



VooDoo News

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I would like to thank everyone that volunteers their time in all the work details / events that have taken place around the post this summer, without the volunteers we wouldn't be able to have a successful Post. We are always in need of more people volunteering, if you're interested, please let us know.

I would like to thank Sharon Kassin and all the volunteers that worked to make our Annual Golf Outing Fundraiser a success again this year. I would also like to thank everyone that attended/organized the membership appreciation picnic, we had a great turnout and fun was had by all.

Let me take this opportunity to invite all our membership

to your post, we have many events and dinners that will be taking place for you and your guests to enjoy. Please try to attend these events and support your Post. Check the Calendars here in the newsletter or visit the website at

www.americanlegionpost4mi.com to see what events are scheduled. This is your Post, come up and enjoy it!

Summer has come to an end and fall is here, winter is right around the corner here in Michigan and that brings the Holidays, I would like to wish everybody in our Legion family a safe and healthy Holiday Season. May you and your families have a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

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Augie Miele (586) 202-0646

The Early Bird sticker on your card entitles you to a turkey dinner on Sunday, Nov. 5 at the Post. That also includes the S.A.L. members who are early birds. The member is free, and it is \$10.00 for your guest. Neither long program nor speeches; 1:00 gathering and fellowship, dinner at 2:00. We will be initiating all members who have never taken the oath of membership.

Membership is important to the life of the American Legion and sadly it has been on the decline, not just for our Post, but the whole Legion. We have not reached 100% in several years. We could obtain 100% if each of you sign up a new member or encourage a reluctant member to pay their dues. There are three ways that you can pay your dues: online, mail to the Post or put it in the box in the Lounge marked Post #4.

To be a member in Good Standing, your dues need to be paid and **recorded** by

Dec. 31, 2023. Starting Jan. 1, 2024 the staff is instructed to check all cards to re-assure that your Lounge privileges are current. You have many reasons to pay your dues; we have events scheduled here every month. The activities are varied! There must be something you would enjoy attending! Check the calendar of events and make an effort to participate in at least one event each month. Monthly membership meetings are on the fourth Monday of the month. We have 840 members and yet we average 23 members at a meeting, of which 12 are officers. There are Post closing because of lack of interest, do not let that happen to us.

Veteran's Day is Saturday, Nov. 11. Celebrate! You have earned this day. Start the day at the Post for services. Local businesses express their thanks for your service by offering free dinners, car wash, haircut, discounts and more. Be proud, show your Legion card.

Post 4 Chaplain

Dan Litz



We all hope everyone had a good summer. The colors are coming and so are the Trick or Treaters. Please be cautious of them.

Our Member & Family Picnic was a good day. Hope all enjoyed..

Count your blessings this holiday season and be safe.

Calvin Coolidge said: "It is only when men begin to worship that they begin to grow.

May the good Lord bless us all!

May the strength of God sustain us;

May the power of God preserve us;

May the hands of God protect us;

May the way of God direct us;

May the love of God go with us forever

ALR Director

Mark Kolatski (586) 567-8964



Greetings Post 4!

Seems like just the other day I sat down to write for the Summer newsletter. The Summer is flying by and Fall is here. The Riders have had a busy Summer. We've mourned the passing of our Assistant Road Captain Rick Hayes. Several members rode in support of Special Olympics in August. We supported the Chooch Foundation in its first Poker Run. A worthy cause we hope to continue. Our Road Captain, Mike Tances, rode in support of the National Legacy Run this year which raised over 1.5 million dollars for that scholarship. A great experience from what I've been told. Over the last several months we've been selling raffle tickets for 2001 Harley Davidson Wide Glide motorcycle. The proceeds are going to the Veterans Outreach Program **ZERO DAY**. Our total for the raffle was \$11,400! The drawing was held at the start of the Post Appreciation Picnic in Sept. Honorary Junior Department President Abigail Jones drew the winning ticket. A gentleman from Waterford had the

winning tickets and as you can imagine he was extremely happy when he was called. I'd like to thank our own Bill "Cowboy" Stuck and his shop Cowboy Customs for all his work getting the bike ready for Raffle. Also Thanks to all that bought tickets for this and help us sell tickets for this. We had help from Post all thru out the state step up and sell tickets for us.

The coming of Fall doesn't mean we're done riding or having events. Here's a couple dates to save. October 21 2023 is Trunk or Treat, always a great time for kids of all ages. Next up is our first ever Comedy Show on October 28, 2023. Keep an eye for more information on both those events. And in November we will ride in support of the Annual Detroit Veterans Parade. Also in November we will be starting up our monthly Sunday Breakfasts. Our first one is November 12, 2023 8am-12pm. Some good eating right there.

Hope to see you all around the Post

SAL Commander

Doug Carignan (586) 484-4354



The Sons have been meeting on the 3rd Monday at 6:30pm at the Post. We are always looking for new members. I would like to thank the SAL members who helped with the Post Membership Appreciation picnic. Remember to get your dues in, if you wish to go to the Post Early Bird Dinner.

Upcoming events for the next few months:

October 4, 2023; Spaghetti Dinner
October 21, 2023; Trunk or Treat
October 21, 2023; Michigan/Michigan State Game
October 28, 2023; Comedy Show

November 1, 2023; Spaghetti Dinner
November 5, 2023; Early Bird Dinner
November 11, 2023; Veterans Day

December 3, 2023; Children's Christmas Party
December 6, 2023; Spaghetti Dinner
December 16, 2023; Adult Christmas Party

Support your lounge and enjoy all that it has to offer.
Cold Beer anyone? Come check out our daily specials.
Food is available everyday until 1 hour before closing time.

DAILY SPECIALS



Daily: 18oz Domestic Draft \$1.75 (4:00p - 6:00p)

Tuesday: Wine & Well Drinks \$1.75

Wednesday: Mug Day - 24oz Domestic Draft \$3.00

Thursday: Domestic Beer \$1.50



From the Web Coordinator

The VooDoo News is published quarterly by the American Legion Post 4. Members receive this publication as part of their dues. To insure you keep receiving your copy, make sure we have a current email address on file. If your email address has changed notify the post by calling or email at: **amlpost4@gmail.com**. For those people that don't have access to the internet, copies of the VooDoo News are also available at the post.

Please visit our website for additional information and events happening at the post. Please note that the "Upcoming Events" are subject to change due to conflicts and scheduling changes. For the most up to date calendars, visit the website and click on the "Event Calendar" tab. The website address is: **www.americanlegionpost4mi.com**



Post 4 Judge Advocate / Service Officer
Doug Carignan (586) 484-4354



From the Judge Advocate

The Post will be going over the Constitution and By-Laws, to make necessary changes. This is something that has to be done every few years. The Post Commander will be putting together a committee to discuss these changes. The new Department Judge Advocate is Barry Wood. I do hope when we send in any changes that they don't take a long time to get them back.

From the Service Officer

The Department of Michigan Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation office in Detroit has a new phone number, 833-648-3826, press 1 for the Legion. This new number will help to get you to the right VSO, as the VVA, VFW, DAV are all in the same office. The Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation office also has a website; www.miveteranbenefits.org. I will post the new flyer on the board in the Post.



Post 4 Patriot Team Honor Guard Commander
Mike Parr (586) 612-9780



We are a volunteer group honored to give tribute to our fallen Comrades. Every Veteran is entitled to our services. While ceremonies may vary somewhat according to the needs of the loved ones, each includes a reading, the folding and presentation of the United States Flag, Rifle Volley, and TAPS. We are flexible and will travel out of Macomb County. There is no fee for our services, but we do accept donations. You can reach us through a funeral director or by calling Mike Parr at (586) 612-9780.

Interested in becoming a member of the Patriot Team Honor Guard? Any member of Post 4 qualifies as long as you are willing and able to serve in all types of weather. All current members are trained and certified with the Department of Defense as an Authorized Provider in the Military Funeral Honors Program. We meet at Post 4 on the third Thursday of each month at 5:30 PM. We encourage you to attend a meeting for more information.

Upcoming Events

**Jack of Spades Drawing Every Tuesday
@ 7:00p Beginning October 24**

Welcome

October

2 5:30p - ALR Mtg.
4 11:00a - 6:30p - Spaghetti Dinner
9 5:30p - Exec. Board Mtg.
12 5:30p - Lounge Comm. Mtg
16 6:30p - SAL Mtg.
19 5:30p - Honor Guard Mtg.
21 1:00p - 4:00p - Trunk or Treat
23 7:00p - General Membership Mtg.
28 5:00p - 9:00p - Comedy Show

November

1 11:00a - 6:30p - Spaghetti Dinner
5 1:00p - 4:00p - Early Bird Dinner
6 5:30p - ALR Mtg.
9 5:30p - Lounge Comm. Mtg
11 9:00a - Veterans Day Ceremony
12 8:00a - 12:00p - ALR Breakfast
13 5:30p - Exec. Board Mtg.
16 5:30p - Honor Guard Mtg.
18 5:00p - 7:00p - Steak-Out
20 6:30p - SAL Mtg.
23 Thanksgiving Day - Post Closed
27 7:00p - General Membership Mtg

December

3 8:00 - 12:00 - ALR Breakfast
3 1:00 - 4:00 - Childrens Christmas Party
6 11:00a - 6:30p - Spaghetti Dinner
9 3:00p - Army/Navy Game
11 5:30p - Exec. Board Mtg.
14 5:30p - Lounge Comm. Mtg.
16 5:30p - 7:30p - Adult Christmas Party
18 7:00p - Legion, SAL, ALR Memb. Mtg.
21 5:30p - Honor Guard Mtg.
25 Christmas Day - Post Closed

New

Post 4 Legion Members

Frederick Brown
Armado Valdex
Thomas Sefcovic
Keven Uber
Kimberly Silling
William Minjoe
Richard Gordon
Jeffery Helmuth
Kirk Brandstatter
James Duvall
Arthur Boyd
Michael Kelsey
Francis Burns
Jerry Grich
Keith Brown

New

Post 4 SAL Members

Richard Poole
Danny J. Wrubel
Dominick Zuccherro
Dave B. Carpenter
Paul A. Doppke
Gregory Douglas
Scott F. Brano
Steven K. Coronado