

# MASON DIXON POST 194

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## January, February, March 2022

This is our Newsletter for January, February, and March 2022 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](http://www.alpost194.com)).

**Here is a list of the Officers for the American Legion Mason Dixon Post, Unit and SAL Squadron 194 who are serving during the Legion year of 2021-2022:**

**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 – Danny McLaughlin
- 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, John Kilby, 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
- 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 – Johanna White
- Assistant Director – George Remhof
- Road Captain – Chuck White
- Sgt-at-Arms: Steve Waggy
- Treasurer – Joanne Ross
- Secretary – Carissa White
- Safety Officer – Kevin Moore
- Membership Officer - Fran To

**Here is a listing of various upcoming events taht will be occurring here at the Legion during the next 3 months.**

**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** -On Monday nights we offer our weekly "Chicken Wing Night" from 5:00 -7:30 PM. We continue to have a large turnout for our Wing Nights. We have great food and an outstanding assortment of Karaoke singers who are here each week, helping to make the entertainment on this night a great affair. A Special Thanks

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to a very special group of members who volunteer each week to work in our kitchen preparing the food that we enjoy. We also have Kruisin Karaoke (local DJ) here each Monday night, providing great music from 7:00 PM until 11:00 PM

**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 \$15.00 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.

**Nightly Food Available in the Bar/Lounge Area -**  
Monday Night -Wings  
Tuesday Night -Burger Night  
Wednesday Night -Flatbread Pizza  
Thursday Night -Tacos  
Friday Night -Cheese Steaks  
Saturday -Bingo Food Menu

**Need Volunteers to Help Out in Kitchen.** We now are offering various types of food in our kitchen in the bar lounge area. We need a number of volunteers who are willing to help serve these various food offerings. We created a sign-up board where volunteers can sign up to help out anytime they are available. Our current volunteers are willing to show anyone what they need to do. If you have a couple of free hours on any night, please stop by and offer to help out. Any help will be greatly appreciated.

**Slight Increase in our Bar Prices for our Goods/Services at Post 194** -Due to many circumstances beyond our control (numerous cost increases we have encountered on what we provide), we have had to raise our prices for various goods and services (including our bar prices) that we provide to our members and guests.




**Friday Night Music** -We offer various types of music in our lounge area every Friday night from 7:00 -11 :00 PM. Here is a listing of the entertainment schedule for Friday Nights during the upcoming months:

- Feb 4 - Rick & Connie (Memories)
- Feb 11 - Fairlanes (Band)
- Feb 18 - Kruisin Karaoke. Feb 25 -Fairlanes (Band)
- Mar 4 - OJ Tommy Rocks (Karaoke)
- Mar 11 - Fairlanes (Band)
- Mar 18 -Kruisin Karaoke
- Mar 25 -Jukebox Trio

# B I N G O

**Saturday Night Bingo** -We have Bingo here in the Post Half on- every Saturday night from 6:30 -9:30 PM. Bingo sales for the evening begin at 5:30 PM. We offer a series of regular bingo games and a variety of other special games, including 2 jackpot games. Our bingo kitchen is open from 4:30 -8:15 PM every Saturday night. Our Bingo Kitchen offers a variety of food items each week.

**Membership Meetings** -Our general membership meetings (Regular Members, Auxiliary Unit, and SAL) are held on the 4th Thursday of each month. The meetings begin at 7:00 PM.

**2022 Membership Dues** -A note to all Post 194 regular members - As of  January 1, 2022, we have 567 Regular Members who have paid their 2022 membership dues. We want to thank these members because you have helped us to get very close in reaching our membership goal for this year. We need approximately 75 members to reach our 4-Star Membership Goal for this year. We still have over 100 current members who have still not yet paid their 2022 dues. If you want to continue your Legion membership, you need to send in your membership dues of \$35.00 to renew your Legion membership. Also, if you know anyone who is eligible for Legion Membership and is not a member, please ask that person to join our organization. The American Legion Auxiliary Unit 194 and the Sons of the American Legion Squadron 194 also have a number of their members who have not yet paid their 2022 membership dues. The Auxiliary Unit and the SAL dues are \$30.00.

**SAL Shrimp Dinner Update** -The SAL Squadron #194 members are having Sunday Shrimp Dinners on the 2nd and 4th Sundays in January, February, March, and April as a fundraiser for their organization. The Shrimp Dinners will be held on Feb. 27, March 13, March 27, April 10, and April 24. The Shrimp Dinners are held from 1 :00 -5:00 PM. The menu consists of the following: Steamed & Breaded Shrimp, Crab Cake Sandwiches, Fried Fish Sandwiches, Homemade Crab Soup, Hush Puppies, and French Fries. Prices vary with the various food items. Come out and support the SAL. All proceeds from the SAL Shrimp Dinners are used to support the many programs of the SAL Squadron 194.

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- Other SAL Upcoming Events and Fundraisers:**
- Milwaukee Tool Set Raffle Drawing April 24 -Tickets \$1.00 each.
  - Henry Golden Boy "Military Service" 2nd Edition .22 LR Caliber - Tickets \$10.00 Each. Drawing will occur when the 300 Tickets have been sold.
  - Annual Fall Gun Raffle Oct 2, 2022 - Tickets are \$10.00 Each
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**First Aid and CPR Training Class to be held at the Legion Post Home** -On Thursday night, March 3 at 7:00 PM, we are working with the members of the Rising Sun Community Fire Department to offer a First Aid & CPR Training Class here in our Banquet Hall. This event is free and it, is open to the general public. We hope to see a big turnout for this community event. If this event proves to be successful and is well attended, we may offer additional classes in the future.



**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 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.



**American Legion Riders Sunday Morning Breakfast** - The American Legion Riders of Post 194 continue to have a buffet-style breakfast in the Post Banquet Hall on the 3rd Sunday of each month from 8:00 -11 :00 AM. The menu includes scrambled eggs, bacon, ham, scrapple, sausage, sausage gravy, fried potatoes, toast, biscuits, pancakes, and coffee and juices. Cost is \$10.00 per person. Proceeds will be used to support Veterans programs in the local area.

**Election of Next Year's Officers** -The Regular, Auxiliary and SAL members will hold their election of Officers for the upcoming Legion Year "2022-2023" at the General Membership meeting held on Thursday night, April 28. Nominations for this year's upcoming election will be held at our March General Membership meeting held on March 24. Mark these dates on your calendar and plan on attending these meetings to help determine who your officers will be for the upcoming year. We will send out another newsletter to remind everyone of the upcoming elections in April.



**Memorial Day Program** - Our Memorial Day program will be held on Monday, May 30. We are in the process of putting together the details of this year's Memorial Day program. Our Program begins at 11 :00 AM. We hope to be able to have the Rising Sun Middle School Band to participate in this year's program.



**Flag Day Program** - Our Annual Flag Day program will be held here at our Pavilion at 7:00 PM on Tuesday June 14.

**Message from Post 194 Chaplain Dave Bradford:**

As I write this, Christmas has just passed, and a New Year is just days ahead. So, I find myself pondering my destiny, not only for the days and years ahead, but also my eternal destiny. Heaven or Hell? As a member of the Honor Guard, I attend several Military Funerals each week. Standing there looking at the flag draped casket, and speaking the words, "You have called this veteran to that land beyond the twilight and the evening star, where beauty, valor, and goodness dwell forever with the unnumbered multitude", I often wonder if that veteran is bound for heaven or for hell. How does God judge who is worthy to pass through the pearly gates and who isn't? I struggle with the answer, or at least a perspective: because of a gift that God granted to Adam and Eve and their progeny. The gift of free-will. Some believe, as I do, that because Christ died for our sins, we are forgiven. But relying on that belief alone seems to imply that nothing is required of us. Heaven is the automatic default. But then I run into that pesky "free-will". If Heaven is the automatic default, that seems to indicate that I don't have a choice. But we all know that God does not renege on a gift or promise. So, if we are forgiven because of Christ's sacrifice, and we also have free will, that indicates that hell is possibly the default. Read John 3: 16-21. Heaven, on the other hand, requires a constant and continual choice on our part. Additionally, because we are a sinful lot, while our sins are forgiven, we still must face the consequences of our sins. Both Moses and Aaron were denied entrance into the "land of milk and honey" "because you broke faith with me..." (Deuteronomy 32:50-51).

The American poet Robert Frost famously wrote about two paths diverging in the woods. Frost must have been well acquainted with Psalm 1 which talks about the moral path, Heaven (Godly) or Hell (Ungodly) that we must choose. The path to Heaven is difficult and requires constant vigilance and measuring our actions against the Word of God, a very...pro-active choice. Since we have "free-will", choice if you will, we can choose and know the difference between right and wrong as defined by God's nature and His expressed will in the Word. On the other hand, the path to Hell is wide and easy as it requires nothing of us. It is the default. God did forgive each of us, but like Moses and Aaron, we will endure the consequences of our ungodly actions. The severity of those consequences is known but to God.

Most of us fail to realize that we are exercising our free-will when we choose the Godly path or the ungodly path literally hundreds of times each day. I believe that our reason for being is to worship God, and we worship God by choosing the Godly path. But I suspect that it's way too easy to rollover on Sunday morning instead of going to church. It's way too easy, especially when surrounded by an ungodly world, to eat too much, to drink too much, to use God's name in vain, to worship false idols (such as money), to lust, to covet. It is too easy~ to just go with the default. In Leviticus chapter 26:14-45 and Revelations 20:13-15, God clearly defined rewards for obedience and consequences (punishment) for disobedience. So, is the most important question for tomorrow, for the next year, and the remainder of your life, "how will I be judged?". Free Will Choice. Blessings to all! As Chaplain, I always need your help by letting me know of our brothers and sisters who suffer with afflictions and those who have gone home to be with God. You can reach me at [davidbradford47~gmail.com](mailto:davidbradford47@gmail.com)

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

**Regular American Legion Post #194 Members:**

Frank Brooks, Walt Kosica, Chester Augustine, Richard Yonner, Ken McCoy, Robert Smith, Lyle DeShaw

**Auxiliary Members:** Alice M. Edwards

**SAL Members:** Calvin Hendley, Robert Graybeal, Donald Kennedy, and George Cochran



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

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**Annual Father's Day Bull Roast** - Our Annual Father's Day Bull Roast will be on Sunday, June 19 from 1:00 PM until 5:00 PM. Ticket price is Adults \$20.00 and Children under 10 \$10.00. We will be having a Live Band providing the music. Tickets will be available in the upcoming weeks.

**Other items of interest** - Don't forget to support the Post 194 Honor Guard, the Unit 194 Auxiliary, and the SAL by purchasing their 50/50 tickets. The proceeds from these drawings are used to help these organizations finance the many services that they provide to this community.

**Martin Thompson, Commander**

American Legion Post 194

**Dana Fritts, President**

Unit 194 Auxiliary

**Walt Ragan Jr., SAL Commander**

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