



MASON DIXON POST 194

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This is our Newsletter for the Summer and early Fall of 2020. It contains a listing of the upcoming events that will be occurring here at the Legion during the next 3 months. The last three months have been a nightmare for everyone and we are glad to put those three months behind us. We sure hope that we never have to go through those events again.

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 25 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 – 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 – Dana Fritts
1st Vice President – Charlotte Rhoades
2nd Vice President - Doris Orem
Secretary – Shirl Cameron
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 –
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

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 - We have our weekly "Chicken Wing Night" on Monday Nights from 5:00 - 8:00 PM. We offer a choice of plain or breaded chicken wings, with no sauce, BBQ sauce, a mild hot sauce, or a HOT sauce. We thank our outstanding dedicated kitchen crew who are here every week to cook the wings. We also want to thank Haven Bare (Kruisin Karaoke) who is here every Monday night from 6:00 - 11:30 PM providing great music.



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 weeks:

July 3 – Kruisin Karaoke
 July 10 – Liv N Wright
 July 17 – Kruisin Karaoke
 July 24 – Lost Train
 July 31 – Across the Tracks
 Aug 7 – Kruisin Karaoke
 Aug 14 – Juke Box Trio
 Aug 21 – Hawaiian Luau - Kruisin Karaoke
 Aug 28 – Back Roads
 Sept 4 – Lost Train
 Sept 11 – How's My Hat
 Sept 18 – Western Night – Kruisin Karaoke
 Sept 25 – Across the Tracks



Saturday Night Bingo – We have Bingo here at the Post home on every Saturday night from 7:00 – 10:00 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 5:00 – 8:45 PM every Saturday night. A variety of food items are offered on our kitchen menu.

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.



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.



American Legion Riders Sunday Morning Breakfast – The American Legion Riders of Post 194 are scheduled to resume their “buffet-style breakfast” in October this Fall. 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.

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.



American Legion Riders (ALR) Local Chapter Meeting Date and Time Info – The ALR local chapter monthly ALR meetings are held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 6:30 PM. All members are urged to attend these meetings to stay informed of the many upcoming activities of the local chapter.

Installation of Post 194 Officers Ceremony –

We are having our Installation of Officers ceremony for all new incoming Officers of the organizations here at Mason Dixon Post 194 on Sunday, July 26. The program will consist of:

- 2:00 – 3:00 PM: Cocktail Hour
- 3:00 - 4:00 PM: Installation of Officers (Post 194 Legion, Auxiliary, SAL, Legion Riders)
- 4:00 – 5:00 PM: Dinner

This event is free and everyone is invited to attend.



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.



Family Day Picnic at the Legion – We will be having our “Annual Family Day Picnic” at the Legion's Pavilion on Sunday, August 2 from 2:00-6:00 PM (Rain Day for this event will be one week later, Sunday, August 9). 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. Our members are requested to bring any type of Specialty Dish, or a Covered Dish of your favorite food, or some type of Dessert to this picnic. These specialty dishes brought in by our members help make this event a great family picnic. There will be a variety of games available for the children (possibly Pony Rides). This event is free to any Post 194 Legion Member, their families and guests.

Luau Night – Friday Night - Aug 21: We are having our “Annual Hawaiian Luau Night” here at the Legion on Friday, August 21 from 7:30 PM – 11:30 PM. Kruisin Karaoke will provide the music at this year's Luau. Dress up in your best (loudest) Hawaiian attire and come out and enjoy a great night here at the Legion. Each year everyone has a lot of fun at this event. The bar and lounge area will be decorated in a Hawaiian atmosphere (special thanks to Haven).



Friday Night Dinners – The American Legion Unit 194 Auxiliary will restart their monthly Friday night dinners on the 1st Friday Night of each month, beginning on September 4. The dinners are \$10.00 per person and will be held during the months of September through May of next year. These dinners are a “Buffet Style” dinner consisting of a choice of two meats with a variety of other food items such as mashed potatoes, green beans, salad, dessert, etc. Come out and enjoy a great meal for \$10.00 and support our Legion’s Auxiliary Unit. If you are interested in helping the Auxiliary at these events, please contact with Dana Fritts or any Auxiliary Member at the Legion and let them know you are interested.



Annual Fall Crab Feast – This year’s Annual Fall Crab Feast will be held on Sunday, Sept. 13th. **All tickets must be purchased in advance so that we know how many people to plan for.** We will only have 600 tickets for sale – Tickets must be purchased by Friday, Sept. 11th - **(No tickets will be sold after this cut-off date).** Crab Feast tickets are now available at the Legion. Ticket Prices: **Adults: \$40.00 and Children Under 10 - \$20.00.** Contact someone at the Post to purchase your tickets. Notice – Due to the recent 3-month shutdown, the SAL was unable to hold their Shotgun Raffle at the Bull Roast which was cancelled. The SAL decided to have their Shotgun Raffle at this year’s Crab Feast. 1st Prize is the “Beretta A300 Outlander 12 Gauge Shotgun Max 5 Camo. 2nd Prize is \$100.00. 3rd Prize is \$50.00. Tickets are \$5.00 each and are on sale at the Legion.

Honor Guard “Gun Raffle” Postponed until Crab Feast 2021 – Due to recent closure of our American Legion Post for the past 3 months with no activity at all taking place during this period of time, the Honor Guard members determined that they would not have enough time to be able to sell enough tickets to make a profit from their annual Gun Raffle. Thus, there will be no Gun Raffle at this year’s Crab Feast held on Sunday, September 13th. What few tickets that have been sold to date will be placed in the drawing for next year’s Gun Raffle held in September 2021.

Notice to All Veterans - A Veterans Enrollment & Information Expo will take place on Friday, September 15, 2020 from 4:00 to 7:00 PM at the Oxford Masonic Lodge #353 in Oxford, PA. This is a great opportunity for Veterans and their families to learn more about VA Benefits and Services that they may be eligible for. Veterans will have the opportunity to enroll for VA Health Care Benefits on-the-spot. For enrollment, please bring a copy of your DD214 and your 2019 Income Totals and your Out-of-Pocket Medical Expenses. The following organizations will be invited to participate in this Expo: Veterans Health Administration (Coatesville VA Medical Center), Veterans Benefits Administration, Chester County Director of Veterans Affairs, Chester County Recorder of Deeds. This event is being sponsored by the Coatesville VA Medical Center, Oxford Masonic Lodge #353 and the American Legion Mason Dixon Post 194.



Western Night on Friday Night – Sept 18. Our Annual “Western Night” will be held here at the Legion on Friday Night, September 18, from 7:30 PM – 11:30 PM. Dress up in your best Western Gear and come out and listen to the great music entertainment of Kruisin Karaoke.

SAL Shrimp Dinners – The SAL will again have their Shrimp Dinners on the 2nd and 4th Sundays during the months of October and November, and then again resuming in January through March. The dinners will be from 1:30- 5:30 PM. **There will be No Shrimp Dinners scheduled during the Month of December (due to the Holiday Season).** These Shrimp Dinners have proved to be a very successful event for the SAL. All proceeds from these Shrimp Dinners help provide funds to help support the many programs offered by the SAL Squadron 194.

SAL Gun Raffle in October – The Squadron 194 will be having a **Gun Raffle** here on October 4, 2020 from 12:00 Noon until 5:00 PM. There will be thirty guns included in this raffle. The winner has a choice of the gun being raffled, or \$300.00 in cash. Tickets are \$10.00 each – Price includes food (Pit Beef and Pit Ham), draft beer, soda, and water.



Halloween Adult Costume Party – Oct 30. We will be having this year’s Adult Halloween Costume Party on Friday Night, October 30 from 7:30 PM – 11:30 PM. We typically have a great turnout for this event each year. Kruisin Karaoke will be here to provide the musical entertainment. We will be giving out prizes for the funniest, scariest, most original costumes. You should start early this year to come up with a unique costume to wear at this year’s Halloween Party. Come out and enjoy the funny sights here at the Legion at this party. We are sure that you will have a great time.

Veterans Day Program – This year our Annual Veterans Day Program will be held on Friday night, November 6th. 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 now making the final preparations for this year’s Veterans Day program. A reminder to everyone – You may want to make your reservations early since we expect a big turnout. 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.



Membership Early Bird Dinner – Sunday Dec. 6 – Our 2021 Membership Cards are now here at the Post. Any member who has paid their 2021 membership dues can attend (for free) our Early Bird Christmas Party held on Sunday, Dec. 6, 2020. Dinner will be from 3:00 – 4:00 PM and music will be from 4:00 – 8:00 PM. Please help the Legion, the Auxiliary, and the SAL reach their 2021 membership goals by paying your dues early. Also, keep in mind that we are always looking to sign up new Legion members. If you know of any eligible person who wants to join any of our three Legion Organizations, please give this person a membership application form. Non-members who want to attend this event can purchase a ticket at the door for \$10.00 per person.

Chaplain's Message (From David Bradford, Post 194 Chaplain) –

Prayer. Some only talk about praying. Some go through the motions and mouth the words we were taught as children. Some daydream and wonder when this person will ever be quiet; after all, we need to get home to dinner and the game. Yet when a crisis occurs, the first thing that comes to mind is to ask for God's help. So why do we or should we bother to pray? My answer has always come in the form of questions. Do you believe that you are a child of God? Do like to talk with your children? Well, God loves to hear from his children; to hear about their challenges; to hear of their hopes and dreams. And like most parents, He loves to know that we honor, love, and respect Him. When the person praying is truly invested in that conversation, that is essentially prayer.

Real prayer is a very open and honest conversation with God. Like a child who still lacks the ability or desire to "spin" a story, we gradually become attuned to our parent's voice and hear the love being reflected to us. And yet, some say that God doesn't answer. Maybe it is because we haven't learned the sound of His voice. Or, maybe it is because we expect our answer to be on our time and our terms, rather than on God's time and God's terms.

In coming newsletters, I'll comment more on the need to develop an ongoing conversation with God. Blessings to you all.

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

Regular Members of Post 194:

Anthony Bachetta
Eli Evosirch
Kenneth Thomas

Frederick Brubaker
Robert Horton
William Todd

Charles Burkhart
Raymond Miller
Clyde Wilson

James Dennis
Joseph Schaefer
Donald Wilson

Auxiliary Unit 194:

Sheila Anderson

Gail Mackeprang

Kathleen Melaugh

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

Martin Thompson, Commander

American Legion Post 194

Dana Fritts, President

Unit 194 Auxiliary

Walt Ragan Jr., Commander

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