



VooDoo News

American Legion Post 4 News
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**Post 4 Officers
2024—2025**

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Dan Litz

Historian

Dave Dutcher

Sgt. at Arms

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Dan Litz Jr.

**Judge Advocate/
Service Officer**

Doug Carignan

SAL Commander

Kevin Clinton

ALR Director

Michelle Rescorla

Happy New Year to all Post 4 Members and their families, from your Executive Board, S.A.L (Sons of the American Legion), and the ALR (American Legion Riders). Let's make 2025 a great year!

I would like to give a big thank you to all the volunteers who help throughout the year to make our events successful and to keep our post operational, my sincere thank you to one and all. Without volunteers, our post wouldn't be successful.

The Early Bird Dinner was well attended. I want to thank everyone that paid you dues early and came out to enjoy the dinner. I also want to thank August Miele and His wife for hosting the event and Sharon Kassin for the hard work cooking the dinner. It was a very good time.

The Children's Christmas Party was a lot of fun. Tootsie the

Clown made different balloon arrangements for the kids and kept them entertained during lunch and while they waited for Santa. There were also different crafts that the kids had the opportunity to enjoy. A big thank you to Ann Robertson and her helpers for chairing the event and for all the hard work. Also, a big thank you to the S.A.L (Sons of the American Legion) for providing the lunch for the kids and their families.

Start thinking about 2025 and how you can volunteer to make your Post better and to make the Post events successful. There are many events upcoming in the next few months, check the newsletter or our calendar on the post website www.americanlegionpost4mi.com and come visit your post. Looking forward to seeing each one of you at the Post in 2025!

**HAPPY NEW YEAR
2025**

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2025 means a new year, new beginnings, and new members. We all hope that this new year brings us health and successful Legion endeavors.

Starting January 1st The staff will be “carding” everyone, as you will be required to have your 2025 membership card to be served. If you have not renewed, do it today. Department will be sending out renewal notices in January. I **do not send** out these renewal letters, I have been receiving “not so nice” letters telling me to check my records. I will explain one more time, the Legion dues year goes from, June to June. If you pay your dues before January 1st you are entitled to Lounge privileges, that is a lounge rule, not a post rule. Your 2024 card will allow you to continue to attend meetings, come to the Post (not be served any alcoholic drinks) until May 2024.

If you get a notice, but already have your 2025 membership card, please ignore the notice. If in doubt, check your records, or just simply call me. These steps will keep you from paying twice and save you and me some aggravation. I am retired so I have the time to process your renewal as soon as I receive payment. I am not

the reason you may still get renewal notices. There are benefits to paying your dues every June, one of them is the Early Bird Dinner. If you have your new card by November 9th this year you are entitled to a free dinner. That is the Sunday before Veteran’s Day and of course no interruption in Lounge privileges.

Coming soon, your chance to make a difference at the Post. Nominations for Post #4 Officers for the year 2025-2026 will be at the General Membership meeting March 24th. Nominations and acceptance will be at that meeting. Voting will be April 28th at the General Membership meeting starting at 7:00 P.M. We want a full ballot with some choices. A member in good standing and willing to give their best effort, is eligible to run for office. Also, a member in good standing is eligible to nominate and vote. So, come and be a part of it.

Currently I have processed 719 paid members for the 2025 year. We are at 76.90%, our goal is 935. 100% is in sight.

Semper Fi



Post 4 Chaplain Dan Litz



I hope we all have remembered the spiritual part of our holiday. Also have recovered from the celebrations. It is time to hunker down and be very grateful we make it through another year. Everyone please stay warm and be safe during this winter.

Please pray for peace for all people in the world!

“Make every day a special day.
Let laughter fill the air
And let someone along the way
Know how much you care.”

By: Dorothy C. Dietz

SAL Commander
Kevin Clinton (586) 339-5054



Hello American Legion Members and family,

The S.A.L. would like to begin with thanking everyone who has helped out with our events so far, and we want you to know we appreciate all the help and support you all have given us. The S.A.L. has some events coming up this year that we'll keep you updated on as we progress forward and confirm details on. One event already in progress is our Mexican Euchre Night on February 15th it is definitely something to come and enjoy.

We are steadily growing along with Post 4, and are striving to do our part in keeping our organization as great as it can be. The S.A.L. board is encouraging all

S.A.L. members to come to the meetings as often as possible especially during the first few months of the year to get your voice heard, and help us plan upcoming events.

We would like to thank the old board of the A.L.R. for a job well done, and for so many years of their service on the board, and congratulate the new A.L.R. board on their new positions.

We very much look forward to working with the post family this year and many to come.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact;



ALR Director
Michelle Rescorla (248) 224-2639



Hello, Post 4 Members

With the New Year upon us, it is nice to reflect on the triumph of the American Legion Post 4 for 2024. We enjoyed many events, rides, and personal journeys during our time together and are actively working on the start of our inside event planning.

With the camaraderie of all the organizations within the American Legion (Legionnaires, Sons of the American Legion, and the American Legion Riders), it was a spectacular year in honoring our Veterans.

Thank you to all the ALR Board Officers of 2024 in completing your tenure! I would like to ask that when you see a past Board Officer, that you

take the time to Thank them personally for all the years spent making ALR a great organization to be a part of. Congratulations to our Newly elected Board Officers and wishing you a successful 2025!

Save the dates – BREAKFAST IS BACK! The first Sunday of each month starting January 5th, February 2nd, March 2nd, and April 6th from 8 am – Noon. If you would like to volunteer, please find the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.

If you are ready for some authentic style Polish food, come on down to Post 4 for our Polish Festival and enjoy our Post 4 American Legion Riders in action! January 25, 2025, from 3-8 pm!

Post 4 Historian

Dave Dutcher (248) 930-5682



End of 2024

Well, another year has come and gone. We have had a lot that happened for us here at Post 4. It all started with the 1st annual New Years Eve Party, then The Polish Fest followed by the Blessing of the Bikes, that was all before May.

We have had wholesale change on the E-Board of the Riders, Change on the S.A.L. E-Board. We have had upgrades throughout the building to spruce up the place. The annual Car Cruise-In was a success once again. The post pulled off another great membership appreciation picnic, we have gained many new members through the hard work of Augie the Adjutant.

Here are a few pics of the past year:



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all of you and your families from me and my family!!!

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



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.

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



.Well the year has come and gone and I hope every member of our Legion family had a great holiday. During this year we have made changes to our Constitution and By-Law, Lounge Rules, and with the A.L. Riders, the Squadron did not have any changes.

The changes are as follows:

Post Constitution and By-Laws:
ARTICLE VI – OFFICER DUTIES

SECTION 1: POST COMMANDER'S DUTIES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Commander: Will attend not less than three (3) of the 7th District Meetings. If unable to attend he will appoint an active Post member to attend with full authority to act on the Posts behalf.

(Change to) **Will appoint an active Post member to attend three (3) of the 7th District Meetings.**

SECTION 2: POST FIRST VICE COMMANDER'S DUTIES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

1st Vice Commander: Will attend not less than one (1) of the 7th District Meetings.

(Change to) **Will appoint an active Post member to attend one (1) of the 7th District Meetings.**

SECTION 4: FINANCE OFFICER DUTIES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Finance Officer: Will be an ex-officio member without vote on the Finance Committee.

(Change to) **Will be member with voice and vote on the Finance Committee.**

Post Lounge Rules:

SECTION 3: LOUNGE BAR SERVERS, WAIT STAFF, AND COOKS WILL BE PAID AS FOLLOWS:

Bar Servers \$9.00 per hour plus Tips to equal the State of Michigan Minimum Wage.

(Change to) **\$10.00 per hour plus Tips to equal the State of Michigan minimum wage.**

Chapter 4 Riders

ARTICLE III:

SECTION 1

(To be removed and be retroactive for the original By-Laws)

An individual must be a “Regular” paid for one year in order to be eligible to be nominated or hold an elected position.

To comply with National, Department and Post Constitution and By-Laws:

(Replace with) **Every member of Chapter 4 ALR, in good standing, will be eligible to hold office.**

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**



Upcoming Events

Welcome

Euchre Every Thursday @ 1:00p & 7:00p

January

- 5 8:00a-12:00p - ALR Breakfast
- 6 6:30p - ALR Mtg.
- 8 11:00a-6:30p - Spaghetti Dinner
- 9 5:30p - Lounge Comm. Mtg.
- 13 5:30p - E-Board Mtg.
- 16 5:30p - Honor Guard Mtg.
- 18 5:00p-7:00p - Steakout
- 20 6:30p - SAL Mtg.
- 25 5:00p-7:00p - Polish Fest
- 27 7:00p - General Membership Mtg

February

- 2 8:00a-12:00p - ALR Breakfast
- 3 6:30p - SLR Mtg.
- 5 11:00a-6:30p - Spaghetti Dinner
- :9 5:30p - Super Bowl
- 10 5:30p - E-Board Mtg.
- 13 5:30p - Lounge Comm. Mtg.
- 15 4:00p - SAL Mexican/Euchre Night
- 17 6:30p - SAL Mtg.
- 20 5:30p - Honor Guard Mtg.
- 24 7:00p - General Membership Mtg.

March

- 2 8:00a-12:00p - ALR Breakfast
- 3 6:30p - ALR Mtg.
- 5 11:00a-6:30p Spaghetti Dinner
- 10 5:30p - E-Board Mtg.
- 13 5:30p - Lounge Comm. Mtg.
- 17 11:00a-6:30p - St. Patrick's Day Dinner
- 17 6:30p - SAL Mtg.
- 20 5:30p - Honor Guard Mtg.
- 24 7:00p - General Membership Mtg.

New

Post 4 Legion Members

Gregory Geromin
Denis James
Ronald Hirvo
Leonard Nazarcjuk
Stephen Saph
Bill Wilson
Devin Strain
Gerald Check
Tom Stautz
Donald Karpinski
James Grasel
Robert Danburg
Grant Felton
Billy Garcie
George Grish
Ronald Gura
Donald Bary
Terrence Moove Jr.
Michael Orlando
Dennis Koenders
Douglas Macpherson
John Salceno
William Haynes

New

Post 4 SAL Members

Ronald Hollis
Matthew Switczkowski

**Let Post 4 be the host for your next event.
Our newly redecorated halls can accommodate
from 20 to 150 people.**

Call for our hall rental pricing.

**Outside catering welcome
with a licensed caterer.**

(586) 469-9271

