

MASON DIXON POST 194

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This is our Newsletter for November, December, and January 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).

The following Officers for the American Legion Mason Dixon Post, Unit and SAL Squadron 194 were recently installed to serve 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.

Election of 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

Election of 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

Election of 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 – Our weekly "Chicken Wing Night" on Monday Nights from 5:00 – 8:00 PM continue to be a great success, thanks to a very special group of members who volunteer each week to work in our kitchen preparing the Wings that we enjoy. We also want to thank our great DJ (Haven - Kruisin Karaoke) for being here every Monday night, providing great music entertainment from 6:00 PM until 11:30 PM.



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 months:

Oct. 11 – Dave Mark Band
 Oct. 18 – Back Roads
 Oct. 25 – (Adult Halloween Party) Kruisin Karaoke
 Nov. 1 – Take 2
 Nov. 8 – Veterans Day Program – Kruisin Karaoke
 Nov. 15 – Day Tripper
 Nov. 22 – Kruisin Karaoke
 Nov. 29 – Exit 93
 Dec. 6 – Kruisin Karaoke
 Dec. 13 – Dave Mark Band
 Dec. 20 – Kruisin Karaoke
 Dec. 27 – Lost Train Band
 Dec. 31 – New Year's Eve – Kruisin Karaoke

B I N G O

Saturday Night Bingo – We have Bingo here at the Post home every Saturday night from 7:00–10:00 PM. **Sales begin at 6:00 PM.** We offer a series of regular bingo games and a variety of special games, including 2 Cover-All 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.



2020 Membership Dues – The 2020 membership cards for the Regular Members, the Auxiliary Members, and the SAL Members are available at the Legion. The cost of Regular Legion Membership dues is currently \$35.00. **Important Notice –** The cost of the American Legion Auxiliary and the Sons of the American Legion (SAL) are currently \$25.00 – On January 1, 2020, the cost of both these two organizations will increase by \$5.00 a year to \$30.00 per year. Auxiliary and SAL Members need to pay your membership dues by December 31, 2019 if you want to save \$5.00. We ask that all members (Regular, Auxiliary, and SAL) please try to pay your 2020 membership dues as soon as you can so that our three organizations reach our membership goals for this year.

Membership Meetings - The general membership meetings (Regular Members, Auxiliary Unit, and SAL) are normally held on the 4th Thursday of each month begin at 7:00 PM. **A special reminder to all members: Due to the upcoming holidays (Thanksgiving and Christmas), our monthly membership meetings in November and December will be held on the 3rd Thursday of those months (Nov. 21 and Dec. 19).**

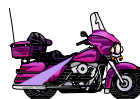
Legion Closed on Thanksgiving Day – Just a reminder to let everyone know the Legion will be closed all day on Thursday (Thanksgiving Day), November 28, 2019. Enjoy your holiday.

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 April in the Spring. These dinners are \$10.00 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 Judy Palmer or any Auxiliary Member at the Legion and let them know you are available.



American Legion Riders Sunday Morning

Breakfast – The American Legion Riders of Post 194 are having a buffet-style breakfast in the Post Banquet Hall during the winter months on the 3rd Sunday of each month from 8:00 – 11:00 AM. 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 \$8.00 per person. Proceeds will be used to support Veterans programs in the local area.



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 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.



SAL Shrimp Dinners Return During the Fall & Winter months

The SAL Squadron #194 are having Sunday Shrimp Dinners on the second and fourth Sundays of October, November, and January through March. **The Shrimp Dinners are from 1:00 – 5:00 PM and the menu will consist of the following:**

- Steamed or Fried Breaded Shrimp;
- Crab Cake Sandwich;
- Fish Sandwich;
- Homemade Crab Soup;
- Hush Puppies;
- French Fries.

The proceeds from the SAL shrimp dinners are used to support the many programs of the SAL Squadron 194.

Special Notice - There will be no Shrimp Dinners in December due to the many holiday events happening here at the Post Home. The Shrimp Dinners will resume in January 2020 on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of January, February, and March.



Burger Night on Tuesday Nights – We have our Burger Nights on every Tuesday night through the fall and winter months. The Legion Riders will be volunteering their time during the Winter months to have hamburgers available here at the Legion from 5:30 – 7:30 PM. You can have your hamburger the way you like it - by putting your own fixings on your burger from our Salad Bar. 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.

Halloween Adult Costume Party – Oct 25th. We will be having this year's Adult Halloween Costume Party on Friday Night, October 25th from 7:30 PM – 11:30 PM. Kruisin Karaoke will provide the musical entertainment for this event. The Legion will be providing gift certificates for the funniest, scariest, and the most original costumes. Come out and enjoy the funny sights to be seen. 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 8. 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 in the process of making the final preparations for this year's Veterans Day program. We expect a full house for this year's Veterans Day Programs so you should make your reservations early. 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.

New Year's Eve Party here at the Legion – We are having a New Year's Eve Party on Tuesday night, December 31, 2019 here at the Legion. We are having the same type of New Year's Eve Party that we have had for the past several years. This event is free for those who bring some type of food item (a favorite food dish that you have prepared). For those people who do not want to bring a food dish, cash donations for the food will be accepted. All money collected will be used to pay for the food. The New Year's Eve Party has been very successful in the past. Kruisin Karaoke will provide the musical entertainment this year.



A new Bill was recently passed by Congress and signed by the President that makes any Veteran who has served honorably in any Military Branch of Service at any time after December 7, 1941 can now become a member of the American Legion. Prior to this new law, there were many servicemen and women who served honorably during certain periods of time after WWII, but who were not eligible to join the American Legion. If you fall into this category, bring a copy of your DD 214 Form (Discharge Form) and stop by the American Legion Post 194 and join our organization. We will be glad to have you as a member.

Membership renewals are now due. Your 2019 membership expires December 31, 2019. Let me remind you that all members who have renewed their membership by December 1, will be entitled to attend our Early Bird Christmas Party (Dinner & Dance) **for Free**. Any guests or non-members who attend this event will be required to pay for their dinner. **The cost of this Early Bird Dinner for Non-Paid Members and Guests will be: Adults - \$15.00, Children 6-12 \$7.50, and children under 6 - free.** Dinner will be from 3:00 – 4:00 PM and we will have Music provided by Kruisin Karaoke in our Bar Lounge Area from 4:00 – 8:00 PM. We have a great Post – Be sure to tell others about all of the great work we do in and for our community. We are always looking to sign up new Legion members. If you know of anyone who is eligible for Legion membership and would like to join our organization, please have this person fill out a membership application form.

Christmas Concert by Upper Chesapeake Community Band Sunday December 8 at 3:00 PM



This year's Christmas Holiday Concert will be held here at the Legion on Sunday, Dec. 8th from 3:00 – 4:00 PM. Come out and listen to a great concert musical program of your favorite Christmas Music. This event is free and is open to the Public.

Special Notice To All American Legion Post 194 Regular Members – Constitution & By-Laws Update – All Members are hereby officially notified that the American Legion Mason Dixon Post 194 has updated our current Constitution & By-Laws in accordance with specific guidance and instruction from the American Legion National Headquarters in Indianapolis, IN and from the Department of Maryland Headquarters in Baltimore, MD. The purpose of this updating of our Mason Dixon Post 194 Constitution & By-Laws is to ensure that the Post 194 is “consistent with” and in “total agreement with” the Constitution & By-Laws of the American Legion Department of MD and the National American Legion Headquarters. We have been instructed to take the appropriate action to complete this update by December 31, 2019. Prior to making any changes to our Constitution & By-Laws, we were required to bring this issue up at three consecutive meetings so that the members have an opportunity to participate in this process. We have duly raised this issue up at our last three general membership meetings held in June, July, and August meetings. At our September general membership meeting, we approved our new Constitution and By-Laws.

Children's Christmas Party - Dec 15- The Auxiliary will be having their “Annual Children's Christmas Party” on Sunday afternoon, Dec 15 from 1:00 – 3:00 PM. There will be refreshments and snacks available and most importantly “A Visit by Santa Claus”. This Children's Christmas Party is open to the Public for all children up to 9 years of age. For more information, contact Judy Palmer at the Legion.



Christmas Eve (December 24th) Luncheon - The Legion will have our Annual Christmas Eve luncheon here at the Legion from 12:00 PM until 3:00 PM. If you are out doing last minute shopping on Tuesday, Dec. 24, stop by the Legion and enjoy a free luncheon (compliments of the Post). **Note – We will be closing at 8:00 PM on Christmas Eve and we will not be open on Christmas Day (Dec 25th).**

Chaplain's Message (Dave Bradford)

In the last newsletter, I commented on prayer and the need to be attuned to God's voice. We need to pray and God, our Creator, wants us to pray. Each day presents new challenges, obstacles, opportunities, and temptations. And, I'm often anxious and fretting over my response to those challenges. Philippians 4:6-7 states "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God." So instead of fretting over the problems of the day, turn them over to God. True Prayer is the act of turning these challenges over to God and placing your trust (Faith) solely in Him.

Ever notice when you are consumed by a problem and have said "God, help me.", and the next day you seemingly awoke with a resolution in mind? Maybe it's because God listened to your prayer. And while how to make the next car payment might not elicit a response (a worldly issue), how to avoid the temptations of the evil one (a spiritual issue) most certainly will.

Some also believe that because God has already equipped them to handle all the trials and obstacles that life will place in their way, that they do not need to pray for help. But, knowing when to ask for God's help is part of what He gave you. So, most often that petition is for enlightenment and the strength to do what is right. And, often you awaken with an entirely different resolution in mind.

OK, so we are supposed to pray. How do we pray? What are the parts of a prayer? First, clear your mind and prepare yourself to speak with our Creator. Don't worry, He wants to hear from you. Begin with a salutation (Your Bible is full of examples of salutations to God), then a doxology (Praise of God), then a thanksgiving (What are you thankful for?), and then begin thoughtfully and prayerfully laying out your concern. Faith, Persistence and Practice are keys to effective prayer. May the peace of our Lord be always with you.

Raffles/Drawings – Don't forget to support the Post 194 Honor Guard, the Auxiliary Unit 194, and the SAL by purchasing one of their 50/50 tickets. The proceeds from these drawings provide these organizations with funds for the many services that they provide to this community.

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Judy Palmer, President

Unit 194 Auxiliary

Walt Ragan Jr., Commander

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