



# MASON DIXON POST 194

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## September - November 2023

This is our Newsletter for the fall of 2023. It contains a list of the upcoming events that will be occurring at the Legion during the next 3 months, as well as some advanced notice of events for December. Our next Newsletter will be coming out at the end of November 2023.

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.atpost194.com](http://www.atpost194.com)).

**During our General Membership meetings, the following Officers for the American Legion Mason Dixon Post, Auxiliary Unit 194, SAL Squadron 194, American Legion Riders were elected to serve during the Legion Year of 2023-2024:**

**American Legion Post 194 Officers:**

- Post Commander – Neil Eller
- 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander – Roger Ball
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander – John (Jay) Evans
- 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 the Executive Committee.

**American Legion Auxiliary Unit 194 Officers:**

- President – Dana Fritts
- 1<sup>st</sup> 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:**

- 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 Stoltzfus

**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
- Chaplain - Catharina Huyser-Remhof

**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.

**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 -8:45 PM every Saturday night. A variety of food items are offered on our kitchen menu.

## 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 7:30 - 11:30 PM. Here is a listing of the entertainment schedule for Friday Nights during the next several months:

**September 1 - Lost Train**

**September 8 - Rick & Connie**

**September 15 - Kruisin Karaoke**

**September 22 - Salamanders**

**September 29 - The Bopper**

**October 6 - Across the Tracks**

**October 13 -To be announced October 20 -The Amigos**

**October 27 - Legion Adult Halloween Party**

**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.

**Please note: November and December Membership meetings will be held on the 3rd Thursday of these months due to the holidays.**



## 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.



**Bike Night at the Legion** -The Legion Riders will be having this event at the Legion on the 2nd Tuesday of each month through October 2023. There will be a 50/50 at each Bike night event and there will hot dogs and hamburgers available at each of these events.



## 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 AM - 11 :00 AM from October - April. The menu will include scrambled eggs, bacon, scrapple, sausage, sausage gravy, fried potatoes, toast, biscuits, and will be served with coffee and juices.



## 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 will restart their monthly Friday night dinners on the 1st Friday Night of each month, beginning on September 1st from 5:30 PM -7:00 PM. 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 Dana Fritts or any Auxiliary Member at the Legion and let them know you are interested.

## SAL Gun Raffle in October -

Squadron 194 will be having their 7th Annual Gun Raffle on October 1, 2023 from 12:00 PM -5:00 PM. The cost is \$10 per ticket which includes food (pit beef pit ham, and sides), draft beer, soda, and water. 30 guns are being raffled with additional raffles throughout the day. The winners will have the choice of the gun or \$300 cash. Throwback Junkies 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 410-459-2608, or Rusty Ewing at 443-309-2293.

**Annual Fall Crab Feast** - This year's Annual Fall Crab Feast will be held on Sunday, September 10th. 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, September 8th -(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 Golf Tournament** -The SAL will be having their 1st Annual Golf Tournament, Friday September 22, 2023. It will be held at Furnace Bay Golf Course in Perryville, MD. Registration is at 8:00 AM with a Shotgun start at 9:00 AM. The cost for this event is \$100 per golfer, \$400 per team. You can also sponsor a hole for \$100. Prize donations and general sponsorships are welcome. For additional information contact Walt Ragan at 410- 459-3608 or Steve Webb at 443-309-2892.



**SAL Shrimp Dinners** -The SAL will again have their Shrimp Dinners on the 2nd and 4th Sundays during the months of October through April. The dinners will be from 1 :00 PM - 5:00 PM. There will be No Shrimp Dinners scheduled during the Month of December (due to the Holiday Season). 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:**

- October 8** - Smokin' Guns
- October 22** - Throwback Junkies
- November 12** - Raising Cain
- November 26** - Chillin' with Charlie
- December 10** - Olivia Reynolds Band
- 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

**Halloween Adult Costume Party - Oct 27.**

We will be having this year's Adult Halloween Costume Party on Friday Night, October 27 from 7:30 PM -11:30 PM. We typically have a great turnout for this event each year. Kruisin 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.



**Sponsor a hero for Veterans Day-**

Our beautiful display of American Flags will be flown in front of the legion parking lot from November 1st through November 15th which will include being on display for both our Veterans Day Program November 10th 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 10th. 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. Immediately following our Veterans Day program, Kruisin Karaoke will provide music from 9:00 PM to Midnight.

**Membership Early Bird Dinner** - Sunday December 3 - Our 2023 Membership Cards are now here at the Post. Any member who has paid their 2024 membership dues can attend our Early Bird Christmas Party held on Sunday, December 3, 2023 (for free). Dinner will be from 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM and music will be from 4:00 PM -8:00 PM. Please help the Legion, the Auxiliary, and the SAL reach their 2024 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.

**Children's Christmas Party** - This year our Annual Children's Christmas Party will be held December 16, 2023 from 11 :00 AM -3:00 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 a Santa's workshop. 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, 2023. To pre-register please contact Shirl Cameron at 443-504-2201, or Dana Fritts at 410-688-0280. Please do not call the Legion to pre-register. We will be holding a Silent Auction for 6 fully decorated trees this year. If you would like to sponsor a tree or donate to this event please contact Shirl Cameron at 443-504-2201, or Donna Thomas at 443-466-7506. Sponsorship/donation forms will be available at the Legion starting in November. The trees will be on display in our Lounge area beginning in November.

**Decorating our Hall for Christmas** - The SAL will be leading the effort to decorate our Hall area for Christmas. This is a big undertaking with several members participating in order to get the Hall ready for the many events that will take place during the month of December. We want to thank our hard working SAL, Auxiliary, and non-member volunteers who will be putting a great deal of time and effort into getting our Hall ready for the Christmas season.

**Chaplain's Message (From Russ Gulick, Post 194 Chaplain) -**

My name is Russ Gulick and I'm the new Post Chaplain. First I would like to thank Dave Bradford for all his help and guidance in my transition. I'm available 24-7 if needed. I will do my best to serve as Chaplain and feel free to stop me and introduce yourself. To do my job I need information if someone is sick or passes. Feel free call me 443-206-2632 and leave a message. I will respond as quick as possible. Remember our sick and homeless and those serving our country. God bless you all. Peace, love, health, and happiness.

**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.

**Neil Eller, Commander**  
American Legion Post 194

**Dana Fritts, President**  
Unit 194 Auxiliary

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



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