



MASON DIXON POST 194



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This is our Newsletter for the Summer and early Fall of 2021. It contains a listing of the upcoming events that will be occurring here at the Legion during the next 3 months.

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 April 22 General Membership meetings, the following Officers for the American Legion Mason Dixon Post, Auxiliary Unit 194 and SAL Squadron 194 were elected to serve during the Legion Year of 2021-2022:

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 – Danny McLaughlin
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, John Kilby, 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 – Charlotte Rhoades
2nd Vice President - Doris Orem
Secretary – Shirl Cameron
Color Bearer - Pat Wood
Treasurer – Joann 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 – 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 – Johanna White
Assistant Director – George Remhof
Road Captain – Chuck White
Sgt-at-Arms: Steve Waggy
Treasurer – Joanne Ross
Secretary – Johanna White
Safety Officer – Kevin Moore
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 and also we have added chicken fingers, 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 2 – Fairlanes Band
 July 9 – Kruisin Karaoke
 July 16 – Salamanders DJ
 July 23 – Kruisin Karaoke
 July 30 – Fairlanes Band
 Aug 6 – Juke Box Trio
 Aug 13 – Fairlanes Band
 Aug 20 – Hawaiian Luau - Kruisin Karaoke
 Aug 27 – Fairlanes Band
 Sept 3 – Kruisin Karaoke
 Sept 10 – Fairlanes Band
 Sept 17 – Fairlanes Band
 Sept 24 – Kruisin Karaoke

B I N G O

Saturday Night Bingo – We have Bingo here at the Post home on every Saturday night from 6:30 – 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 – 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.

Annual Fall Crab Feast – This year's Annual Fall Crab Feast will be held on Sunday, Sept. 12th. **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. 10th - **(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.

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 25. 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.

75th Anniversary Dinner for Members of Post 194 - Just over 75 years ago, a group of young men met with the purpose of establishing a place where they could associate with other veterans who just returned from years of war. They also felt a need and a continued call to service, service to their fellow veterans and service to their communities. It began in March of 1946 when this small group petitioned the American Legion for a charter which was granted in June of that year. I don't believe anyone could have predicted that the post would grow from the pre-charter group of 41 into the Post of well over 600 members that it is today. And that doesn't include S.A.L. and Auxiliary members.

So, we are excited and have a lot to celebrate. The center piece is the 75th Anniversary Celebration Dinner scheduled for Sunday September 19. There is a dress code for this event. Tickets are being sold at the bar for \$20.00 each. The dinner ticket holder will receive a wine glass with the 75th Anniversary logo, a logo pin, and each family will receive a 75th Anniversary booklet. The dinner menu includes Filet Mignon and Crab Cake. Currently, there are about 60 tickets yet to be sold. So if you want to come and participate in the celebration, I'd hurry on down and buy your tickets. Hope to see you there! Other 75th Anniversary items being sold include: 75th Anniversary Historical Booklets for \$8.00; 75th Anniversary Logo lapel pins for \$6.00; 75th Anniversary Logo Wine glasses for \$10.00; 75th Anniversary T-shirts for \$25.00; and 75th Anniversary Polo shirts for \$40.00. All these items are available for purchase at the bar.

2022 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.



Luau Night – Friday Night - Aug 20: 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).



SAL Single Gun Raffle - The SAL are having a Raffle for Browning X-Bolt Hells Canyon 7mm Rifle. Only 300 Raffle Tickets will be sold – The Raffle will be held once all 300 Tickets have been sold.

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 3. 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.



Family Day Picnic at the Legion – We will be having our “Annual Family Day Picnic” at the Legion’s Pavilion on Sunday, August 1 from 2:00-6:00 PM (Rain Day for this event will be one week later, Sunday, August 8). 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.

Honor Guard “Gun Raffle” at Crab Feast 2021 – This year the Honor Guard will be having a Gun Raffle for two guns at this year’s Crab Feast that will be held on Sunday, September 12th. Featured in this year’s Honor Guard Gun Raffle are these two prizes:

1st Drawing – Henry 44 Magnum Big Boy (or \$600.00)

2nd Drawing – Henry 22 Golden Boy 22 Magnum (or \$400.00)

These Rifles are currently on display at the Legion. Stop in at the Legion and buy your raffle tickets to help support your Honor Guard.

Western Night on Friday Night – Sept 24. Our Annual “Western Night” will be held here at the Legion on Friday Night, September 24, 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.

Membership Early Bird Dinner – Sunday Dec. 5 – Our 2022 Membership Cards are now here at the Post. Any member who has paid their 2022 membership dues can attend our Early Bird Christmas Party held on Sunday, Dec. 5, 2021 (for free). 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 2022 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.

SAL Gun Raffle in October – The Squadron 194 will be having a **Gun Raffle** here on October 3, 2021 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 29. We will be having this year’s Adult Halloween Costume Party on Friday Night, October 29 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 5th. 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.



Vietnam Veteran LAPEL PIN

The Vietnam Veteran Lapel Pin is to be awarded to any veteran who served in the military, during the November 1, 1955 to May 15, 1975 timeframe - regardless of where the Veteran was stationed. To receive a pin, we would like to have it presented in a ceremony event. We are going to have the ceremony for this lapel pin on November 14th, 2021. If you are eligible and wish to attend this ceremony and receive a pin, please fill out the questionnaire below and send it back by September 30th.

A light affair will follow the ceremony.



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Last Name _____

First Name _____

Dates of Service _____

Branch of Service _____

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

The motto of the American Legion is "For God and Country". This motto is important in that it reminds us that there is something bigger/ greater than ourselves and our own personal needs/ wants/ desires. In 2018, Sholto Byrnes, a senior fellow at the Institute of Strategic and International Studies Malaysia, opined that religion (see Romans 13:1-5) is the bedrock of any society (Acts 2: 46,47) and is firmly rooted in most societal norms and in the legal system. He went on to say that dismantling or removing the bedrock of religion leaves a moral vacuum. Fyodor Dostoevsky, the famous Russian novelist, once wrote, "Without God, everything is permitted."

Unfortunately, there have been several studies that indicate that America and Europe have a dwindling portion of their populations that are active church goers or who actively define themselves with a religious affiliation (see Revelations 20: 7-9; Isaiah 45).

Like most of you, I listen to the evening news and some opinion shows. And, I suspect like many, I'm appalled by the continual debate of late term abortions(see Genesis 1:27; Psalm 127:3; Exodus 20:13), the endless recitation of weekend murder statistics (see 1 John 3:11-15; Matthew 5:21), the fact that the richest nation on earth has an increasing homeless population, terrorists attacking the right of a nation to exist, the human tragedy at our southern border, the latest government give-a-way and disincentive to work and be a productive citizen (see 2 Thessalonians 3:7-9), and continuing efforts to define citizens of our great country by the color of their skin instead of the value of their character (see Romans 15:2 and 7; Colossians 3:11-13).

In JFK's inaugural address, he called upon us to be unwilling to witness or permit the slow undoing of those human rights to which America has always been committed. He went on to say, "In the long history of the world, only a few generations have been granted the role of defending freedom in its hour of maximum danger." I would strongly urge everyone to get and read a copy of The Bill of Rights, as it's hard to defend that which you do not know.

In an article in the Atlantic, Tim LaHaye wrote, "America's uniqueness is based upon the Christian consensus of our Founding Fathers, who penned documents guaranteeing religious and personal freedom for all." He went on to say, "America's founding was based more on biblical principles than any other nation on earth – and that's the main reason this country has been more blessed by God than any other nation in history.

So there is a reason that "God" appears first in the American Legion Motto, and that the words I or me are not included. In 1936, FDR said, "To some generations, much is given. Of other generations, much is expected. This generation has a rendezvous with destiny." In this day and age, this sounds like a very appropriate challenge. How will you respond?

Blessings to all.

Martin Thompson, Commander

American Legion Post 194

Dana Fritts, President

Unit 194 Auxiliary

Walt Ragan Jr., SAL Commander

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