



# MASON DIXON POST 194



338 East Main Street

Rising Sun, Maryland

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January - March 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 March 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](http://www.alpost194.com)).

Below are the current Officers for the American Legion Mason Dixon Post, Auxiliary Unit 194, SAL Squadron 194, American Legion Riders that were elected to serve during the Legion Year of 2024-2025:

**American Legion Post 194 Officers:**  
**American Legion Mason Dixon Post 194**

- Post Commander – James Parker
- 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander – Ray Conger
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander – Roger Ball
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Commander – Marty Weaver
- Finance Officer – Jeff Hughes
- Adjutant – Glenn Bearers
- Service Officer – Danny McLaughlin
- Chaplain – Russ Gulick
- Sgt-at-Arms- Robert Barben
- Judge Advocate - Frank Morgan
- Historian – Joe Bradford
- Senior Color Bearer – Tom Hawk

Members elected to serve on the Executive Committee are Mike Saponaro, Dick Kline, and Jay Evans; appointed members are Bobby Burlin, Charlie Johnson, and Martin Thompson

**American Legion Auxiliary Unit 194 Officers:**  
**American Legion Auxiliary Unit 194**

- President – Dana Fritts
- 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – Lisa Ewing
- Secretary – Shirl Cameron
- Treasurer – Joann Ross
- Sgt. at Arms - Pat Wood
- Color Bearer - Julie Guethler
- Chaplain - Barb Flynn
- Historian – Sharon Burlin

**SAL Squadron 194 Officers:**  
**Mason Dixon SAL Squadron 194**

- Commander – Walt Ragan, Jr.
- 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander - Rusty Ewing
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander - Steve Webb
- Adjutant – Roy Stoltzfus
- Finance Officer - Charlie Richardson
- Sgt-At-Arms – Mick McDaniel
- Chaplain – Fred “Buck” Crosse
- Historian - Matt Haught

**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 – Michael Laws
- Safety Officer – Steve Crippa
- Membership Officer - Fran To
- Chaplain – Catharina Huyser-Remhof

**NOTICE**

**The Newsletter 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. On November 8, 2024 during our Veteran's Day program we honored those Comrade's that have been called to the High Command during this past year.



The following individuals have transferred to Post Everlasting: \*Norman T. Abrams, \*Ernest L. Alexander Jr., \*John Henderson, \*James E. McDowell, \*Harry E. Racine, \*Noah E. Shrout, \*Thomas M. Caldwell, \*Henry J. Green, \*John F. Klatte, \*Angel M. Lozano, \*Hugh P. McAdams Jr., \*Gerald W. Newman, \*Herbert C. Richardson Jr., \*John J. Skiff Jr., \*Henry R. Passi, and \*Charles M. Mabe Sr.

### Legion News/Information

**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.

**Blood Drive** - The Sons of the American Legion Post 194 is sponsoring a Blood Drive on Friday, January 17, 2025 from 1:00 PM - 6:00 PM at the American Legion Mason-Dixon Post 194. For additional information contact Walt Ragan at 48ragan@gmail.com.

**Blood Bank of Delmarva** Walk-ins Welcomed!

# Blood Drive

**Sons of American Legion Post 194**

Friday, Jan 17th, 2025  
1:00 pm - 6:00 pm  
338 E. Main St  
Rising Sun, MD 21911

**To schedule an Appointment Scan Here**

All donors will receive a Life Saver T-Shirt.

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**Prepare to donate**

- Eat well and hydrate
- Bring a photo ID
- Feel good and symptom free
- Must be 17+ or 16 with parental consent form
- Meet minimum weight requirements

For full eligibility requirements and COVID-19 information, visit [delmarvablood.org/eligibility](https://www.blood.org/eligibility)



**SAL Shrimp Dinners** - The SAL will be hosting their Shrimp Dinners on the 2nd and 4th Sundays through April. The dinner will be from 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM. The menu consists of steamed or breaded shrimp, crab cake sandwiches, fish sandwiches, homemade crab soup, hush puppies, and french fries. These Shrimp Dinners have proved to be a very successful event for the SAL. All proceeds from these dinners help provide funds to support the many programs offered by the SAL Squadron 194. There will also be live bands playing in the Banquet Room during the shrimp dinners.

### Below is the scheduled band list for the Shrimp Dinners:

Jan 12th - Bad Alibi	Mar 9th - Chillin' w/Charlie
Jan 26th - Raising Cain	Mar 23rd - Smokin' Guns
Feb 9th - NO SHRIMP	Apr 13th - Throwback Junkies
Feb 23rd - Exit 93	Apr 27th - Olivia Reynolds

**Riders Breakfast** - The Legion Riders will be having their delicious all you can eat breakfast buffet the 3rd Sunday of each month through March, from 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM. Items include bacon, scrapple, sausage, eggs, potatoes, sausage gravy, chip beef gravy, toast, biscuits, and made to order pancakes. Adults \$14, Children under 12 \$7.

**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.

**Valentine's Italian Spaghetti Dinner** - The Legion will be hosting a Valentine's Italian Spaghetti Night on Friday, February 14, 2025 from 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM. There will be live music by Lost Train from 7:00 PM - 11:00 PM, a 50/50, and basket raffle as well. The cost of the dinner is \$15 per person. Please join us.

**American Legion Mason Dixon Post 194**

## VALENTINE'S ITALIAN SPAGHETTI NIGHT

Friday February 14, 2025  
5:30pm-7pm

**Menu**  
Spaghetti with meatballs  
Garden Salad  
Garlic Bread  
Antipasto  
Dessert  
Tea and Water

**Price \$15**

50/50  
basket Raffle

**Band: Lost Train 7pm-11pm**

**338 E Main ST  
Rising Sun MD  
21911**

**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 for \$8.00.

### 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 every Monday night 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 every Wednesday night 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.

**Please note: Cheesesteaks will not be served on January 3rd, February 7th, February 14th, and March 7th due to Auxiliary Dinners and a Valentine's Day Dinner.**



**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:

Jan 3 <sup>rd</sup> – Lost Train	Feb 21 <sup>st</sup> – Haven
Jan 10 <sup>th</sup> – Across the Tracks	Feb 28 <sup>th</sup> – Rick & Connie
Jan 17 <sup>th</sup> – Haven	Mar 7 <sup>th</sup> – TBD
Jan 24 <sup>th</sup> – Bad Alibi	Mar 14 <sup>th</sup> – The Bopper
Jan 31 <sup>st</sup> – The Amigos	Mar 21 <sup>st</sup> – Haven
Feb 7 <sup>th</sup> – How's My Hat	Mar 28 <sup>th</sup> – The Amigos
Feb 14 <sup>th</sup> – Lost Train ( <b>Valentine's Dinner in the Legion Hall</b> )	



**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 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month. The meetings begin at 7:00 PM.

**Family Meetings** – These meetings are open to all members (Regular Members, Auxiliary Unit, and SAL) and are held the Thursday following the general membership meetings beginning at 7:00 PM.

### **American Legion Riders (ALR) Local Chapter Meeting Info**

– The monthly meetings of the ALR local chapter are held here at Post 194 on the 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

### **Friday Night Dinners**

– The American Legion Unit 194 Auxiliary sponsors dinners on the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday Night of each month through May from 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM. The dinners are \$15.00 per adult and \$6.00 for children under 12. These dinners are a "Buffet Style" dinner. Dinner menus change each month. Please check the Auxiliary Facebook page for the menu each month. If you are interested in helping the Auxiliary at these events, please contact Dana Fritts at 410-688-0280 or any Auxiliary Member at the Legion and let them know you are interested.

### **Auxiliary Angel Tree**

– The Auxiliary would like to thank all those that contributed to our 2024 Christmas Angel Tree. Through your generosity and support we were able to help 32 children from 10 different families within our community. Thank You !!!!!



**2025 Membership Dues** – The 2025 membership cards for the Regular Members, the Auxiliary Members, and the SAL Members were due by December 31, 2025. If have not paid your dues please pay them as soon as possible to avoid a lapse in your membership.



### **Chaplain's Message (From Russ Gulick, Post 194 Chaplain)**

– At the start of a new year we can expect many life changes. We will have joys, sadness, and many things we can't control. We have friends and family to support us and we have prayer. Prayer can help us get through the tough times. Take some time in you day to give thanks for the things we do have. God is there for us anytime through Prayer. Hope you all have a great year. Happy New Year. 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, or the Auxiliary Unit, 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. Please contact Dana Fritts at 410-688-0280 for rental costs and other information.



**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.

**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

**James Parker, Commander**

American Legion Post 194

**Dana Fritts, President**

Unit 194 Auxiliary

**Walt Ragan Jr., SAL Commander**

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