



# VooDoo News

*American Legion Post 4 News*  
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**Post 4 Officers**  
**2023—2024**

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Dan Litz

**Historian**

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Doug Carignan

**SAL Commander**

Doug Carignan

**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 for providing the lunch for the kids and their families.

The adult Christmas Party was very well attended and a lot of

fun. The Department of Michigan Commander Brian Mohlman and his significant other Penny were in attendance and they both had a great time. I want to thank Sharon Kassin for the hard work providing the dinner and raffle gifts.

Don't forget about Jack of Spades that we brought back in November. It has been very successful to date, and the jackpot is growing each week. The drawing days are every Tuesday at 7:30pm with food, beer, liquor, and wine specials starting at 5pm, come up and enjoy the evening. The drawings will continue until April 2024.

Start thinking about 2024 and how you can volunteer to make your Post even better and to make the Post events more successful. There are many events upcoming in the next few months, so check the newsletter or the calendars on the post website [www.americanlegionpost4mi.com](http://www.americanlegionpost4mi.com) and come visit your post. Looking forward to seeing each one of you at the Post in 2024!

**American Legion Post 4**

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## Post 4 Adjutant

### Augie Miele (586) 202-0646

2024 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 1<sup>st</sup>, the lounge staff will be "carding" everyone, as you will be required to have your 2024 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 1<sup>st</sup> you are entitled to Lounge privileges, that is a Post 4 rule, not a Department rule. Your 2023 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 2024 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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 2024-2025 will be at the General Membership meeting March 25<sup>th</sup>. Nominations and acceptance will be at that meeting. Voting will be April 22<sup>th</sup> 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.

Post 261 recently merged with Post 4. I have transferred 64 new members to our Post. Currently I have processed 736 paid members for the 2024-2025 year. We are at 84.40%, our goal is 872. 100% is in sight.

Semper Fi,

## Post 4 Chaplain

### Dan Litz



I hope everyone had a blessed and happy holiday season. Remember, if it wasn't for the birth of Christ, this would never have happened. The rest is just a commercial. Please give thanks to Him.

We have lost members of our post this past year, please pray for their souls and their families.

Bundle up and stay warm and think positive. Spring is coming.

President Eisenhower said: "Faith is our surest strength, our greatest resource.

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**



Hello Post 4 family. We hope everybody had a great holiday season. Here's a little recap of the Riders activities since we last were here. November saw us riding in The Metro Detroit Veterans Coalition Parade thru Corktown. It's always an Honor to ride it this event and Honor our Veterans. Our chapter had 15 Riders come out and support this event this year. A nice turnout for sure. Next up was our December Breakfast where we gave all Veterans who attended a free Breakfast. We fed over 50 Veterans that day. 12 of those Veterans were residents of the Sugarbush Veterans Home, it's always good to see those folks out. Late December saw us baking cookies to deliver to our First Responders in the area. A gesture that is always appreciated. So, what's up next for us Riders you may ask? Well even though our bikes maybe be tucked away for the Winter months we aren't stopping. First up will be our monthly Breakfast January 7, 2024 8am-12pm. Those that have been know

we throw a mean Breakfast. Those that haven't been, well you owe it to yourself to stop by and check it out. And what is Breakfast without a Bloody Mary/ Mimosas Bar? Well, we got you covered there as well. Our Breakfasts will be running on the 1st Sunday of the month thru April. January 27, 2024 5pm-730pm we will be having our ever-popular Polish Night. You don't want to miss that one. Good old Polish dishes like your grandma used to make. Tickets are \$15.00 each and are on sale now in the Lounge and thru several Riders. Don't miss this one! Along with those activities our Officers are gearing up to plan our biggest event of the year, our 4th Annual Blessing of The Bikes along with a couple other events. Details in the next few months. And lastly, I'd like to say Thank you to all our Legion Family, Volunteers and friends that come out and support our endeavors. Without your support these things would not be the successes they are.

SAL Commander

**Doug Carignan (586) 484-4354**



It is with sadness and sorrow that I have to announce to the Squadron, that Squadron Liaison Art Miller passed away on December 5, 2023. Art has been a longtime Squadron Liaison. If you are ever at the post and have a story or tale about Art, please share it, but please remember him. Thank you to all the members of the Post, Squadron, Riders, and Auxiliary who paid their respects. Thank you to 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander Rich Poole, Chaplain Dan Litz, and the Post Honor Guard for doing the Post Everlasting Ceremony.

I would like to thank the following who helped with the Children's Christmas party: Scott H., Greg C., Bill W., Dennis M. for cooking, Steve W. for pictures also I can't forget Santa, Commander Tim Shosey, Ann Castleman-Robertson, Rich Poole, and Dan Litz.

Our next function as a Squadron this year is the Mexican Euchre night which will be held in February, I'm not sure of the date yet, and watch for an email or Facebook post of the event.

The Squadron Adjutant wants to let you know the membership cards are in and if you can, pay your dues at the Post or mail to:

SAL Squadron 4  
401 N. Groesbeck Hwy  
Mt. Clemens, MI 48043

Dues are \$30.00 for over 21 and \$15.00 under 21

Please drop your dues in the SAL mail box.

The Adjutant would also like you not to pay online, it takes a while for the Squadron to get paid from Lansing, thus in you getting your membership card.

Always remember that we are the proud possessors of a priceless heritage. We are male descendants of United States military veterans and associate ourselves together as the "Sons of the American Legion" to assist in carrying on for God and Country!

## Post 4 Historian

**Dave Dutcher (248) 930-5682**



The future of the American Legion is in good hands.

The hands I am referring to are the young and capable hands of Dominick Zuccherro, son of U.S. Marine and Legionnaire Timothy Zuccherro and his wife, Regina Zuccherro. Dominick, at 8 years old, is the youngest member of the American Legion Harry Olrich Post 4, Mt. Clemens Michigan as a member of the Sons of The American Legion as well as being a Cub Scout.

Dominick is highly active for his age and when his schedule permits, he volunteers a helping hand at the Post whenever he is needed.

He does this excitedly, happily and with ultimate respect and reverence to the U.S. flag, Veterans, and all Post members.

Dominick will have large shoes to fill going forward. He will be the next generation of legionnaire. Dominick will be taking over for the senior members of the Post. Members like Mr. Ernie Owenby.



*(Timothy, Dominick and Regina Zuccherro)*



*(Dominick Zuccherro and Ernie Owenby)*

Ernie Owenby is the oldest member of American Legion Harry Olrich Post 4. He is 96 years of age and has been involved some of the largest turning points of World War 2.

Ernie enlisted in the U.S. Navy at the age of 17 in 1944. He earned the ratings of Machinist, Fireman, and Seaman First Class. During his enlistment he was assigned to a minesweeper with duties to sweep the vicinity of Okinawa prior to the invasion and then the waters surrounding the islands of Japan in preparation for a land invasion which never materialized due to the dropping of "Little Boy" and "Fat Man" on the cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, respectively.

After the dropping of the atomic bombs, Ernie's minesweeper was assigned the duty of sweeping the Omura and Hiroshima Bays to clear any mines so that U.S. Navy hospital ships could enter and help the survivors of the atomic blasts.

After Ernie left the service, he went to work for the Uniroyal Company for 30 years until his plant closed. Ernie is a widower with 9 adult children and their extended families. He has been a member of the American Legion for 14 years.

During the interview with Mr. Owenby, he seemed very happy to be "passing the torch" to the youngest generation of legionnaires.



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.



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



## Upcoming Events

**Jack of Spades Drawing Every Tuesday @ 7:30p**

### January

3 11:00a - 6:30p - Spaghetti Dinner  
4 6:30p - ALR Meeting  
7 8:00a - 12:00p - ALR Breakfast  
8 5:30p - Executive Board Meeting  
11 5:30p - Lounge Comm. Meeting  
15 6:30p - SAL Meeting  
18 5:30p - Honor Guard Meeting  
20 5:00p - Steak Out  
22 7:00p - General Membership Meeting  
27 5:00p - Polish Dinner

### February

4 8:00a - 12:00p - ALR Breakfast  
5 6:30p - ALR Meeting  
6 8:00p - Soup Cook Off (During Jack of Spades)  
7 11:00a - 6:30p - Spaghetti Dinner  
8 5:30p - Lounge Comm. Meeting  
12 5:30p - Executive Board Meeting  
15 5:30p - Honor Guard Meeting  
17 5:00p - Steak Out  
19 6:30p - SAL Meeting  
24 5:00p - SAL Mexican Dinner/Euchre Night  
26 7:00p - General Membership Meeting

### March

3 8:00a - 12:00p - ALR Breakfast  
4 6:30p - ALR Meeting  
6 11:00a - 6:30p - Spaghetti Dinner  
11 5:30p - Executive Board Meeting  
14 5:30p - Lounge Comm. Meeting  
17 11:00a - 6:30p - St. Patrick's Day Dinner  
18 6:30p - SAL Meeting  
21 5:30p - Honor Guard Meeting  
25 7:00p - General Membership Meeting

# Welcome

## New Post 4 Legion Members

Roger Ohe	Geroge Bundy*	Ralph Hollowell*	Arthur Smith*
Earl Nork	Peter Calandra*	Donald Ketelhut*	Anthony Snarski*
Dennis Pater	Terry Champion*	Dennis Kulazewski*	Ben Stehilk*
Brian Robinson	Robert Chatman*	Michael Kulka*	Georgios Sterglads*
Norman Fox	Jullien Claus*	Phillip Kunce*	Earl Stilson*
Keith Brown	Robert Daly*	Kenneth LaDuke*	Leroy Strex*
Joseph Stark	Marcus Deburger*	Edward Leavy*	Noel Sunday*
James Srock	Richard Delleva*	Gary Livingston*	Harold Toner*
David Archer	Dennis Denomme*	Mark Manor*	Edward Treppa*
Louis P. Lovati	Manfred Dromke*	Kevin Meyer*	Robert Troutman*
Anthony Acquavia*	Daniel Elles*	James O'Connell*	Robert Trussel*
Walter Alexander*	Rodney Floyd*	Richard Pearson*	Joseph Vansumer*
Leonard Anderson*	Dean Frescura*	John Peralta*	Willard Whiteford*
John Bechill*	Edmud Hallett*	Richard Perkins*	James Wolfe*
Dennis Berger*	Roger Hamilton*	Jerry Roy*	William Buhl*
Clem Berger*	Patrica Hansom*	Robert Saunders*	Perry Taylor*
Gregon Borgula*	Donald Hendrick*	Allen Sharp*	* denotes members that transferred from Rose- ville Post 261
Nicholas Bullock*	Joseph Hobant*	Daniel Sherwood*	

# Happy New Year

**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**



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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**

