



VooDoo News

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2022—2023**

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Rich Laney

ALR Director

Mark Kolatski

Happy New Year to all Post 4 Members and their families, from your Executive Board, S.A.L (the Sons of the American Legion), and the ALR (American Legion Riders).

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 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.

We once again started Jack of Spades back in November and it has been very successful to date, and the jackpot is growing each week. The drawing days are every Tuesday at 8pm with food, beer, liquor, and wine specials starting at 6pm, come up and enjoy the evening. The drawings will continue until April 25, 2023.

Start thinking about 2023 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 2023!



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2023 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 2023 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 Post #4 rule, not a Department rule. Your 2022 card will allow you to continue to attend meetings, come to the Post (not be served any alcoholic drinks) until May 2023.

If you get a notice, but already have your 2023 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 5th 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. We have changed the By-Laws concerning nominations and elections of Post Officers. Nominations for Post #4 Officers for the year 2023-2024 will be at the General Membership meeting March 27th. Nominations and acceptance will be at that meeting. Voting will be April 24th 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.

Semper Fi,

Post 4 Chaplain Dan Litz



We at the Post hope all had a safe and happy holiday season. May we start the New Year with faith, dignity and togetherness. May all the sick and injured be blessed by the Lord. May all of us have faith in God! William Howard Taft once said, “The cornerstone of modern civilization must continue to be religion and morality”.

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.

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. We are also available for Flag Presentations and dedications. 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.



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**



ALR Director

Mark Kolatski (586) 567-8964



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year Legion family.

The Riders have been up to a lot these past couple months, we helped two families in need of a good Christmas. We also caught wind of a fellow Legion Rider from another post that his daughter and her young children lost everything in a house fire and didn't have renters' insurance. Post 4 Riders stepped up and donated to help her and her children out.

We have a lot going on after the first of the

year starting with breakfast Sunday January 8th, and Polish fest on Saturday January 28th. We are also working on our third annual Blessing Of The Bikes, which is one of our biggest events. Also, a few of us will be traveling down to Florida this year in March for Bike Week in Daytona.

I want to personally thank everyone for all the support you have given the Riders throughout the year it's been fabulous to be part of this organization and family.

SAL Commander

Rich Laney (586) 206-9614



Greetings Post 4 family and Happy New Year to all!

As we head into the 1st quarter of 2023 there are plenty of opportunities to get involved. Our biggest fundraiser annually is coming up soon as we host our Mexican dinner and Euchre party on SAT 25 FEB. At this party we will also draw the winners for the ongoing Blackstone griddle raffle that is running right now. Our monthly meetings are on the 3rd Monday of every month. Please join us!

Bill Lynn has his traveling wall up and running and is looking for support from Vets, Riders, & Sons to attend events & help raise awareness. You can reach Bill at 586-549-4803 if you want to learn more. I will do my best to make sure we communicate the upcoming events where he plans to be set-up.

Always remember that we are the proud possessors of a priceless heritage. We male de-

scendants of United States military veterans, associate ourselves together as the "Sons of the American Legion" to assist in carrying on for God and Country!

Please promote, please support, and please be aware of potential new member opportunities. Squadron 4 and Post 4 will always need new members to replace those who are no longer with us. Let's go above and beyond to maintain a 100%+ squadron membership! Imagine the growth if all of us just bring in one new member! If you have any questions regarding SAL Squadron 4 based in Mt. Clemens feel free to give me a call at 586-206-9614 or email us at sal.squadron.04@gmail.com

Find us on Facebook at SAL Squadron 4 Mt. Clemens MI

It's time to get involved, you will be glad you did!

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



**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**

Upcoming Events

Jack of Spades Drawing Every Tues. 8:00

January

- 4 11:00 a - 6:30 p - Spaghetti Dinner
- 8 8:00 a - 12:00 p - ALR Breakfast
- 9 5:30 p - Executive Board Mtg.
- 12 5:30 p - Lounge Comm. Mtg.
- 16 6:30 p - SAL Mtg. 7:30 p - ALR Mtg.
- 19 5:30 p - Honor Guard Mtg.
- 21 5:00 p - Steak Out 7:00 p Bar Bingo
- 23 7:00 p - General Membership Mtg.
- 28 5:00 p - ALR Polish Dinner

February

- 1 11:00 a - 6:30 p - Spaghetti Dinner
- 5 8:00 a - 12:00 p - ALR Breakfast
- 9 5:30 p - Lounge Comm. Mtg.
- 12 5:00 p - Super Bowl
- 13 5:30 p - Executive Board Mtg.
- 16 5:30 p - Honor Guard Mtg.
- 18 5:00 p - Steak Out 7:00 p - Karaoke
- 20 6:30 p - SAL Mtg. 7:30 p - ALR Mtg.
- 25 5:00 p - Mexican Dinner/Euchre
- 27 7:00 p - General Membership Mtg.

March

- 1 11:00 a - 6:30 p - Spaghetti Dinner
- 9 5:30 p - Lounge Comm. Mtg.
- 13 5:30 p - Executive Board Mtg.
- 16 5:30 p - Honor Guard Mtg.
- 17 11:00 a - 6:30 p - St. Patrick's Day Dinner
- 24 5:00 p - Sliders 7:00 p Bar Bingo
- 27 7:00 p - General Membership Mtg.

Welcome

New Legion Members

Carl Daggs
David Petriken
Ronald Clark
Donald Hamlin
Richard Ekey
Joseph Riley
George Wolshon
Darren Brewster

New SAL Members

Arthur A. Ahern
William D. Asher
Jeffrey Kolp
Gregory G. Murray
Edward Campeau
Lawrence J. Galli
Nicholas C. Kolatski
Michael J. Turres
Dean M. Lawson
Patrick W. Bowles
Robert Boniecki
Tom D Zimmerman
Tom P. Frattardli