

MASON DIXON POST 194









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Rising Sun, Maryland

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July - September 2025

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 September 2025.

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 Bobby Burlin, 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 - Josie Weaver
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 – Johanna White Assistant Director – Edwin Ramirez Road Captain – Chuck White Sgt-at-Arms: Bob Johns Treasurer – Amy Cavanaugh Secretary – TBD Safety Officer – Steve Crippa Membership Officer - Fran To Chaplain – Rose Johns

Please join us on July 27th at 3:00 PM to witness the Installation of Officers listed above. There will be a reception beginning at 3:00 PM followed by the Installation Meeting at 4:00 PM, and concluding with a dinner. This is a free event and everyone is invited to attend.

<u>The Newsletter</u> is also available on line at 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: Jackie Madron, Harry E Gray, Ray Sordiff, Norman Pierce, Butch Robinson, and John Kilby.

Message from the Post Commander

Thank you to all our volunteers and employees who keep this place going. I'd also like to thank the SAL and the Auxiliary for all they do. If it weren't for their dedication to this post we wouldn't be able to have the dinners, events and activities that we do. We always need help with events and activities around the post and I encourage everyone, especially our Legionnaires, to attend meetings as often as possible and gain an understanding of the inner workings of this great post. We are all very welcoming and want everyone to have a voice, but you have to show up. Keep in mind that membership is always a key part of keeping the post alive, and we need to constantly be encouraging new eligible veterans and friends to join us.

Thank you all.

Respectfully, James Parker, Post Commander of the Mason-Dixon Post 194

Message from Honor Guard Commander

The Honor Guard of Post 194 provides Military Honors for our Deceased Veterans within a 30 mile radius of our post in the tristate area. At the present time we have 20 members. Last year we provided honors for 130 of our veterans. We visit our local schools to talk to the children for Veterans Day. We also participate as Color Guards in our local Parades. If you are a Legion member and are interested in joining the Honor Guard please contact Tom Hawk at the Post at 410-658-9078.

Thank you all.

Respectfully, Tom Hawk, Commander of the Mason-Dixon Post 194 Honor Guard

Legion News/Information



Bike Night at the Legion - The Legion Riders will be having this event at the Legion on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, April 2025 through October 2025. There will be a 50/50 at each Bike night event and there will be hot dogs and hamburgers for sale at each of these events



Annual Fall Crab Feast - This year's Annual Fall Crab Feast will be held on Sunday, September 7,

2025. Food will be served from 1:00PM - 5:00PM. Bad Alibi will be providing live music from 2:00PM - 6:00PM. 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, September 5, 2025. Tickets will be on sale soon, please see the bartender at Post 194 to purchase tickets.



SAL Golf Tournament - The SAL will be having their 3rd Annual Golf Tournament, Friday, September 12, 2025. It will be held at Furnace Bay Golf Course in Perryville, MD. Registration is at 8:00 AM with a Shotgun start at 9:00 AM. The cost for this event is \$100 per golfer, \$400 per team. You can also sponsor a hole for \$100. Prize donations and general sponsorships are welcome. For additional information contact Walt Ragan at 410-459-3608 or Steve Webb at 443-309-2892.





Purse Bingo - The Legion Riders will be sponsoring a Purse Bingo on Friday, September 19, 2025. Doors open at 6:00 PM and games begin at 7:00 PM. Additional information will be available soon at Post 194. All proceeds from the Purse Bingo will go to Post 194.



Legion Riders Poker Run - The Legion Riders will be sponsoring a Poker Run on Saturday, September 20, 2025 (Rain Date is Sunday, September 21, 2025). Additional information will be available soon at Post 194 and on the American Legion Riders Post#194 Mason-Dixon Facebook page.

SAL Gun Raffle – Squadron 194 will be having their 9th Annual Gun Raffle on October 5, 2025 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. Exit 93 will be playing live music during the event. Venmo payments are accepted -@SAL-Squadron194. Tickets are available at The Rising Sun Legion, Walt Ragan at 410-459-3608, or Rusty Ewing at 443-309- 2293.

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 \$12.00 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:

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 - Tacos

We offer ground beef hard tacos, soft tacos, nachos, and taco salad. We have a fixing bar available to add all of your toppings.

Friday - Steaks and Cheesesteaks

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

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;

July 4th - Amigo's

July 11th - How's My Hat

July 18th - Krusin Karaoke

July 25th - Sun-N-Strings

Aug 22nd - Rick & Connie

Aug 29th - Amigo's

Sep 5th - Lost Train

Sep 12th - How's My Hat

Sep 19th-Krusin Karaoke

Sep 26th - Rick & Connie

Aug 15th - Lost Train



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.

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.

School Supply Donations – Please help us collect 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.



Don't Throw Away your Slot Machine Tickets – Instead, drop them in our Veteran's Donation Box located in the game room. Every little bit helps as we accumulate funds to donate to our local area veteran organizations.

Chaplain's Message (*From Russ Gulick, Post 194 Chaplain*) - I will be turning my Chaplain duties back over to Dave Bradford, a dedicated and great chaplain. I would like to thank all who have supported me. Thank you to all those who have helped, and visited our members who are home bound, or in hospital, and kept me informed. Again THANK YOU. Peace, Love, Health, and Happiness to you all.

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.

T-Shirt (Merchandise) Sales - SAL and Auxiliary t-shirts are available for purchase. The Post will have shirts available on Facebook soon.

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. If you choose to have your event catered by the Auxiliary unit of Post 194, please contact Julie Guethler at 443-243-8142.

Please contact Dana Fritts at 410-688-0280 for availability, rental costs and any other information.

James Parker, Commander

American Legion Post 194

Julie Guethler, President
Unit 194 Auxiliary

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









American Legion Family

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