



MASON DIXON POST 194

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This is our Newsletter for the months of January, February, and March 2020 that provides the various events that will be occurring here at the Legion during the next 3 months. You can also 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).

Here is a list of the Officers for the American Legion Mason Dixon Post, Unit and SAL Squadron 194 who are serving during the Legion Year of 2019-2020:

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 – Larry Ingham

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, Chuck Allport, and Martin Weaver to serve on the E-Board.

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 194 Officers:

President – Judy Palmer
1st Vice President – Charlotte Rhoades
2nd Vice President - Doris Orem
Secretary – Dana Fritts
Color Bearer - Pat Wood
Treasurer – Joanne Ross
Sgt. at Arms - Mary Lou Thompson
Chaplain - Catharina Huyser
Historian – Sharon Burlin

SAL Squadron 194 Officers:

Commander – Walt Ragan, Jr.
1st Vice Commander - Steven Webb
2nd Vice Commander – Robert Fritz
Adjutant – Rodger Gilbert
Finance Officer - Charlie Richardson
Sgt-At-Arms – Rusty Ewing
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

Here is a listing of the various upcoming events that will be occurring here at the Legion during the next 3 months.

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 - On Monday nights we offer our weekly "Chicken Wing Night" from 5:00 - 8:00 PM. We continue to have a large turnout for our Wing Nights. We have great food

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and an outstanding assortment of Karaoke singers who are here each week, helping to make the entertainment on this night a great affair. A Special Thanks to a very special group of members who volunteer each week to work in our kitchen preparing the food that we enjoy. We also have Kruisin Karaoke (local DJ) here each Monday night, providing great music from 7:00 PM until 11:30 PM.

Volunteers Needed to help in Kitchen on Monday and Saturday Nights - We have a great crew of volunteers who help out in the kitchen cooking wings on Monday nights and another crew who help out on Saturday nights cooking for our Bingo players. We would like to have additional volunteers to help out on either of these two nights so that our current crew volunteers could have a night off. If we had additional help, we could make up a schedule where our kitchen is manned both nights, but our volunteers could have off several nights each month. If you are interested in helping out either night, contact Commander Thompson at the Post.



Friday Night Music - We 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 upcoming months:

Jan 24 – Lost Train
Jan 31 – Across the Tracks
Feb 7 – Kruisin Karaoke
Feb 14 – Dave Mark Band
Feb 21 – Kruisin Karaoke
Feb 28 – Back Roads
Mar 6 – Kruisin Karaoke
Mar 13 – Day Tripper
Mar 20 – Kruisin Karaoke
Mar 27 – Back Roads
Apr 3 – Kruisin Karaoke



Saturday Night Bingo – We have Bingo here at the Post home on every Saturday night from 7:00 – 10:00 PM. Bingo sales for the evening begin at 6:00 PM. We offer a series of regular bingo games and a variety of other special games, including 2 jackpot games. Our bingo kitchen is open from 5:00 – 8:45 PM every Saturday night. Our Bingo Kitchen offers a variety of food items each week.

2020 Membership Dues – A note to all



Post 194 regular members – As of January 1, 2020, we have 621 Regular Members who have paid their 2020 membership dues. We want to thank these members – You have helped us to get very close in reaching our membership goal for this year. We need approximately 115 members to reach our 4-Star Membership Goal for this year. We have 95 current members who have still not yet paid their 2020 dues. If you want to continue your Legion membership, you need to send in your membership dues of \$35.00 to renew your Legion membership. Also, if you know anyone who is eligible for Legion Membership and is not a member, please ask that person to join our organization. The American Legion Auxiliary Unit 194 and the Sons of the American Legion Squadron 194 also have a number of their members who have not yet paid their 2020 membership dues. Reminder to all SAL members – The Membership dues for the SAL are now \$30.00 (effective January 1, 2020). The Auxiliary Unit dues are still \$25.00.



SAL Shrimp Dinner Update - The SAL Squadron #194 members are having Sunday Shrimp Dinners on the 2nd and 4th Sundays in January, February, and March as a fundraiser for their organization. The Shrimp Dinners will be held on the following Sundays: Jan. 12, Jan. 26, Feb. 9, Feb. 23, March 8, and March 22. The Shrimp Dinners are held from 1:00 – 5:00 PM. The menu consists of the following: Steamed & Breaded Shrimp, Crab Cake Sandwiches, Fried Fish Sandwiches, Homemade Crab Soup, Hush Puppies, and French Fries. Prices vary with the various food items. Come out and support the SAL. All proceeds from the SAL Shrimp Dinners are used to support the many programs of the SAL Squadron 194.

Friday Night Dinners – The American Legion Unit 194 Auxiliary members are having their monthly Friday night dinners on the 1st Friday night of each month from January until April of 2020. These dinners are from 5:30 – 7:00 PM and 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, etc. Come out and enjoy a great meal for \$10.00 and support our Legion's Auxiliary Unit. If you are interested in helping out at these Auxiliary Unit 194 functions, please contact Judy Palmer or an Auxiliary Member at the Legion to let them know you are available.

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.



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

 **American Legion Riders Sunday Morning Breakfast** – The American Legion Riders of Post 194 continue to have a buffet-style breakfast in the Post Banquet Hall on the 3rd Sunday of each month from 8:00 – 11:00 AM. The menu includes scrambled eggs, bacon, ham, scrapple, sausage, sausage gravy, fried potatoes, toast, biscuits, pancakes, and coffee and juices. Cost is \$10.00 per person. Proceeds will be used to support Veterans programs in the local area.

Election of Next Year's Officers – All Regular, Auxiliary and SAL members are reminded that we will hold our election of Officers for the upcoming Legion Year "2020-2021" at our General Membership meeting held on Thursday night, April 23. Nominations for this year's upcoming election will be held at our March General Membership meeting held on March 26. Mark these dates on your calendar and plan on attending these meetings to help determine who your officers will be for the upcoming year. We will send out another newsletter to remind everyone of the upcoming elections in April.

SAL Fundraiser Drawings - The SAL are having a raffle for a 58-inch Samsung Smart LED & LCD TV. Drawing will be held during the Super Bowl party on Sunday, Feb 2 at half time. Tickets are \$2.00 each and are on sale now. The SAL are also having a Gun Raffle that will be held at our Annual Father's Day Bull Roast (June 21). 1st Prize is "Beretta A300 Outlander 12 Ga. Shotgun Max 5 Camo. 2nd Prize is \$100.00. 3rd Prize is \$50.00. Tickets are \$5.00 each and are available at the Legion.

Annual Father's Day Bull Roast – Our Annual Father's Day Bull Roast will on Sunday, June 21. Ticket price is \$20.00 for Adults and \$10.00 for Children under 10. We will be having a Live Band providing the music. Tickets will be available in the upcoming weeks.



Memorial Day Program - Our Memorial Day program will be held on Saturday, May 30.



Annual Flag Day Program - Our Annual Flag Day program will be held at 7:00 PM on Sunday June 14.



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

Regular American Legion Post #194

Members: Richard (Dick) Richardson

Mary Kerns

Carl Mackenprang

Nicholas Cantera

Jack Brookshire

Raymond Webb

Auxiliary Members: Linda Wade

SAL Members: John Guethler

**Our deepest sympathy goes out to the
family and friends of our departed members.**

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.



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



Message from Post 194 Chaplain Dave Bradford:

In the last two newsletters, I've been talking about the Why and How of prayer. And, for those who are regular church goers, you've undoubtedly heard your priest, minister, or church leader speaking about the power of, and the necessity for prayer. But, for me one of the most important reasons for prayer is the recognition that there is a supreme power that transcends all of us. We have a creator, whose only begotten Son will one day hold us accountable in final judgement. And, in the meantime, we need to be asking for guidance to get it right; to be doing God's will.

It is our responsibility and obligation to pass along the practice of prayer to our family. We do that by diligently and publicly acknowledging our need to turn to God in prayer on a regular basis, including keeping The Sabbath. Most children learn to say their nightly prayers because Mom or dad tells them to. But later they may fall away from the practice because they never see Mom or dad on their knees praying to God. The act of saying grace; of giving thanks before meals seems in many cases to be another practice that has fallen by the wayside. Going to church on Sunday also seems to have become an inconvenience.

The Preamble to the American Legion Constitution calls for us to "foster and perpetuate a one hundred percent Americanism...". The Pledge of Allegiance calls us "one nation under God". Our currency states, "In God we Trust". So, unless we are teaching our children, grand-children, and great-grandchildren what it means to trust in God and be one nation under God, it would seem that we are not living up to our responsibilities as parents and legionnaires. Setting daily example of praying in a family setting at meals, before bedtime, and attending church on Sunday are great ways to begin.

The greatest compliment that I've ever heard an adult child say about her dead father was that she remembered him praying on his knees every night before bed, and never missing church on Sunday. This man was a farmer who knew just how much he depended on God for his very existence. Knowing that we come from God, depend upon God, can trust in God, and one day will return to God, are gifts that we should faithfully transmit to our families daily.

Blessings to All.

Martin Thompson, Commander

American Legion Post 194

Judy Palmer, President

Unit 194 Auxiliary

Walt Ragan Jr., Commander

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