



MASON DIXON POST 194



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January - March 2024

This is our Newsletter for the months of January, February, and March of 2024. It contains a list of the upcoming events that will be occurring at the Legion during these months. Our next Newsletter will be sent out at the end of March 2024.

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).

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 2023-2024:

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

- Post Commander – Neil Eller
- 1st Vice Commander – Roger Ball
- 2nd Vice Commander – John (Jay) Evans
- 3rd Vice Commander – Bobby Burlin
- Finance Officer – Jeff Hughes
- Adjutant – Grant Eller
- Service Officer – Danny McLaughlin
- Chaplain – Russ Gulick
- Sgt-at-Arms- Frank Morgan
- Judge Advocate - James Parker
- Historian – Joe Bradford
- Senior Color Bearer – Tom Hawk

The three members who were elected to serve on the Executive Committee are Larry Weaver, Martin Weaver and Mike Saponaro. Commander Eller also appointed David Bradford to serve on the Executive Committee.

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

- President – Dana Fritts
- 1st 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.
- 1st Vice Commander - Steven Webb
- 2nd Vice Commander – Rusty Ewing
- Adjutant – Rodger Gilbert
- Finance Officer - Charlie Richardson
- Sgt-At-Arms – Mick McDaniel
- Chaplain – Mike Gilbert
- Historian - Roy Stoltzfus

American Legion Riders Officers:
Mason Dixon American American Legion Riders

- Director – Johanna White
- Assistant Director – George Remhof
- Road Captain – Chuck White
- Sgt-at-Arms: Steve Waggy
- Treasurer – Amy Cavanaugh
- Secretary – Carissa White
- Safety Officer – Kevin Moore
- Membership Officer - Fran To
- Chaplain – Catharina Huyser-Remhof

Legion News/Information

Blood Drive - The Sons of the American Legion Post 194 is sponsoring a Blood Drive on Thursday, January 18, 2024 from 1:30 PM - 6:30 PM at the American Legion Mason-Dixon Post 194, 338 E. Main St. Rising Sun, MD 21911. For additional information contact Walt Ragan at 48ragan@gmail.com.

VETERANS CORNER

In this part of our Newsletter we would like to acknowledge individuals for their service and their endless contributions to the American Legion Mason Dixon Post 194. This month the Mason Dixon Post 194 proudly salutes John Kilby.

John is a Korean War Era veteran he was drafted into the U.S. Army in December of 1952. John took his basic training at Camp Gordon which is now Fort Gordon located in Chamblee, Georgia.

John stayed at Camp Gordon for eight weeks of Military Police training. John also completed the leaders Course/Army Field Forces Training Program. After training John was sent to Salzburg, Austria for occupation and every morning they would pick up a police officer from the town and basically helped enforce laws and ensure public safety.

John was promoted to Corporal in February 1953 and left the service in March of 1954. John was awarded the National Defense Medal, Good Conduct Medal and Army Occupation Medal.

John has been a member of the American Legion for 49 years. He started out at the Perryville Legion Post 135 and later transferred over to Mason Dixon Post 194. John was our service Officer for many years and was an active member of our Executive Committee and regularly attends our monthly members meetings.

Prepared by Historian Joe Bradford



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.



Spaghetti Dinner with Appearances from Elvis, Johnny Cash, Sinatra and others – This event will be held on February 4, 2024 from 4:00 PM until 8:00 PM. Dinner will include all you can eat Spaghetti (with red sauce and/or white sauce), Meatballs, Salad, Bread, Desserts, Coffee, Tea, and Water. The cost of this event is \$20.00 per ticket. Dinner will be served from 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM and the show will begin at 5:00 PM.

SAL Shrimp Dinners - The SAL sponsors Shrimp Dinners on the 2nd and 4th Sundays during the month through April. The dinners 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:

January 14 – Raising Cain

January 28 – Exit 93

February 11 – NO SHRIMP DUE TO THE LEGION SUPERBOWL EVENT

February 25 – Smokin' Guns

March 10 – Lost train

March 24 – Exit 93

April 14 – Olivia Reynolds Band

April 28 – Throwback Junkies

Daily Lunches:

We offer daily lunches during the weekdays from 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM. A limited "Lunch Menu" is offered at a reasonable price.

Week Night Dinners:

Monday Nights – Chicken Wings from 5:00 PM – 7:30 PM. 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 Nights – Burgers from 5:00pm – 7:30pm. We offer plain burgers and cheeseburgers with a variety of toppings on the fixing bar and french fries.

Wednesday Nights – Flatbread Pizzas from 5:00pm – 7:30pm. We offer a wide variety of pizza toppings for your Flatbread.

Ricky Holbrook is here every Wednesday night playing music from 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM.

Thursday Nights – Tacos from 5:00 PM – 7:30 PM. We offer ground beef hard tacos, soft tacos, and nachos. We have a fixing bar available to add all of your toppings.

Friday – Cheesesteaks from 5:00 PM – 7:30 PM. We offer plain steaks and cheesesteaks with toppings and french fries.

Please note: The first Friday of each month beginning in September through May we will be serving the Auxiliary dinner versus Cheesesteaks.



Friday Night Music – We continue to offer various types of music in our lounge area every Friday night from 6:30 PM – 10:30 PM.

Below is the current music scheduled for Friday Nights:

- January 5 – Amigos
- January 12 – Blades of Grass
- January 19 – Kruisin Karaoke
- January 26 – How’s My Hat
- February 2 – Lost Train
- February 9 – Rick and Connie
- February 16 – Kruisin Karaoke
- February 23 – The Bopper
- March 1 – Blades of Grass
- March 8 – Bad Alibi
- March 15 – Kruisin Karaoke
- March 22 – Amigos
- March 29 – Back Roads



Saturday Night Bingo – We have Bingo here at the Post home every Saturday night 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.



2024 Membership Dues – The 2024 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 this year’s 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.

Friday Night Dinners – The American Legion Unit 194 Auxiliary sponsors Friday night dinners on the 1st Friday Night of each month from 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM. The dinners are \$12.00 per person and will be held through May 2024. 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 \$12.00 and support our Legion’s Auxiliary Unit. If you are interested in helping the Auxiliary at these events, please contact Dana Fritts or any Auxiliary Member at the Legion and let them know you are interested.

Membership Meetings – The 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.



American Legion Riders (ALR) Local Chapter Meeting Info – The monthly meetings of the ALR local chapter are held here at Post 194 on the 1st 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 sponsor a “buffet-style breakfast” through the month of April. The breakfasts will be held here at our Post Banquet Hall on the 3rd Sunday of each month from 8:00 AM – 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. The cost of breakfast is \$12.00.

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



Chaplain's Message (From Russ Gulick, Post 194 Chaplain) – As we start the new year let us remember the ones we lost this past year and keep them in our hearts forever.

Also remember all our service members in harm's way. Pray for our sick and homeless. Let us start our new year with a positive outlook for all our friends and family. I wish all of you a Happy New Year. You will all be in my prayers. Peace, Love, Health and Happiness to you all.

American Legion Post 194 Cookbook – We will be gathering recipes for a published cookbook sponsored by the Auxiliary. The cookbook will be published sometime early 2024. If you would like to submit your favorite recipe, please send it to our Auxiliary email at Post194ladies@gmail.com or drop it off at the Post at your earliest convenience. Please include your name and any other information about the origin of the recipe that you would like to see published in the cookbook.

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