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As we close out 2025, I want to extend my sincere appreciation to every member of American Legion Post 4 for your unwavering commitment to our mission and to one another. Your contributions, whether quiet acts of support behind the scenes or active participation at every event, continue to define our Post as a model of professionalism, fellowship, and community impact.

This year's Veterans Day observance on November 11, 2025, was a clear example of what we accomplish when we stand together. Your presence, your volunteer hours, and your willingness to support our ceremonies and outreach activities honored not only the legacy of our nation's veterans but also the enduring spirit of service that binds us as Legionnaires. The strong turnout from Post members helped ensure that our community properly recognized the sacrifices of all who have worn the uniform.

I also want to thank every volunteer who assisted with Post events throughout the year, fundraisers, community engagements, meal preparation, Honor Guard duties, maintenance projects, and every other task that allows our Post to operate effectively. Your dedication directly strengthens our programs, supports veterans and their families, and reinforces the values we are entrusted to uphold.

As we look ahead, I encourage each of you to take pride in what we have achieved together. Your continued involvement ensures that Post 4 remains a place where veterans find support, camaraderie, and purpose. It is an honor to serve alongside you.

Thank you for everything you do for our Post, our community, and our fellow veterans.

For God and Country



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2026 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 2026 membership card to be served. If you have not renewed, do it today. Department will be sending 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 Post #4 rule, not a Department rule. Your 2025 card will allow you to continue to attend meetings, come to the Post (not be served any alcoholic drinks) until May 2026.

If you get notice, but already have your 2026 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 renew-

al 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 8th this year you are entitled to a free dinner. That is the Sunday before Veteran’s Day and of course there is 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 23rd. Nominations and acceptance will be at that meeting. Voting will be April 27th 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 754 paid members for the year 2026. We are at 83.50%, our goal is 930 memberships. 100% is in sight.

Semper Fi

Welcome

New Post 4 Legion Members

Roger Maes	Claude Flori	Roy Laroche
Richard Hofer	Steven Schmidt	Michale Tank
Hord Bock	James Robinette	Sherrie Knudson
Henry Geromin	Jack Burr	Scott Baron
Ronnie Morton	King Bruett	Timothy Mahan
Charles Shermetaro	Timothy Fluary	Dennis Kuffer
Robert Ostrowski	David Deryckere	Timothy Conley
	Scott Pelton	

New Post 4 SAL Member

David Toler	Richard Ochylski	Arthur Briesch
Rickey Toth	Chris Briesch	Michael Parr

Post 4 Judge Advocate Doug Carignan 586) 484-4354



I hope all our membership had a wonderful holiday. I will try to explain how the Constitution and By-Laws, Standing Rules, Lounge Rules, Squadron Constitution and By-Laws, and ALR Chapter 4 By-Laws are established.

Post Constitution and By-Laws have changes or deletions there is a format that has to be done. The changes are discussed at the Executive Board meeting, the moved to the General Membership meeting if passed there a copy of the old, the new, the changes, minutes of the membership meeting. Once that is done everything is put into the VooDoo News or sent by email. Everything will be sent to the Department Adjutant which in turn sends them to the Department Judge Advocate. The membership will be notified when the changes are approved.

Post Standing Rules and Lounge Rules are done the same way as the Constitution and By-

Laws but once moved forward to the General membership meeting and a vote of the membership that are present, if passed the changes will be adopted.

Squadron 4 Constitution and By-Laws when any changes are made, will be presented to the Executive Board, if recommended to move to the membership meeting and passed they will be forwarded to the Detachment Judge Advocate for approval.

ALR Chapter 4 controls their own By-Laws as there are no National or Department By-Laws. Those By-Laws still have to be approved the General Membership.

Once everything is in place they will be on the Post Web Site under the heading "Constitution, By-Laws, Standing Rules.



Post 4 Chaplain Dan Litz (586) 770-6186



I hope all have enjoyed the holidays and were safe. It's time to wrap up for the winter and pray spring comes early. Keep tabs on the elderly and help if you can in any way.

For the younger folks that still shovel snow, take breaks. It does help.

Please pray for all our veterans, past, present and future. They truly deserve your prayers.

Snowflakes fall from the sky, the barren earth to beautify.

They charm me in their silvered flight, then disappear into the night.

Snowflakes fall on field and lake; they look like topping on a cake.

Little flakes of glistened snow, falling softly to the earth below.

As they fall, I am enrapt, to see the mountain peaks snowcapped;

When frosted snowflakes fell today, I, their beauty, did survey.

Nora M. Bozeman

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.

American Legion Riders Chapter 4

Mark Kolatski (586) 567-8964



Greetings American Legion Post 4 family.

I'd like to wish everyone a Happy New Year and let's hope it's a Safe and Great one. As far as the Riders, we are going to hit the ground running with a lot of events this year. Starting with our Riders Breakfast on January 11th. Next, we have our Riders Chili Cook-off on January 17th. We follow that up with our Annual Polish Fest dinner on January 31st, making it a very busy month.

In February, we have out monthly breakfast on Sunday the 8th and our final Breakfast will be on Sunday March 8th. We will be doing a Soup Cook-Off in March date to be determined. The winners of the Chili and Soup Cookoffs will have their Chili and Soup served at our 6th Annual Blessing of the Bikes on April 26th.

I Appreciate all the support we get from everyone, it's been overwhelming! Please check out the calendar for all the upcoming events

. if you know anyone with a Motorcycle and meets the requirements to join our Riders Chapter please tell them to give me a call we are always looking for good people ,

Thank you



January

Upcoming Events

Euchre

Every Tuesday @ 7:00p

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

- 5 6:30p - ALR Mtg.
- 7 11:00a - 6:30p - Spaghetti Dinner
- 8 5:30p - Lounge Comm. Mtg.
- 11 8:00a - 12:00p - ALR Breakfast
- 12 5:30p - E-Board Mtg.
- 15 5:30p - Honor Guard Mtg.
- 17 5:00p - ALR Chili Cook-Off
- 19 6:30p - SAL Mtg.
- 26 7:00p - General Membership Mtg.
- 31 5:00p - ALR Polish Fest Dinner (Tickets available at Bar)



February

- 2 6:30p - ALR Mtg.
- 4 11:00a - 6:30p - Spaghetti Dinner
- 8 8:00a - 12:00p - ALR Breakfast
- 9 5:30p - E-Board Mtg.
- 12 5:30p - Lounge Comm. Mtg.
- 16 6:30p - SAL Mtg.
- 19 5:30p - Honor Guard Mtg.
- 21 5:00p - SAL Mexican Dinner/Euchre Night
- 23 7:00p - General Membership Mtg.



March

- 2 6:30p - ALR Mtg.
- 4 11:00a - 6:30p - Spaghetti Dinner
- 8 8:00a - 12:00p - ALR Breakfast
- 9 5:30p - E-Board Mtg.
- 12 5:30p - Lounge Comm. Mtg.
- 16 6:30p - SAL Mtg.
- 17 12:00p - St. Patrick's Day
- 19 5:30p - Honor Guard Mtg.
- 21 5:00p - Steak-Out
- 23 7:00p - General Membership Mtg.



**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. Outside cater-
ing welcome with a licensed caterer.
(586) 469-9271**



From the Web Coordinator

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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