

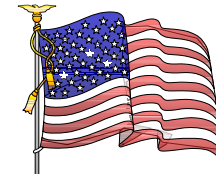
**Chaplain's Message (From David Bradford, Post 194 Chaplain) –**

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 watch 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 and ongoing conversation with God. Blessings to you all.



# MASON DIXON POST 194



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## August, September, and October, 2019

This is our Newsletter for the late Summer and early Fall of 2019. It contains a listing of the upcoming 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](http://www.alpost194.com)).

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

#### Regular Members of Post 194:

John Collins	William Cosans	Richard Friend	Rufus Hemric
Claude Perry	Fred Stemple	Mark Tanguay	Larry Webb

#### Auxiliary Unit 194: Sheila Anderson

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

**Martin Thompson, Commander**

American Legion Post 194

**Judy Palmer, President**

Unit 194 Auxiliary

**Walt Ragan Jr., Commander**

Son of the American Legion



American Legion Family

**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  
 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 – 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  
 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – Charlotte Rhoades  
 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.  
 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander - Steven Webb  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander – Robert Fritz  
 Adjutant – Rodger Gilbert  
 Finance Officer - Charlie Richardson  
 Sgt-At-Arms – Rusty Gilbert  
 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** – 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.

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**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:

- Aug 9 – All Mixed Up (Larry Brinegar)
- Aug 16 – Hawaiian Luau - Kruisin Karaoke
- Aug 23 – Lost Train Band
- Aug 30 – Across the Tracks
- Sept 6 – Kruisin Karaoke
- Sept 13 – Raising Cain
- Sept 20 – Western Night – Kruisin Karaoke
- Sept 27 – Take 2
- Oct 4 - Kruisin Karaoke
- Oct 11 – Dave Mark Band
- Oct 18 – Lost Train Band
- Oct 25 – Halloween Adult Costume Party – Kruisin Karaoke

## B I N G O

**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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 - 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.



**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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.



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

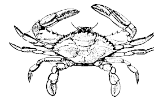
**2020 Membership Dues** – The 2020 membership cards for the Regular Members, the Auxiliary Members, and the SAL Members are now available here at the Legion. The Regular American Legion Member membership dues are \$35.00. We ask that all Regular members, Auxiliary members, and SAL members please try to pay your 2020 membership dues as soon as you can – You will be helping the membership chairmen for our three organizations reach our membership goals for the upcoming year.



**Luau Night – Friday Night - Aug 16:** We are having our “Annual Hawaiian Luau Night” here at the Legion on Friday, August 16 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).

**Summer Concert Event** – On Sunday, August 25, the Upper Chesapeake Community Band will provide a 1-hour concert consisting of patriotic music selections. The concert will be from 3:00 – 4:00 PM and will be held in our Banquet Hall. The American Legion will provide light food and refreshments immediately following the ceremony. This event is free and the general public is invited to this event.

**Annual Fall Crab Feast** – This year’s Annual Fall Crab Feast will be held on Sunday, Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>. **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. 6<sup>th</sup> - **(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.



**Important Phone Numbers For All Veterans:**  
 Baltimore VA Medical Center: 1-800-463-6295  
 Charlotte Hall Veterans Home 1-800-522-8387  
 Perry Point Medical Center: 1-800-949-1003  
 Maryland Veteran’s Cemetery: 1-410-943-3420  
 Elsmere VA Hospital: 1-800-450-8262



**Honor Guard “Gun Raffle”** – 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 6<sup>th</sup>. Featured in this year’s Honor Guard Gun Raffle are these two prizes:  
 1<sup>st</sup> Drawing – Henry 44 Magnum Big Boy (or \$600.00)  
 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

**Friday Night Dinners** – The American Legion Unit 194 Auxiliary will restart their monthly Friday night dinners on the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday Night of each month, beginning on September 7. 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 Judy Palmer or any Auxiliary Member at the Legion and let them know you are interested.

**Notice to All Veterans** - A Veterans Enrollment & Information Expo will take place on Friday, September 20, 2019 from 11:00 AM to 3:00 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 2018 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 20.** Our Annual “Western Night” will be held here at the Legion on Friday Night, September 20, 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.

**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.



**SAL Shrimp Dinners** – The SAL will again have their Shrimp Dinners on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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 6, 2019 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 25.**

We will be having this year’s Adult Halloween Costume Party on Friday Night, October 26 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 8<sup>th</sup>. 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 – We expect to have a full house for this year’s Veterans Day Programs so you may want to 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.

**Membership Early Bird Dinner - Sunday Dec.** – Our 2020 Membership Cards are now here at the Post. Any member who has paid their 2019 membership dues can attend (for free) our Early Bird Christmas Party held on Sunday, Dec. 1, 2019. 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 2020 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.