



VooDoo News

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As the crisp autumn air settles in and the leaves begin to change, I want to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude to all of you who continue to dedicate your time, talents, and energy to the mission and activities of American Legion Post 4.

This past season has been filled with meaningful events — from flag ceremonies, car shows and cookouts to support our organization. None of it would be possible without our incredible volunteers. Whether you helped plan an event, served food, cleaned up, made phone calls, or simply showed up to lend a hand, your support is deeply appreciated. It's your commitment that keeps Post 4 strong and makes a real difference in the lives of veterans and their families.

As we look ahead, I want to remind everyone of one of the most important dates on our calendar: **Veterans Day – Tuesday, November 11, 2025.** This is a time for us to come together to honor

all who have served and continue to serve our nation. Post 4 will be hosting our annual Veterans Day ceremony starting with coffee and donuts at 9:00am. More details will be posted at the post and shared via email and social media in the coming weeks. We encourage everyone to attend and to invite friends, family, and community members to join in this proud tradition.

Let us also take this season of thanksgiving as a reminder of how fortunate we are to be surrounded by a community of patriots who stand ready to serve—not only in uniform but in the everyday efforts that make our Post a welcoming and active place for all.

Thank you again for your continued support, and I look forward to seeing you at the Post and at our upcoming events.

Have a great Holiday season!

For God and Country

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The Early Bird sticker on your card entitles you to a turkey dinner on Sunday, Nov. 09.2025 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; 1:00pm gathering and fellowship, dinner at 2:00pm. 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 reached 94.97% in 2025. Let's try for A 100%. 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 at MichiganLegion.org, 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, 2025.

Starting Jan. 1, 2026, the staff is instructed to check all cards to reassure 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 at 7:00pm. We have 926 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 Tuesday, 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.

Enjoy the Holidays and be safe!

Welcome
New
Post 4 Legion Members

John Sowerby	Steven Mudge	James Nini
Harry Alexo	Robert Hamlett	Gary Shostak
Philip Kraft	Brian Marquardt	Edwin Hilbreth

Welcome
New
Post 4 SAL Member

Jeff Brewer	Tim Macalpine	Phillip Contrere
Tom Pennock		Nick Hollinshead

Post 4 Historian John Sellek



Recognizing a need is important—but taking action to address it is what truly makes a difference. Don Onyskow of American Legion Post 4 in Mt. Clemens not only identified the urgent needs of homeless veterans but also committed himself to doing something about it.

Today, far too many veterans in the United States struggle without access to even their most basic necessities. Determined to help, Don developed a plan to provide local homeless veterans with essential items—by filling backpacks with toiletries, socks, tarps, snacks, and other everyday necessities.

Since October 2022, with the support of his family, generous monetary contributions, and donations from local businesses and vendors, Don has organized the assembly and distribution of 600 new backpacks—each carefully filled with supplies. Valued at more than \$48,800 collec-

tively, these backpacks have been packed and shipped directly from Don's basement. Members of Post 4 have also dedicated their time to assist in filling and distributing them. While most backpacks are prepared with male veterans in mind, special consideration has also been given to create backpacks tailored for female veterans.

Distribution takes place coordinated by Walt Setters through several charitable organizations, including Harvest Time Christian Church, Motor City Mitten Mission, Trinity Lutheran Church, and Peace Lutheran Church. By the end of this year, Don anticipates that at least 30 additional backpacks will be provided through these partnerships.

Through dedication, compassion, and countless hours of effort, Don and Walt have transformed an idea into meaningful action, bringing relief and dignity to veterans who have served our nation.



Post 4 SAL Commander **Bill Wilson (586) 615-1411**



I'd like to thank our remaining members of the Squadron 4 SAL board and general membership for their dedication, service and support for our Post and veteran community. I would also like to encourage all of our SAL members to attend our meeting on the 3rd Monday of every month and help us recruit new members by talking with family and friends about the benefits of being a Squadron 4 SAL member. We had a busy

Spring and Summer helping support the many special events at our Post and I hope to see our members continue to support our upcoming fall and winter events. Please feel free to reach out to our SAL board with any additional ideas and or concerns that you may have. As the new Commander, I am looking forward to working with everyone for the continued betterment of our Squadron and Post.

Post 4 ALR Director **Mark Kolatski (586)567-8954**



Hi American Legion family, I hope everyone had a wonderful summer. The winter season for the Rider is going to be busy with a lot of activities and rides. Starting off with Trunk or Treat. We will also be putting on breakfast once a month. Please make sure you all download the Legion Calendar from the website. It does have all the dates for everything. We will be riding in the Veteran's Day Parade downtown on November 9th, it is always a great time,

then from there we will be riding back to the American Legion Post 4 for the Early Bird dinner. We are all about supporting our post and getting out there to promote Post 4. Where did the summer go, but we do have a lot going through the winter. I want to wish everyone a happy, healthy and safe holiday season. I want to thank all of you for supporting the American Legion Riders.

Post 4 Chaplain **Dan Litz (586) 770-6186**



I hope all of you had a good summer. Thanks to our Savior!

We have many holidays coming up in the next three months. Please be careful and enjoy them all.

Fall in Michigan is beautiful. Get outside and enjoy what God has given us.

Please remember the spiritual reason of Christmas. Pray for world peace.

When the wind howls and snow flies
and the temperature takes a dive,
I'm thankful for the home I'm in
and very grateful to be alive.

The next door neighbor may need
help before the storm is through.
I wish we could just fall asleep
and wake when skies turn blue.

But God knows our every need
and sees our unwanted tears,
He'll give to us that inner peace
that takes away all fears.

By: M. Elaine Fowser

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.

SPECIALS



Daily: 24oz Domestic Draft \$3.00 (12:00p - 4:00p)

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

Tuesday: Wine & Well Drinks \$1.75

Thursday: Domestic Beer \$1.50



Remember, pre-school rules and Lounge rules are the same. If you pee your pants, you have to go home.



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.

**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 and catering prices
(586) 469-9271**



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**



Children's Christmas Party



Hooray!! Santa is coming to Post <#> and we are going to celebrate!

Where: Post 4 Hall

When: 1:00 p.m. on Sunday December [7](#)th, 2025.

What: A light lunch will be provided by the S.A.L. (Sons of the American Legion). Activities include a visit from Santa, craft time and Tootsie the Balloon Artist.

Age: Acceptable ages are Birth to 11 years old.

Admission will be with tickets only, both adults and children will need one. The tickets will be mailed to the **FIRST 150 PEOPLE TO REGISTER BY NOV. 25th, 2025.** Tickets will be mailed by the last week in November. Santa will arrive with a gift for each child 11 and under. The money to purchase the gifts is generated from donations collected in the Lounge and 50/50 raffles from various functions. We recognize that this is a family event (and should be) but we ask that you limit the number of adults attending. In the event of a large crowd, if you have more than two adults in your party, perhaps Dad or Grandpa could wait in the lounge until Santa arrives, and then join the family in time to take pictures. Our goal is to have as many children as possible attend. Remember that the event will be closed when registration reaches 150 people or no later than Nov. 25th, whichever comes first. So please return your form as soon as possible. If at any time after you register, your plans change and you cannot attend, please notify the chairperson. Don't forget to bring your camera and lots of smiles!

Chairperson: [Ann Robertson](#) 586-804-1048

Please fill out the form and return it to the Post Lounge or mail it to: American Legion Post Children's Christmas Party 401 N Groesbeck Hwy. Mt. Clemens MI. 48043. **THE CHILDREN MUST BE A FAMILY MEMBER OF A MEMBER** to include [child](#), [grandchild](#), nieces and nephews. (Legion, S.A.L. STAFF). If you need additional space attach another piece of paper with this one.



NAME:
AGE:
RELATIONSHIP:
MALE OR FEMALE:
NAME:
AGE:
RELATIONSHIP:
MALE OR FEMALE:
NAME:
AGE:
RELATIONSHIP:
MALE OR FEMALE:
How Many Adults attending? # _____



CONTACT PERSON TO MAIL TICKETS TO.
Name:
Address:
City/Zip:
Phone:
Membership #
Legion/SAL/Staff

PLEASE BE SURE THAT ALL LINES ABOVE ARE COMPLETED. THANK YOU!



Upcoming Events

Euchre Every Thursday @ 1:00p & 6:45p

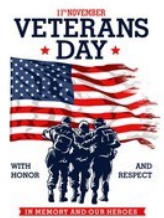
October

- 1 11:00a - 6:30p - Spaghetti Dinner
- 6 6:30p - ALR Mtg.
- 9 5:30p - Lounge Comm. Mtg.
- 13 5:30p - E-Board Mtg.
- 16 5:30p - Honor Guard Mtg.
- 18 1:00p - Trunk of Treat
- 20 6:30p - SAL Mtg.
- 25 TBA - U of M vs MSU Game
- 27 7:00p - General Membership Mtg



November

- 1 4:00p - SAL Euchre/Slider Night
- 2 8:00a - 12:00p - ALR Breakfast
- 3 6:30p - ALR Mtg.
- 5 11:00a - 6:30p - Spaghetti Dinner
- 9 1:00p - Early Bird Dinner
- 10 5:30p - E-Board Mtg.
- 13 5:30p - Lounge Comm. Mtg.
- 15 5:00p - Steak-Out
- 17 6:30p - SAL Mtg.
- 20 5:30p - Honor Guard Mtg.
- 22 7:00p - Magic Show
- 24 7:00p - General Membership Mtg.



December

- 1 6:30p - ALR Mtg.
- 3 11:00a - 6:30p - Spaghetti Dinner
- 7 1:00p - Children's Christmas Party
- 8 5:30p - E-Board Mtg.
- 11 5:30p - Lounge Comm. Mtg.
- 13 3:00p - Army vs Navy Game
- 14 8:00a - 12:00p - ALR Breakfast
- 15 6:30p - SAL Mtg.
- 18 5:30p - Honor Guard Mtg.
- 20 5:00p - Adult Christmas Party
- 22 7:00p - General Membership Mtg.

