



# MASON DIXON POST 194

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## January, February, March 2023

This is our Newsletter for the months of January, February, and March 2023 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](http://www.alpost194.com)).

Here is a listing of the current Officers for the American Legion Mason Dixon Post, Auxiliary Unit 194 and SAL Squadron 194 who were elected to serve during the Legion Year of 2022-2023:

**American Legion Post 194 Officers:**

- Post Commander – Neil Eller
- 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander – Roger Ball
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander – Jay Evans
- Finance Officer – Jeff Hughes
- Adjutant – George Remhof
- Service Officer – Danny McLaughlin
- Sgt-at-Arms- Frank Morgan
- Senior Color Bearer – Tom Hawk
- Chaplain – David Bradford
- Historian – Joe Bradford

The three members who were elected to serve on the Executive Committee are Larry Weaver, Martin Weaver and Mike Saponaro. Ray Conger and Pete Hulmes were appointed by the Post Commander Thompson to serve on the E-Board:

**American Legion Auxiliary Unit 194 Officers:**

- President – Dana Fritts
- 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – Lisa Ewing
- Secretary – Shirl Cameron
- Treasurer – Joanne Ross
- Sgt. at Arms - Pat Wood
- Color Bearer - Mary Lou Thompson
- Chaplain - Barb Flynn
- 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 - Roy Stoltzfus

**American Legion Riders Officers:**

- Director – Johanna White
- Assistant Director – George Remhof
- Road Captain – Chuck White
- Sgt-at-Arms: Steve Waggy
- Treasurer – Amy Cavanaugh
- Secretary – Carissa White
- Safety Officer – Kevin Moore
- Membership Officer - Fran To
- Chaplain - Catharina Hoyser-Remhof

**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 - 7:30 PM. We continue to have a large turnout for our Wing Nights. We have great food and an outstanding assortment of Karaoke singers who are here each week to provide the entertainment. 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 here each Monday night, providing great music from 7:00 PM until 11:00 PM.

**Friday Night Dinners** - The American Legion Unit 194 Auxiliary are having a Friday night dinner from 5:30 - 7:00 PM on the 1st Friday night of every month until May in the Spring. These dinners are \$12.00 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..

**Nightly Food Available in the Bar/Lounge Area –**

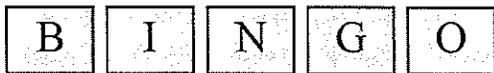
- Monday Night – Wings
- Tuesday Night – Burger Night
- Wednesday Night – Flatbread Pizza
- Thursday Night – Tacos
- Friday Night – Cheese Steaks
- Saturday – Bingo Food Menu

**Need Volunteers to Help Out in Kitchen.** We now are offering various types of food in our kitchen in the bar lounge area. We need volunteers to help serve these various food offerings. If you would be interested in helping out here at the Legion, please stop by the Legion and sign up to help anytime you could be available. Our current volunteers are willing to show you what needs to be done. If you have a couple of free hours on any night, please stop by and offer to help out. Any help will be greatly appreciated.



**Friday Night Music** - We offer various types of music in our lounge area every Friday night from 7:00 - 11:00 PM. Here is a listing of the entertainment schedule for Friday Nights during the upcoming months:

- Feb. 3 - Back Roads
- Feb. 10 - The Amigos
- Feb. 17 - Kruisin Karaoke
- Feb. 24 - Across the Tracks
- Mar. 3 - Lost Train
- Mar. 10 - Richard Blaine
- Mar. 17 - Kruisin Karaoke
- Mar. 24 - The Bopper
- Mar. 31 - Rick & Connie



**Saturday Night Bingo** – We have Bingo here in the Post Hall on every Saturday night from 6:30 – 9:30 PM. Bingo sales for the evening begin at 5:30 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 4:30 – 8:15 PM every Saturday night. Our Bingo Kitchen offers a variety of food items each week.

**Membership Meetings** - Our 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.



**2023 Membership Dues** - A note to all Post 194 regular members - As of January 1, 2023, we have 564 Regular Members who have paid their 2023 membership dues. We want to thank these members because you have helped us to get very close in reaching our membership goal for this year. We need approximately 75 members to reach our 4-Star Membership Goal for this year. We still have over 100 current members who have still not yet paid their 2023 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 2023 membership dues. The Auxiliary Unit and the SAL dues are \$30.00.

**SAL Shrimp Dinners Return** - The SAL Squadron #194 members are having Sunday Shrimp Dinners on the 2nd and 4th Sundays in January, February, March, and April as a fundraiser for their organization. The Shrimp Dinners will be held on Feb. 26, March 12, March 26, and April 23. 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.



**American Legion Riders (ALR) Local Chapter Meeting Date and Time Info** – The ALR local chapter monthly ALR meetings 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.



**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 until April 2023. The menu includes scrambled eggs, bacon, ham, scrapple, sausage, sausage gravy, fried potatoes, toast, biscuits, pancakes, and coffee and juices. Cost is \$12.00 per person. Proceeds will be used to support Veterans programs in the local area.

**Election of Next Year's Officers** – The Regular, Auxiliary and SAL members will hold their election of Officers for the upcoming Legion Year "2023-2024" at the General Membership meeting held on Thursday night, April 27. Nominations for this year's upcoming election will be held at our March General Membership meeting held on March 23. 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.



**Memorial Day Program** - Our Memorial Day program will be held on Tuesday, May 30. We are in the process of putting together the details of this year's Memorial Day program. Our Program begins at 11:00 AM. We hope to be able to have the Rising Sun Middle School Band to participate in this year's program.



**Flag Day Program** - Our Annual Flag Day program will be held here at our Pavilion at 7:00 PM on Wednesday June 14.

**Annual Father's Day Bull Roast** – Our Annual Father's Day Bull Roast will be on Sunday, June 18 from 1:00 PM until 5:00 PM. Ticket price is Adults \$20.00 and Children under 10 \$10.00. We will be having a Live Band (Backroads) providing the music. Tickets will be available in the upcoming weeks. Note – The Band for the Crab Feast in September this year will be the Band "Throwback Junkies".

**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.

**Veteran's Corner:**

In this part of our newsletter it was suggested that we should devote a small area of each newsletter to provide a brief summary of one of our Post 194 members. In this newsletter Mason Dixon Post 194 Proudly Salutes Roger Ball. Roger served in the U.S. Army from 1971 to 1972. He took Basic Training at Fort Dix N.J. Roger signed up for Paratrooper Training and was sent to Ft. Benning for training. Roger excelled in all areas of his training, so his commander wanted to send him to the NCO Academy. Roger graduated from the NCO Academy with a grade of E-5 and was stationed at Ft. Campbell KY. In the 101st Airborne Division. Roger made 43 jumps. Since Vietnam was drawing down at that time, the Army was not sending paratroopers overseas to Vietnam so he was discharged. Roger has been a member of the American Legion for 35 yrs. He is also a member of the SAL for 13 years (joining the SAL under his father who was a Veteran). Roger is currently our 1st Vice Commander. He has also served as our 2nd Vice Commander and our Sergeant of Arms. He is also a member of the Executive committee and the Slot Machine Oversight Committee. You can find Roger tending bar, cooking, or making funnel cakes at many different Legion events held at the Legion. Info provided by Joe Bradford Post Historian



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

**Regular American Legion Post #194 Members:**  
Jimmy McDowell

**Auxiliary Unit 194:**  
Roberta Haupt, Charlotte Eggink

**SAL Members:**

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



**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:**

For those who read my column, I think this time of year, Christmas...a season of Hope, and the beginning of a New Year is a perfect time to pick up where I ended in my October message. I ended with a question, "How will I react to the ups and downs of life?" In my opinion, carrying the spirit of Christmas...the spirit of Hope throughout the year is one answer. If we look to Isaiah, we read, "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in the land of the shadow of death, upon them a light has shined." And further on, "For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." So, I know that there must be Hope and Light, but where in this crazy world do I go to feel or experience it?

In previous messages I have quoted the depressing statistics of dwindling church attendance. From my own experience, attendance at Mass or Sunday service always brings a sense of peace, of centeredness, of perspective that helps me deal with all of life's challenges; finances, family, health, job, and inter-personal relationships.

I realize that it's difficult to get out of bed early on Sunday mornings. I attend church in the Roman Catholic tradition, so sometimes I attend the 5pm Mass on Saturday evening or the 8am Mass Sunday morning. I especially enjoy the sermons of one particular priest, who in my opinion could have played Bing Crosby's role in Going My Way. He's been a priest in service to his parishioners for over 50 years; a priest who's naturally booming voice manages to cut through my diminishing hearing abilities; a priest who simple straight forward homilies manage to make his point. For me, I walk out thinking, "now I get it". I feel Hopeful.

But regardless of what tradition you worship in, the important thing is that you do worship. I strongly recommend that you find a place of worship with a priest, minister, or worship leader who has a message that reaches down within you to a place that you may not outwardly acknowledge. And, while it is a man's or woman's voice that you physically hear, when it reaches that "place", my belief is that you are hearing God. Remember Isaiah, "And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace..." ay the Peace and Serenity that is our Lord and Savior, be with each of you, now and forever.

**Neil Eller, Commander**  
American Legion Post 194

**Dana Fritts, President**  
Unit 194 Auxiliary

**Walt Ragan Jr., SAL Commander**  
Son of the American Legion



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