



# MASON DIXON POST 194

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## November December 2022

This is our Newsletter for the Fall of 2022 and Winter 2023. It contains a listing of the upcoming events that will be occurring here at the Legion during the next several 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](http://www.alpost194.com)).

**Here is a listing of the current Officers for the American Legion Mason Dixon Post, Auxiliary Unit 194 and SAL Squadron 194 who were elected to serve during the Legion Year of 2022-2023:**

**American Legion Post 194 Officers:**

- Post Commander – Neil Eller
- 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander – Roger Ball
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander – Jay Evans
- 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
- 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. Commander Thompson appointed the following 3 members to serve on the E-Board: Frank Reinsfelder, Ray Conger, and Pete Hulmes.

**American Legion Auxiliary Unit 194 Officers:**

- President – Dana Fritts
- 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – Lisa Ewing
- Secretary – Shirl Cameron
- Color Bearer - Mary Lou Thompson
- Treasurer – Joanne Ross
- Sgt. at Arms - Pat Wood
- Chaplain - Barb Flynn
- 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 - 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:**

- Nov 4 - Big Bopper
- Nov. 11 - Kruisin Karaoke
- Nov 18 - Salamanders (DJ & Karaoke)
- Nov 25 - Back Roads
- Dec 2 - Rick & Connie
- Dec 9 - Back Roads
- Dec 16 - Kruisin Karaoke - Ugly Sweater Contest
- Dec 23 - 45 Guy
- Dec 30 - 45 Guy



**2023 Membership Dues** - The 2023 membership cards for the Regular Members, the Auxiliary Members, and the SAL Members are available at the Legion. The cost of Regular Legion Membership dues is currently \$35.00. The cost of the American Legion Auxiliary and the Sons of the American Legion (SAL) are currently \$30.00. We ask that all of our members (Regular, Auxiliary, and SAL) please try to pay your 2023 membership dues as soon as you can so that our three organizations can reach our membership goals for this year.

**Membership Meetings** - The general membership meetings (Regular Members, Auxiliary Unit, and SAL) are normally held on the 4th Thursday of each month begin at 7:00 PM. A special reminder to all members: Due to the upcoming holidays (Thanksgiving and Christmas), our monthly membership meetings in November and December will be held on the 3rd Thursday of those months (Nov. 17 and Dec. 15).

**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 \$12.00 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



**American Legion Riders Sunday Morning Breakfast** – The American Legion Riders of Post 194 resumed their monthly “buffet-style breakfasts” 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 – Price \$12.00 per person.



**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 2<sup>nd</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.

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**SAL Shrimp Dinners Return** - The SAL Squadron #194 will be having Sunday Shrimp Dinners on the second and fourth Sundays of October through April. The Shrimp Dinners are from 1:00 – 5:00 PM and the menu will consist of the following:

- Steamed or Fried Breaded Shrimp;
- Crab Cake Sandwich;
- Fish Sandwich;
- Homemade Crab Soup;
- Hush Puppies;
- French Fries.

The SAL will also have live music in the Banquet Room during the Shrimp Sundays from 2:00 – 6:00 PM. This is the line up for the live music.

- Nov 13 – Throwback Junkies
- Nov 27 – Lost Train
- Dec 11 – Backroads
- Dec 25 – Christmas – No Shrimp – Legion

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- Jan 8 – Olivia Reynolds Band
- Jan 22 – Throwback Junkies
- Feb 12 – No Shrimp – Superbowl Sunday
- Feb 26 – Smokin’ Guns
- Mar 12 – Bad Alibi
- Mar 26 – Raisin Cain
- April 9 – No Shrimp – Happy Easter
- April 23 – Olivia Reynolds Band

**Decorating Hall for Christmas** - The SAL will be



leading the effort to decorate our Hall area for Christmas. This will be a big undertaking with a number of members participating in this effort to get our hall ready for the various Christmas events that will be taking place during the month of December. We want to thank our hard-working SAL and Auxiliary members who be putting in a great deal of time in getting our Hall ready for the Holiday season.



**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, Kruisin Karaoke will provide music from 9:00 PM to Midnight.

**Legion Closed on Thanksgiving Day** – Just a reminder to let everyone know the Legion will be closed all day on Thursday (Thanksgiving Day), November 24, 2022. Enjoy your holiday.

**Membership renewals are now due.** Your current 2022 membership expires on December 31, 2022. A reminder to all – All members who have renewed their membership by December 4, will be entitled to attend our Early Bird Christmas Party (Dinner & Dance) **for Free**. Any guests or non-members who attend this event will be required to pay for their dinner. **The cost of this Early Bird Dinner for Non-Paid Members and Guests will be: Adults - \$15.00, Children 6-12 \$7.50, and children under 6 - free.** Dinner will be from 3:00 – 4:00 PM and we will have Music provided by Kruisin Karaoke in our Bar Lounge Area from 4:00 – 8:00 PM. We have a great Post – Be sure to tell others about the great work the members of this American Legion organization do for our community. Remember - We are always looking to sign up new Legion members. If you know of anyone who is eligible for Legion membership and would like to join our organization, please have this person fill out a membership application form.



**Children's Christmas Party Saturday - Dec 17-** This year our Annual Children's Christmas Party (sponsored by the SAL Squadron 194 and the Auxiliary Unit 194) will be held on Saturday Dec 17 from 11:00 – 3:00 PM. There will be a visit by Santa Claus. There is no age limit for the children to attend. There will be refreshments, snacks, and a Santa's Workshop. Since we are expecting a large crowd, we are asking that anyone who plans to attend this event, please pre-register, letting us know the number of children and adults in your group who will be attending. This will help us keep track of how many people who will be here for this event. To pre-register, contact Shirl Cameron (443-504-2201) or Dana Fritts (410-688-0280). Please do not call the Legion to pre-register. We will be holding a "Silent Auction" for the 6 fully decorated trees. If you would like to sponsor a tree, or make a donation to this event, contact Shirl Cameron (443-504-2201) or Donna Thomas (443-466-7506). Sponsorship/donation forms will be available at the Legion. The trees will be on display in our lounge area, beginning Nov. 1. There will be many photo-op areas available throughout the Holiday season.

**Christmas Concert here in our Hall on Sunday Dec. 18** – The Upper Chesapeake Community Band will be here to provide a one-hour concert of your favorite Christmas Music from 3:00 until 4:00 PM. This event is free and is open to the public.



**Christmas Eve (December 24<sup>th</sup>) Luncheon** - The Legion will have our Annual Christmas Eve luncheon here at the Legion from Noon until 3:00 PM. If you are out doing your last minute shopping on Saturday, Dec. 24, please stop by the Legion and enjoy a free luncheon (compliments of the Post). **Note – We will be closing at 8:00 PM on Christmas Eve and we will not be open on Christmas Day (Dec 25<sup>th</sup>).**

**New Year's Eve Party here at the Legion** – We are having our New Year's Eve Party on Saturday night, December 31, 2022 here at the Legion. We are having the same type of New Year's Eve Party that we have had for the past several years. This event is free for those who bring some type of food item (a favorite food dish that you have prepared). For those people who do not want to bring a food dish, cash donations for the food will be accepted. All money collected will be used to pay for the food. The New Year's Eve Party here at Post 194 has been very successful in the past. The Fairlanes Band will provide the musical entertainment this year.

**Veteran's Corner:**

In this part of our newsletter it was suggested that we should devote a small area of each newsletter to provide a brief summary of one of our Post 194 members. In this newsletter Mason Dixon Post 194 Proudly Salutes:

**Joseph W. Wiggins**

**Mr. Wiggins is a World War II Veteran. He served in the U.S. Army, Battery B, 461<sup>st</sup> Anti-Aircraft Battalion. This was an eight-man crew, he was the Tracker (the one who aimed the gun). He served in the following campaigns: Normandy (D-Day), Northern France, the Ardennes (Battle of the Bulge), and central Europe. Recently, Mr. Wiggins celebrated his 102<sup>nd</sup> Birthday. He has been a member of American Legion Post 194 for 24 years.** *Info provided by Joe Bradford, Post 194 Historian.*

**Raffles/Drawings** – Don't forget to support the Post 194 Honor Guard, the Auxiliary Unit 194, and the SAL by purchasing one of their 50/50 tickets. The proceeds from these drawings provide these organizations with funds for the many services that they provide to this community.

**Chaplain's Message (Dave Bradford)**

Do you envy those people who always seem like they don't have a care in the world? How is it that while some don't have a care in the world, and others seem like they are burdened with nothing but problems? I've heard many explanations over the years. Some have labeled it attitude (positive or negative); some label it perspective; and still others call it choice. The famed author Charles Swindoll wrote that "life is 10% what happens to me and 90% how I react to it". It seems to me that there is another facet to the issue and that is being aware, being engaged, and being present. By that I mean, the more I am aware of issues (both current and potential), the more I am engaged in thinking about the impact of those issues on my family, my friends, and on me, and the more I make myself present or in the moment, regardless of the impact, I now have the opportunity to choose how I will react. So, are you one of life's spectators; one of life's victims; or one of life's achievers? Is your glass half full or half empty? Or are you one whose glass is half full but the glass has a crack in the bottom and the contents are seeping out? Do you generally possess a positive attitude or a negative attitude? Are you Mary Poppins (not intended to denote a negative) or are you Doom and Gloom?

I'm aware that I am posing a number of questions. And, I'm also aware that there is no right or wrong answer, as we all have the right to make our own choices. Charles Swindoll went on to say that (I'm paraphrasing here) "attitude is more important than facts. It is more important than the past, than education, than money, than circumstances, than failures, than successes, than what other people may think, say or do. It's more important than appearance, giftedness or skill." Roy T. Bennett in his book The Light in the Heart states, "Attitude is a choice. Happiness is a choice. Optimism is a choice. Kindness is a choice. Giving is a choice. Respect is a choice. Whatever choice you make makes you. Choose wisely."

In it's September 30, 2022 issue the periodical Physicians Weekly reported that major depression in older adults was up 60% in a study between 2010 and 2019. A Case Western

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