



MASON DIXON POST 194

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This is our Newsletter for the Summer and early Fall of 2022. It contains a listing of the upcoming events that will be occurring here at the Legion during the next 3 months.

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).

At our April 22 General Membership meetings, the following Officers for the American Legion Mason Dixon Post, Auxiliary Unit 194 and SAL Squadron 194 were elected to serve during the Legion Year of 2022-2023:

American Legion Post 194 Officers:

- Post Commander – Martin Thompson
- 1st Vice Commander – Neil Eller
- 2nd Vice Commander – Roger Ball
- 3rd 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 Larry Weaver, Martin Weaver and Mike Saponaro.

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 194 Officers:

- President – Dana Fritts
- 1st Vice President – Lisa Ewing
- Secretary – Shirl Cameron
- Color Bearer - Mary Lou Thompson
- Treasurer – Joann Ross
- Sgt. at Arms - Pat Wood
- Chaplain - Catharina Huyser-Remhof
- Historian – Sharon Burlin

SAL Squadron 194 Officers:

- 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 Stoltfus

American Legion Riders Officers:

- 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

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 - 7:30 PM. We offer a choice of plain or breaded chicken wings and also we have added chicken fingers, 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.



Friday Night Music - We continue to offer various types of music in our lounge area every Friday night from 6:30 - 10:30 PM. Here is a listing of the entertainment schedule for Friday Nights during the next several weeks:

- July 29 - Rick & Connie (Memories)
- Aug 5 - Back Roads
- Aug 12 - Fairlanes Band
- Aug 19 - Kruisin Karaoke
- Aug 26 - Big Bopper Show
- Sept 2 - Rick & Connie (Memories)
- Sept 9 - Fairlanes Band
- Sept 11- Crab Feast - Back Roads
- Sept 16 - Kruisin Karaoke
- Sept 23 - Big Bopper Show
- Sept 30 - Back Roads

B I N G O

Saturday Night Bingo - We have Bingo here at the Post home on every Saturday night from 6:30 - 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 - 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 4th Thursday of each month. The meetings begin at 7:00 PM.

- Tuesday Nights - Burger Night from 5:00 - 7:30 PM.
- Wed Nights - Flat Bread Pizza Night from 5:00 - 7:30 PM.
- Thursday Nights - Taco Night from 5:00 - 7:30 PM.
- Friday Nights - Cheese Steak Night from 5:00 - 7:30 PM.



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 3rd 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.

Installation of Post 194 Officers Ceremony - We are having our Installation of Officers ceremony for all new incoming Officers of the organizations here at Mason Dixon Post 194 on Sunday, July 31. The program will consist of:

- 2:00 - 3:00 PM: Cocktail Hour
- 3:00 - 4:00 PM: Installation of Officers (Post 194 Legion, Auxiliary, SAL, Legion Riders)
- 4:00 - 5:00 PM: Dinner

This event is free and everyone is invited to attend.



2023 Membership Dues - The 2023 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.

Family Day Picnic at the Legion - We will be having our "Annual Family Day Picnic" at the Legion's Pavilion on Sunday, August 7 from 2:00-6:00 PM (Rain Day for this event will be one week later, Sunday, August 14). We will be having hot dogs, hamburgers, sweet corn, tomatoes, and an assortment of snacks and condiments. We will also have sodas and other refreshments available. Our members are requested to bring any type of Specialty Dish, or a Covered Dish of your favorite food, or some type of Dessert to this picnic. These specialty dishes brought in by our members help make this event a great family picnic. There will be a variety of games available for the children (possibly Pony Rides). This event is free to any Post 194 Legion Member, their families and guests.



Friday Night Dinners - The American Legion Unit 194 Auxiliary will restart their monthly Friday night dinners on the 1st Friday Night of each month, beginning on September 2. The dinners are \$12.00 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 \$12.00 and support our Legion's Auxiliary Unit. If you are interested in helping the Auxiliary at these events, please contact with Dana Fritts or any Auxiliary Member at the Legion and let them know you are interested.

Annual Fall Crab Feast - This year's Annual Fall Crab Feast will be held on Sunday, Sept. 11th. **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. 9th - **(No tickets will be sold after this cut-off date)**. Crab Feast tickets (#2 Crabs) are now available at the Legion. Ticket Prices: **Adults: \$50.00 and Children Under 10 - \$25.00.** Contact someone at the Post to purchase your tickets.

SAL Gun Raffle in October - The Squadron 194 will be having a Gun Raffle here on October 2, 2022 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.

SAL Shrimp Dinners – The SAL will again have their Shrimp Dinners on the 2nd and 4th 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.



Halloween Adult Costume Party - Oct 28. We will be having this year's Adult Halloween Costume Party on Friday Night, October 28 from 7:30 PM - 11:30 PM. We typically have a great turnout for this event each year. Krusin 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 11. 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 - You may want to make your reservations early since we expect a big turnout. 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, Krusin Karaoke will provide music from 9:00 PM to Midnight.

Membership Early Bird Dinner - Sunday Dec. 4 - Our 2023 Membership Cards are now here at the Post. Any member who has paid their 2023 membership dues can attend our Early Bird Christmas Party held on Sunday, Dec. 4, 2022 (for free). 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 2023 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.

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

I have been asked if I am a minister. I am not. I am not a trained Theologian. I'm just an inquisitive person ruminating on something that has piqued my interest, and hopefully something that causes you to consider the issue and read your Bible.

I often wonder why some people believe in God and His Son and attend church regularly while others believe only in the visible world around them. Now to be clear, we all have to live in and deal with the world around us. There is no avoiding that.

But before we dive in, perhaps some definitions and statistics are in order. "Believing" is an acceptance that a statement is true or that something exists. "Faith" is a complete trust or confidence in someone or something.

Statistically, according to PEW Research, 63% truly believe in God, but only 23-25% of adults go to church at least 3 out of 8 Sundays, and only 20% of millennials attend church. Unfortunately, 60% of millennials who grew up in a church do not attend. A Gallup Poll reports that church membership dropped to 47% in 2019; and 21% of Americans do not identify with any religion.

For many believers, their journey began with listening to their parents who imparted and demonstrated faith by practicing good works and living Christ's commandment to "love one another as yourself". Many parents also imparted the practice of prayers at every meal; prayers at bed-time; and church or Sunday School every Sunday and Holyday. "Believing" began because of a total acceptance and faith in what parents said and did. As I attended parochial schools, there was also a religion or catechism class each day. As children grew, they began to question and look more independently at the various lessons and practices. And that's OK. Even one of the Apostles had doubts (read John 20: 27-29). But slowly believers/ church goers moved from a simple acceptance into a more vibrant acceptance where they struggle each day to incorporate those ideas and ideals into their very being, attitudes, and behaviors (read James 1:22-25). But since we are imbued with human frailty, sometimes we are successful and sometimes, well that's when my belief that God is merciful kicks in. So, faithfulness is the key. Keep trying and keep praying. (Read Ephesians 6: 10-18.)

Moses encouraged the Israelites (read Deuteronomy) to hear the statutes and judgements, to learn them and go from memorization to ownership, and to observe them, making them part of their daily life. This is what believers do.

On the other hand, most non-believers/ non-church goers were raised just like you (that is to be honest, hardworking, and generous), except they simply have not had the opportunities to learn of God's love, have not experienced the benefits of regular church attendance, or they were discouraged

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by the scandals of child abuse by some members of the clergy, or the scandals that have been committed by some of the most recognizable names in tele-evangelism over the past 4 decades. They can't understand how if God is real that He could allow His representatives to do such bad things. Also, the world with all of its emphasis on material possessions does not do anything to encourage people to believe in God and to come to the church.

True believers tend to react to troubling news with confident faith that God will get them through, rather than a sense of being alone and deep depression. Statistics, unfortunately, point to an increasing number of individuals suffering from Depression and Anxiety.

Romans 5: 2-5 "...we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in hope of the glory of God. Not only that, but we even boast of our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, and endurance (produces) proven character, and proven character (produces) hope, and hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us."

What example do you set for yourself, your family, your grandchildren?

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.

Martin Thompson, Commander

American Legion Post 194

Dana Fritts, President

Unit 194 Auxiliary

Walt Ragan Jr., SAL Commander

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