men.

And finally on Christmas, we light the Christ Candle, the embodiment of Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love.

Since you are reading this in 2026, my fervent wish for all members of the Legion, The S.A.L., The Riders, the Honor Guard, and the Auxiliary, is that you can take this and incorporate it into your daily lives. I know that easier said than done. But, my Hope has always been for incremental progress hoping for perfection. May God bless you and your families in this New Year.

James Parker, Commander

American Legion Post 194

Julie Guethler, President

Unit 194 Auxiliary

Walt Ragan Jr., SAL Commander

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