



# MASON DIXON POST 194



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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 December 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 Officers for the American Legion Mason Dixon Post, Auxiliary Unit 194, SAL Squadron 194 and American Legion Riders that were elected to serve during the Legion Year of 2025-2026:

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

- Post Commander – James Parker
- 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander – Michael McMullen
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander – Roger Ball
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Commander – Marty Weaver
- Finance Officer – Jeff Hughes
- Adjutant – Anthony Bulfaro
- Service Officer – Danny McLaughlin
- Chaplain – Dave Bradford
- Sgt-at-Arms- Robert Barben
- Judge Advocate - Martin Thompson
- Historian – Dana Fritts
- Senior Color Bearer – Tom Hawk

Members elected to serve on the Executive Committee are Mike Saponaro, Dick Kline, and Bobby Burlin; appointed members are Charlie Johnson, and Frank Morgan.

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

- President – Julie Guethler
- 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – Pat Wood
- Secretary – Lisa Ewing
- Treasurer – Connie McMullen
- Sgt. at Arms - Doris Orem
- Color Bearer - Cheryl Bartz
- Chaplain - Barb Flynn
- Historian - Kathy Weaver

Members appointed to the Executive Board are Donna Thomas, Doris Orem, and Dee Ragan.

**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 - Steve Kyle

**American Legion Riders Officers:**  
**Mason Dixon American American Legion Riders**

- Director – Fran To
- Assistant Director – Amy Cavanaugh
- Road Captain – Steve Crippa
- Sgt-at-Arms: Bob Johns
- Treasurer – Jeanette Pinker
- Secretary – TBD
- Safety Officer – Kimmie Crippa
- Membership Officer - Rose Johns
- Chaplain – TBD

***Please Note that the American Legion Mason Dixon Post 194 will be closed on Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day***

**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.

• We would like to honor those Comrades that have been called to the High Command and have transferred to Post Everlasting: Jackie Madron, Harry E Gray, Ray Sordiff, Norman Pierce, Butch Robinson, John Kilby, and Alexander Onizuk.

### Message from the Post Commander

Thank you to all our volunteers and employees who keep this place going. I'd also like to thank the SAL and the Auxiliary for all they do. If it weren't for their dedication to this post we wouldn't be able to have the dinners, events and activities that we do. We always need help with events and activities around the post and I encourage everyone, especially our Legionnaires, to attend meetings as often as possible and gain an understanding of the inner workings of this great post. We are all very welcoming and want everyone to have a voice, but you have to show up. Keep in mind that membership is always a key part of keeping the post alive, and we need to constantly be encouraging new eligible veterans and friends to join us.

Thank you all.

Respectfully, James Parker, Post Commander of the Mason-Dixon Post 194

### Message from Honor Guard Commander

The Honor Guard of Post 194 provides Military Honors for our Deceased Veterans within a 30 mile radius of our post in the tristate area. At the present time we have 20 members. Last year we provided honors for 130 of our veterans. We visit our local schools to talk to the children for Veterans Day. We also participate as Color Guards in our local Parades. If you are a Legion member and are interested in joining the Honor Guard please contact Tom Hawk at the Post at 410- 658-9078.

Thank you all.

Respectfully, Tom Hawk, Commander of the Mason-Dixon Post 194 Honor Guard

## Legion News/Information

**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.

**Sun City Cruisers Car Show** - The American Legion Mason Dixon Post 194 will host the Sun City Cruisers 3rd Barry Cameron Memorial Car Show on Saturday, October 4, 2025 from 10:00 AM until 2:00 PM. There is a \$20.00 registration fee. This event is free for spectators and is open to the public. There will be awards, door prizes, music, and raffles. Food and drinks will be available for purchase.

**SAL Gun Raffle** - Squadron 194 will be having their 9th Annual Gun Raffle on October 5, 2025 from 12:00 PM -5:00 PM. The cost is \$20 per ticket which includes food (pit beef, pit ham, and sides), draft beer, soda, and water. 30 guns are being raffled off with additional raffles throughout the day. The winners will have the choice of the gun or \$300 cash. Exit 93 will be playing live music during the event. Venmo payments are accepted -@SAL-Squadron194. Tickets are available at The Rising Sun Legion, Walt Ragan at 410-459-3608, or Rusty Ewing at 443-309- 2293.

**Auxiliary Breast Cancer Bingo** - The Auxiliary will be hosting a Breast Cancer Bingo on Sunday October 12, 2025. Doors will open at 2:00 PM and the first game will be at 3:00 PM. A Bingo card package is available for purchase prior to the event for \$40.00 or \$45.00 at the door. There will be game specials, 50/ 50, and raffles. Food will be available to purchase. Please bring a non-perishable food item to be donated to Chris' Community Cupboard. All proceeds from this Bingo will go to Union Hospital Breast Cancer Assistance Fund. You can purchase the Bingo Card Package through Venmo at @Aux-Post194 or by contacting Julie Guethler at 443-243-8142.

**SAL Shrimp Dinners** - The SAL will be hosting their Shrimp Dinners on the 4th Sunday of October, the 2nd Sunday of

November, and the 2nd and 4th Sundays of January through April. There will be no Shrimp Dinners during the month of December due to the Holiday Season. 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;**

Oct 26th - Lost Train	Feb 22nd - Olivia Reynolds Band
Nov 9th - Exit 93	Mar 8th - Raising Cain
Jan 11th - Exit 93	Mar 22nd - Throwback Junkies
Jan 25th - Bad Alibi	Apr 12th - Smokin Guns
Feb 8th - Super Bowl - NO SHRIMP	Apr 26th - Olivia Reynolds Band

**Riders Breakfast** - The American Legion Riders will be having their delicious all you can eat breakfast buffet the 3rd Sunday of each month, October through April, from 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM

**Halloween Adult Costume Party** - We will be having this year's Adult Halloween Costume Party on Friday Night, October 31, 2025 in the Hall. Live music will be provided by Smokin Guns from 7:00 PM - 11:00 PM. We will be giving out prizes for the funniest, scariest, and the 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. We are sure that you will have a great time. Food will be available for purchase.

**Sponsor a hero for Veterans Day** - The American Legion Riders are sponsoring our beautiful display of American Flags that will be flown in front of the legion parking lot from November 1st through November 15th. This display will include both our Veterans Day Program on November 8th and actual Veterans Day on November 11th. Stop in the legion and see the bartenders for a form to honor your favorite Veteran, First Responder or any Essential Medical Personnel. For \$10, a flag will be flown with the tag bearing the name/service information of your favorite hero(s) and will include the name of the dedicating person/family. This display is a beautiful reminder of our gratitude to those who serve, have served, are trained, and respond in times of need. Forms will be available at the bar, see one of our awesome bartenders.

**Veterans Day Program** - This year our Annual Veterans Day Program will be held on Friday night, November 7, 2025. Our program will consist of: Cocktail hour with hors d'oeuvres from 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM; Dinner from 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM; and our Veterans Day program will be 8:00 PM - 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. Live music will be provided by the Amigo's in the Lounge after the program.

**Auxiliary Thanksgiving Dinner** – The Auxiliary will be hosting a Traditional Thanksgiving Dinner on Friday, November 21, 2025. We will be serving a “buffet style” dinner from 5:30 PM until 7:00 PM. The cost of the dinner will be \$15.00 per adult and \$6.00 for children under 12. Please bring a non-perishable food item to be donated to Chris' Community Cupboard.

**Holiday Cookies & More Tasting Event** – The Auxiliary is sponsoring a Holiday Cookies & More Tasting Event on Saturday, November 22, 2025 from 10:00 AM until 1:00 PM. Tickets will be sold at the door. \$10.00 for a strip of 10 tickets. Each ticket will get you one sample from a baker. Plates and napkins will be provided and Take-out containers will be available for purchase. You will also be able to purchase or order from the bakers during this event. Please contact Debbie Gilbert at 443-674-2017 or Melissa Pierce at 443-553-8230 if you have any questions or would like to set up as a baker for the event.

**Benefit Bingo for Fisher Veterans Home** – The Auxiliary will be hosting a Benefit Bingo on Sunday, December 7, 2025. Doors will open at 1:00 PM and the first game will be at 3:00 PM. A Bingo card package is available for purchase prior to the event for \$40.00 or \$45.00 at the door. There will be game specials, 50/50, and raffles. Food will be available to purchase. Please bring a New Unwrapped Toy to be donated to Toys for Tots. All proceeds from this Bingo will go to the Fisher Veterans Home. You can purchase the Bingo Card Package through Venmo at @Aux-Post194 or by contacting Cheryl Bartz at 443-252-0823.

**Toys for Tots Donations** – Post 194 is a local collection site for the Marine Corp Reserve Toys for Tots Program. The basic mission of the Marine Toys for Tots Program is to collect new, unwrapped toys and distribute those toys to less fortunate children at Christmas. Through the gift of a new toy, help bring the joy of Christmas and send a message of hope to America's less fortunate. Please drop off your donation at Post 194 at any time through December 10, 2024.

**Angel Tree** – Every child deserves to experience the joy of Christmas morning. This year the American Legion will be sponsoring an Angel Tree program to provide new clothing and/or toys for children of needy families in our community through the support of donors. The Angel Tree at the American Legion will be decorated with numbered paper angel tags which will supply the age and gender of a child and what they are in need of this Christmas. Contributors remove one or more tags from the tree and purchase appropriate gifts for the child or children described on the tags. The Angel Tree will be decorated and ready with tags on November 1, 2024. All gifts should be returned to the Legion on or before December 1, 2024.

**Children's Christmas Party** – This year our Annual Children's Christmas Party will be held December 13, 2025 from 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM. This event is sponsored by SAL Squadron 194 and Auxiliary Unit 194. There will be a visit from Santa Claus and many decorated areas available to take your own photos. There is no age limit for the children to attend. There will be refreshments, snacks, drinks, and activities for the children. Since we are expecting a large crowd, we are asking that anyone who plans to attend this event to please pre-register with the number of children and adults who will be attending. This will help us plan how many people will be joining us this year. Pre-registration will begin November 1, 2024. To pre-register please contact Dee Ragan and Julie Guethler. Please do not call the Legion to pre-register. We will be holding a Silent Auction for approximately 6 – 8 fully decorated trees this year. If you would like to sponsor a tree or donate to this event please contact Dee Ragan at 443-553-5252 (deeragan@yahoo.com) or Julie Guethler at 443-243-8142 (julieguethler63@gmail.com).

**New Year's Eve Party** – The legion will host our annual New Year's Eve Party on Wednesday, December 31, 2025 from 6:00 PM – 12:30 PM. Dinner will be served from 6:00 PM – 8:30 PM. Live music will be provided by Smokin Guns starting at 8:30 PM. Ticket sales will be available at the Legion beginning October 1, 2024. The cost of this event is \$15/person or \$25/couple. The cost at the door is \$20/person. Admission includes Party Favors, Snack Bar, Live Entertainment and a Cocktail Toast at Midnight. A Cash Bar will be available. Food will be available for purchase.

**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 \$10.00 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

**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 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 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.

**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:**

Oct 3 <sup>rd</sup> – Amigo's	Nov 21 <sup>st</sup> – Lost Train
Oct 10 <sup>th</sup> – Across the Tracks	Nov 28 <sup>th</sup> – Bad Alibi
Oct 17 <sup>th</sup> – Lost Train	Dec 5 <sup>th</sup> – TBD
Oct 24 <sup>th</sup> – Sun-N-Strings	Dec 12 <sup>th</sup> – Amigo's
Oct 31 <sup>st</sup> – Smokin Guns	Dec 19 <sup>th</sup> – Kruisin Karaoke
Nov 7 <sup>th</sup> – Amigo's	Dec 26 <sup>th</sup> – Rick & Connie
Nov 14 <sup>th</sup> – Bopper	

**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 Regular Member and SAL meetings begin at 7:00 PM. The Auxiliary meetings begin at 6:30 PM.

**Family Meetings** – These meetings are open to all members (Regular Members, Auxiliary Unit, and SAL) and are held after the general membership meetings on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month.

#### **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.

**School Supply Donations** – Please help us collect "new" 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.

**Perry Point Collection Box** – Please help our Veterans with the following items: Deodorant, Razors (at least triple blade please), Full size body wash, Full size shampoo, Toothpaste, K-Cups (medium & dark roast). The Perry Point Collection Box is located at the American Legion Post 194. The Auxiliary Unit thanks you for your support.

**Compliments and Suggestions Box** – Change is not always easy but may be necessary to make improvements and attract new members to our Legion. In order to better serve our Veterans and our Community our Legion family is working on new ways to raise funds to support Veteran and Community programs. If you have any suggestions please add them to our Compliments and Suggestions Box located in the lounge. Thank you for your support.

#### **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.



**The Hours of Operation at Post 194** – Monday through Saturday, 11:00AM until Midnight; Sunday, 1:00PM until 10:00PM. Happy Hour is Monday through Friday from 3:00PM until 7:00PM.

**Chaplain's Message (From Dave Bradford, Post 194 Chaplain)** – Before I begin, a hearty Thank You to Russ Gulick who just successfully finished a two-year term as Chaplain.

Many who know me call me a people watcher. You'll usually find me somewhere in the back just amazed by the interactions of our many members. I guess it's just natural that in any large organization that cliques form, just groups of like-minded people. Unfortunately, their minds and ideas/beliefs may seem at times to be very different and even confrontational with others' ideas/beliefs. This often leads directly to violation of one of the Ten Commandments (Thou shall not bear false witness). We probably know it better as "gossip". To this end, I call to your attention, The Lord's Prayer. It says in part "...give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses/ debts, as we forgive those who trespass against us...". Please think about that transaction. We ask God to forgive our sins (against Him), to the same degree that we forgive those that we perceive have sinned against us. Think about it. Did you really forgive that person or just continue to gossip and act to ostracize that person from your group of friends?

On a separate issue, I remind you that many of our members are ill or have reached an age when they can no longer visit us at the Legion. We should all make it our goal to remember them, regularly check-in on them, keep them in our prayers, and finally send me a note via text or phone call (484) 748-4744. Our system of support relies entirely upon word-of-mouth, and I rely upon each of you. Until we meet again, May Almighty God hold each of you in the Palm of His hand.

**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.

**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, the Auxiliary Unit, or the American Legion Riders, 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 Julie Guethler at 443-243-8142 (julieguethler63@gmail.com) for Hall availability, rental costs, catering needs, and questions.

**James Parker, Commander**  
American Legion Post 194

**Julie Guethler, President**  
Unit 194 Auxiliary

**Walt Ragan Jr., SAL Commander**  
Son of the American Legion



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