



# MASON DIXON POST 194



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## Winter Months of 2020-2021

This is our Newsletter for the Winter Months of 2020-2021 to identify the upcoming events that will be occurring here at the Legion during the upcoming Winter months. Just like all local businesses, this American Legion Post has been affected in many ways since March 2020. We have had to cancel many planned events due to the restrictions caused by the Corona Virus Pandemic. We sure hope that things get better soon and that we will be able to resume our regular planned events here at some point in the near future.

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](http://www.alpost194.com)).

Here is a listing of the Officers for the American Legion Mason Dixon Post, Unit and SAL Squadron 194 who were elected to serve during the Legion Year of 2020-2021:

### American Legion Post 194 Officers:

Post Commander – Martin Thompson  
 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander – Neil Eller  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander – Roger Ball  
 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 – Joe Bradford

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, Larry Weaver, and Martin Weaver to serve on the E-Board.

### American Legion Auxiliary Unit 194 Officers:

President – Dana Fritts  
 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – Doris Orem  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President - Vacant  
 Secretary – Shirl Cameron  
 Color Bearer - Vacant  
 Treasurer – Joann Ross  
 Sgt. at Arms - pat Wood  
 Chaplain - Catharina Huyser-Remhof  
 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 - 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.

**Special Notice Concerning Our Business Current Operating Hours:** Due to the current Pandemic Operating Rules, we are limited to 50% of Total Building Attendance capabilities and we must close our business operations before 10:00 PM. Thus, any activities occurring at our facilities must adhere to the latest Pandemic Operating Procedures and restrictions.

**Special Notice to our American Legion Members and Guests!! We want everyone to be fully aware that “Loud, Crude, Obnoxious, Derogatory Comments or Behavior regarding Politics, Religion, and Race will result in the immediate loss of Bar Privileges and a Review of the matter by the Executive Board. The bartenders have been instructed by our Executive Committee to Cease Service immediately to Any Patron who violates this rule.**



**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.

**Wing Night on Monday Nights** – Our weekly “Chicken Wing Night” on Monday Nights from 5:00 – 8:00 PM continue to be a success despite the current “Corona Virus” situation that we are in. 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.



**American Legion Riders Sunday Morning Breakfast** – The American Legion Riders of Post 194 are also hoping to be able to resume their “buffet-style breakfast” sometime in the upcoming months. Due to the Pandemic crisis, no decision has been made yet as to when we will resume these breakfasts.



**Friday Night Music** – Our schedule for our Friday Entertainment continues to change on a weekly basis. We are unable to publish a schedule because it can change at any minute due to the current Pandemic Rules and Regulations. If you need to know what entertainment will be playing on any given night, we suggest that you contact the Legion that afternoon and we should know who would be here that night – As with everything else during these troubling times, things are subject to change!



**Saturday Night Bingo** – We have Bingo here at the Post home every Saturday night from 4:00–9:30 PM. **Ticket Sales begin at 5:30 PM.** The first game begins at 6:30 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 4:00 – 8:30 PM every Saturday night. A variety of food items are offered on our kitchen menu.

### **75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Events Being Planned Mason Dixon Post 194**

– Our American Legion Post 194 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary planning committee have worked very hard in putting together what will be an outstanding event for our 75<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary celebration. We have planned a special dinner that will occur on Sunday afternoon, April 11, 2021. They are in the process of finalizing the various events that will occur at this dinner. Due to several restrictions we are faced with, we will only have seating for approximately 180 people for this event. A strict dress code for those will be adhered to for those attending this anniversary dinner. Tickets will be \$15.00 each. Additional information about this dinner event be provided in the very near future. Tickets to this Anniversary Dinner will be available, beginning sometime in early December 2020. Due to the limited seating capability and to the need to be able to invite certain key members who have taken a very active role in our Post 194 development during the past 75 years, we will be selective as to who will be able purchase a ticket to this event. Due to limited seating, we suggest purchasing tickets early.

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

**Special Notice - There will be no Shrimp Dinners in December due to the many holiday events happening here at the Post Home.**

**The Annual Christmas Eve Luncheon has been cancelled this year due to the Pandemic Situation.**

**New Year's Eve Party here at the Legion** – We are hoping to be able to have a New Year's Eve Party on Thursday night, December 31, 2020 here at the Legion, beginning at 6:30 PM. We have to operate within the established rules and guidelines currently in place concerning the Pandemic Crisis (i.e. we have to be closed by 9:45 PM). 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. Kruisin Karaoke will provide the musical entertainment this year.



**SAL Shrimp Dinners** - The SAL Squadron #194 typically have their Sunday Shrimp Dinners on the second and fourth Sundays during the months of January, February, and March. **The Shrimp Dinners will be 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.



**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.

**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.



**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



**Friday Night Dinners Suspended** – The American Legion Unit 194 Auxiliary are also hoping to be able to resume their Friday Dinners at some point in the future months. Once we are given the okay to restart these dinners, the Friday night dinners will be from 5:30 – 7:00 PM on the 1<sup>st</sup> 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 Dana Fritts or any Auxiliary Member at the Legion and let them know you are available.

## **Chaplain's Message (Dave Bradford)**

As I sit here writing this note, it is six days prior to Thanksgiving, and just over a month to Christmas. By this time of the year, my head should be aswirl with thoughts of everything for which I should be Thankful. But alas, like many people, I suspect, I'm having a difficult time reconciling the pandemic, the lockdowns, the loss of personal freedoms, the lack of in-person church services, and the absolutely corrosive political environment with the concept of Thankfulness and Gratefulness. Luckily there remain some activities that allow me to focus on something other than self.

Yesterday, for example, several of us participated in the distribution of food baskets to needy families. That simple act was so gratifying. And if you are unaware, our Legion, through the school district, distributes food for 18 families in western Cecil County. We do this prior to every Thanksgiving and every Christmas. These baskets are packed full of food, including all the trimmings for a sumptuous family holiday dinner including Turkey and dessert. A simple act, overflowing with reasons to be Thankful and Grateful.

So it seems to me that the formula for overcoming the negative drone and feeling of personal loss is Service and Volunteerism. And as our American Legion motto suggests, we do those things "For God and Country". Matthew chapter 20 verses 26 through 28 teaches, "...but whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister; and whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant: Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give His life as a ransom for many." The question then becomes "where is your attention centered?". It is easy to be overcome with thoughts and concerns of our own personal loss. But true Joy, Gratefulness, Satisfaction, Thankfulness are found in servanthood. So this season, as we enter the Holidays and Holydays, get out there volunteer your time and effort, and be of service. And I'm sure that same feeling of warmth that I feel when I serve, will come to you as well.

A prayer...Almighty and gracious Father, we give you Thanks for the fruits of the earth in their season and for the labors of those who harvest them. Make us, we pray, faithful stewards of your great bounty, for the provision of our necessities and the relief of all who are in need, to the Glory of Your Holy Name; through Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Martin Thompson, Commander**

American Legion Post 194

**Dana Fritts, President**

Unit 194 Auxiliary

**Walt Ragan, SAL Commander**

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