

# MASON DIXON POST 194

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## October, November, and December 2021

This is our Newsletter for November, December, and January 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)).



### 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  
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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

### 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** – Our weekly "Chicken Wing Night" on Monday Nights from 5:00 – 8:00 PM continue to be a great success, thanks to a very special group of members who volunteer each week to work in our kitchen preparing the Wings that we enjoy. We also want to thank our great DJ (Haven - Kruisin Karaoke) for being here every Monday night, providing great music entertainment from 6:00 PM until 11:30 PM.




**Friday Night Music** - We continue to offer various types of music in our lounge area every Friday night from 7:30 – 11:30 PM. Here is a listing of the entertainment schedule for Friday Nights during the next several months:

- Oct 1 – DJ Tommy Rocks
- Oct 8 – Fairlanes Band
- Oct 15 – Salamanders DJ/Karaoke
- Oct 22 - Fairlanes Band
- Oct 29 – Kruisin Karaoke
- Nov 5 – Veterans Day Program – Kruisin Karoke
- Nov 12 – Juke Box Trio
- Nov 19 – DJ Tommy Rocks
- Nov 26 – Fairlanes Band



**Saturday Night Bingo** – We have Bingo here at the Post home every Saturday night from 6:30–9:30 PM. **Sales begin at 5:30 PM.** We offer a series of regular bingo games and a variety of special games, including 2 Cover-All Jackpot Games. Our bingo kitchen is open from 5:00 – 8:30 PM every Saturday night. A variety of food items are offered on our kitchen menu.

**2022 Membership Dues** – The 2022 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 members (Regular, Auxiliary, and SAL) please try to pay your 2021 membership dues as soon as you can so that our three organizations reach our membership goals for this year.

**Membership Meetings** - The general membership meetings (Regular Members, Auxiliary Unit, and SAL) are normally held on the 4<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of those months (Nov. 18 and Dec. 16).**

**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

**Special Notice** - There will be no Shrimp Dinners in December due to the many holiday events happening here at the Post Home. The Shrimp Dinners will resume in January 2022 on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of January, February, and March.

**Friday Night Dinners** – The American Legion Unit 194 Auxiliary are having a Friday night dinner from 5:30 – 7:00 PM on the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday night of every month until April in the Spring. These dinners are \$10.00 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.



**American Legion Riders Sunday Morning Breakfast** – The American Legion Riders of Post 194 are having a buffet-style breakfast in the Post Banquet Hall during the winter months on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month from 8:00 – 11:00 AM, beginning October 17, 2021. The menu will include scrambled eggs, bacon, scrapple, sausage, sausage gravy, fried potatoes, toast, biscuits, and will be served with coffee and juices. Cost is \$9.00 per person. Proceeds will be used to support Veterans programs in the local area.



**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.

**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.



**Halloween Adult Costume Party – Oct 29<sup>th</sup>.**

We will be having this year's Adult Halloween Costume Party on Friday Night, October 29<sup>th</sup> from 7:30 PM – 11:30 PM. Kruisin Karaoke will provide the musical entertainment for this event. The Legion will be providing gift certificates for the funniest, scariest, and the most original costumes. Come out and enjoy the funny sights to be seen. We are sure that you will have a great time.



**New Year's Eve Party here at the Legion –** We are having a New Year's Eve Party on Tuesday night, December 31, 2021 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 has been very successful in the past. The Fairlanes Band will provide the musical entertainment this year.

**SAL Shrimp Dinners Return During the Fall & Winter months -** The SAL Squadron #194 are having Sunday Shrimp Dinners on the second and fourth Sundays of October, November, and January through March. **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 proceeds from the SAL shrimp dinners are used to support the many programs of the SAL Squadron 194.

**Burger Night on Tuesday Nights –** We have our Burger Nights on every Tuesday night through the fall and winter months. The Legion Riders will be volunteering their time during the Winter months to have hamburgers available here at the Legion from 5:30 – 7:30 PM. You can have your hamburger the way you like it - by putting your own fixings on your burger from our Salad Bar. The burgers are \$5.00 and will be made from fresh hamburger (not frozen). Your burger will come with potato chips or you can purchase French Fries at an additional cost.



**Legion Closed on Thanksgiving Day –** Just a reminder to let everyone know the Legion will be closed all day on Thursday (Thanksgiving Day), November 25, 2021. Enjoy your holiday.



**Veterans Day Program –** This year our Annual Veterans Day Program will be held on Friday night, November 5. 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 in the process of making the final preparations for this year's Veterans Day program. We expect a full house for this year's Veterans Day Programs so you should make your reservations early. 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.



**Children's Christmas Party - Dec 19-** The Auxiliary will be having their "Annual Children's Christmas Party" on Sunday afternoon, Dec 19 from 1:00 – 3:00 PM. There will be refreshments and snacks available and most importantly "A Visit by Santa Claus". This Children's Christmas Party is open to the Public for all children up to 9 years of age. For more information, contact Dana Fritts at the Legion.

**Membership renewals are now due.** Your 2021 membership expires December 31, 2021. Let me remind you that all members who have renewed their membership by December 5, 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 all of the great work we do in and for our community. 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.



**Christmas Eve (December 24<sup>th</sup>) Luncheon -** The Legion will have our Annual Christmas Eve luncheon here at the Legion from 12:00 PM until 3:00 PM. If you are out doing last minute shopping on Friday, Dec. 24, 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>).**

**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.

#### Vietnam Veteran LAPEL PIN

The Vietnam Veteran Lapel Pin is to be awarded to any veteran who served in the military, during the November 1, 1955 to May 15, 1975 timeframe - regardless of where the Veteran was stationed. To receive a pin, we would like to have it presented in a ceremony event. We are going to have the ceremony for this lapel pin on November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021. If you are eligible and wish to attend this ceremony and receive a pin, please fill out the questionnaire below and send it back by September 30<sup>th</sup>.

A light affair will follow the ceremony.



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

Recently I became aware that Post 194 has over 400 members who qualify as Vietnam era veterans. That's about 2/3rds of our membership. For those who don't know, that's veterans who served between 1955 and 1975. Roughly that makes the youngest of the group around 65 and the eldest around 85. Now not to be depressing, but that makes us closer to the end of our time toiling in the vineyard, than we are to the beginning. So, maybe its time to "man-up" and take stock of what we have toiled to produce. But don't worry, the only ones to know how you did on this survey is you and God.

From Matthew chapter 22, verses 36-40, we learn that Jesus gave us two great commandments upon which all the religious law and prophets rest. The first is "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind." The second is, "Love your neighbor as yourself". The key to both is Love. Now all Christians believe that at the final judgement we will stand before Jesus and be held accountable.

So, who or what have you loved most or are most proud of in your life? If its how much money you have made; or how big or fancy your home is; or how much you can eat or drink, then quite possibly you are on the wrong track. But don't worry, God is always willing to forgive those who are truly contrite and ask for forgiveness.

So maybe what we need is a rough outline or starting point for what we should be doing on a regular basis. Remember, you are what you do daily. Do I offer homage to God daily? Prayers in the morning, at meals, at day's end, and of course every Sunday are a good starting point. Do I think about my actions each day in relation to God's commandments? Do I love all my neighbors including those in the next town or state, including all those who do not share my religious, social, or political view? In the current political and social environment and arguments over vaccinations and abortions, loving our neighbor as much as we love ourselves raises the age-old question of "Am I my brother's keeper?". It would appear that in this age of hyper-sensitivity about protecting "my rights", the answer is, "No I am Not my brother's keeper.". But that, in and of itself is in direct violation of Jesus' command to love our neighbor.

Now almost anyone who listens to the news will conclude that our country is at a very dangerous crossroad and is in danger of losing its soul. Historically, we as an undivided nation have used slogans to define what it is to be American; "E Pluribus Unum", from many...one; and "In God we Trust". The American Legion Constitution requires each of us to promote a 100% Americanism. We can get ourselves and our country back on track by placing God at the center of our daily life and actions, and by acknowledging the interdependence of our neighbors and ourselves. On Judgement Day, How will you respond?

A Daily Prayer...The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof. It sings of His love, and each day at its dawning, I lift my heart up high and raise my eyes to the infinite sky. And so, I give thanks, and my heart kneels to pray, "Almighty Father, keep me and guide me and walk beside me throughout this day."

**Martin Thompson, Commander**  
American Legion Post 194

**Dana Fritts, President**  
Unit 194 Auxiliary

**Walt Ragan Jr., SAL Commander**  
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