

Voodoo News



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2009 - 2010 POST #4 OFFICERS

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Vacant.....	Service Officer	
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MESSAGE FROM YOUR COMMANDER - KENNETH (KENNY) MILLER



This will be my last article for the VooDoo News. I want to let the members know that the Constitution and By-Laws Committee is in the process of rewriting the By-Laws. This message is to let all members know that there will be changes that will affect the Post.

Currently, our By-Laws, (Article XVII- Amendments, Section 2) reads as follows: This Constitution and By-Laws may be amended at any Post Meeting

by a vote of two thirds of the members of said Post attending such General Membership Meeting. Provided that the proposed amendment will be submitted in writing and read at the next Regular Membership Meeting of said Post, and providing further, that written notice will have been given to all members at least thirty (30) days in advance of the date which such an amendment is to be voted upon. Notifying said members that such meeting proposal to amend the Constitution and By-Laws is to be voted upon.

This notice is to let the members know that the changes will be voted on at the April 26, 2010 General Membership Meeting.

Also, take note that the election of Post Officers will be held at 12:00 pm (Noon) until 7:00 pm on April 26, 2010 prior to the General Membership Meeting.

I would like to thank all members, Sons of the American Legion, Legion Riders, and members of the Ladies Auxiliaries who volunteer their help throughout the year to keep this Post looking great.

Thank you for allowing me the privilege of being your Commander for the past two years.

For God and Country,
Kenny

From the Car Show Committee

Our 9th Annual Car and Motorcycle Show is fast approaching

SEPTEMBER 11, 2010

\$10.00 per entry until August 15th

\$15.00 the day of the event - 9 AM to Noon - Check-In

4 PM Awards - Prizes - Raffles - Food - Beer

Along with the car and motorcycle show we will be having vendor space and swap meet space available for \$20.00 If your interested in either of these space's please call 586-907-9809 and reserve your spot. We also have advertisement space available for a donation of \$50.00. Your company name will be included on our T-shirts and all other advertisements. For \$100.00 you will also receive a thank you plaque for your generous donation.

Steve LoCicero Chairman
9th Annual Car and Motorcycle Show

POST 4 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



Arthur
Miller



Richard
Lawson



Carl
Krager

Frank Baker
Sgt. at Arms



Joseph Olson
Historian

NEW LEGION MEMBERS



- | | | |
|--------------------|------------------------|-------------------|
| Daryl K. Burgher | Clayton K. Moldenhauer | Robert J. Showler |
| Ronald C. Debuck | Norbert Motura | David R. Smith |
| Dexter Gentry | Donald Mueller | Michael Wittkop |
| Daniel a. Litz Jr. | Michel Oshinsky | Therese F. Wrobel |
| Bill McAvoy | Jeremiah Parizon | |
| Eric Marsh | | |

NEWS FROM POST ADJUTANT

Andy Knapp



The Dept. of Veterans Affairs is currently designing a medallion that can be affixed to an existing headstone which was purchased privately for a deceased veteran. The cemetery division will begin taking applications for family members to receive the medallion of the military branch insignia for the deceased veterans that did not have the opportunity to be buried in a military cemetery. The process is supposed to begin in January 2010.

Applications will be made available as soon as they come out.

The lack of jobs and the slow economic recovery in Michigan has affected the payment of post dues. They are coming in very slowly, in fact, we are 400 members short of reaching the 2,116 members we should have by June 1, 2010. We ask these members to try and pay their dues if at all possible. Again, I say the Post has a plan that if any member is over 70 years of age with 10 continuous years in Post 4, to submit a letter stating the above facts and the Post will pay their dues for life as long as they remain a member of Post 4. But if we don't get enough members to pay their dues this plan will be in jeopardy.

The first nominations of Post Officers for the year 2010-2011 are as follows:

COMMANDER - Dave Martinez, Art Miller, Augie Miele, Len Stachnik, Carl Krager
1ST VICE COMM. - Augie Miele, Andy Knapp, Theresa Wrobel, Carl Strange
2ND VICE COMM. - Tom Budnick, Len Stachnik
ADJUTANT: Andy Knapp
FINANCE OFFICER - David Glahn, David Martinez, Steve Orourke
CHAPLIN - Bill McInnis, Frank Krause
HISTORIAN - Joseph Olson
SGT. AT ARMS - Frank Baker
EXEC. COMMITTEE - Frank Ridley, Daryl Highfield, R. Lawson, Lou Austin, Art Miller, Dave Martinez, Carl Krager

All nominations are closed until March 22nd at the Regular Meeting when nominations and acceptance will be held. If you wish to run and will be absent from the meeting a letter of acceptance must be submitted. The election of Officers will be held at the April 26th Regular Meeting from 12 Noon until 7 P.M.

The Constitution and By-Laws may be amended at any Post meeting by a vote of two thirds of the members present at that meeting. The By-Laws Committee will be responsible to enter an announcement in the Voo-Doo Newsletter to inform all members at least 30 days prior to the date when such an amendment is to be voted upon. The proposed amendment must be submitted in writing and read at the scheduled membership meeting. This is a notice that Post 4 is in the process of revising the Constitution and By-Laws at the April 26, 2010 Regular Meeting.

FROM THE WEB COORDINATOR
www.mtclemsamericanlegionpost4.com

Please keep sending your e-mails - I have received over 300 requests to be added to the mailing list. I try and e-mail with reminders of upcoming events at the Post.

If you own a business and would like to advertise on the website the cost is \$25 per year. If you have any questions regarding placing an advertisement with our website please e-mail me at: alrider4@mtclemsamericanlegionpost4.com

I would like to add a Military Family Page to our website - if you have a family member who is currently serving in the military, please drop me a note and I will be happy to add their name to the list.

Fran LoCicero - Web Coordinator



From the Commander of the Son's of the American Legion (S.A.L.)

A big thank you to Jerry Kaul, Al & Sue Valenti, Scott and Tammy Hudlin and John & Pam Rodick for helping with our Mexican / Euchre Night it was another success. The food was great thanks Jerry.

The Son's have had a pretty busy winter we helped host the Army/ Navy Game along with the Children's Christmas party this winter.

Keep checking your e-mails or Voodoo News for any upcoming events.

Have a safe spring,

Steve LoCicero, Squadron 4 Commander

I would like to invite you to stop in and check out our newly renovated Hall. A big

Thank you to all that helped make this possible – Len, Dan, Al, Art, Ken, Steve and Pam, Dave, Frank, Dick. With out your help this renovation wouldn't have been possible. I would also like to thank Pam Rodick and Al Valenti for all their hard work in helping with the various fundraisers we had in 2009 to help pay for this project.

POST HALL

Upcoming Events:
Fish Fry – April 2nd - 4 to 8pm
\$8.00 for 3pc fish dinner
In the basement of the hall

Fran LoCicero- Hall Manager

REQUEST BY MEMBER

Dear Editor

In the year of 2004 my wife and I purchased two plots at Cadillac Memorial (17 Mile & Garfield) Gardens, with complete interment rights. We decided on cremation since then. Before we put it up for sale in the newspapers, we prefer to sell them to service members, since they are in a military section their.

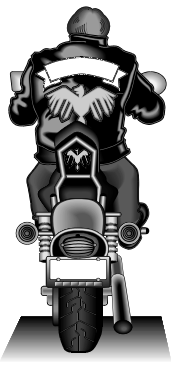
The whole contract came to \$5,087.50. We wish to sell for \$4,500.00 to any member. If this information can be entered in the VooDoo News and the information board on the wall it will be greatly appreciated. I will meet with anyone interested at the Post, with the contract for their viewing. Thank You!!

Ermando Edward Rocco

Eva Marie Rocco

Macomb, MI 48052

(586) 598-3713 - Have no computer or email just phone



FROM THE DIRECTOR OF THE AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS

Thank you to all that participated in our Annual Chili Cook-off / Euchre party. It was a big success the different chili's were great and everyone seemed to have enjoyed the euchre tournament.

Our annual Legion Rider Anniversary Dance was a big success thank you to the Post for allowing us to incorporate our Dance with

their monthly steak-out.

We are still collecting items for the troops, thank you to all that have donated to this. Our donation box is located in the lounge there is a list of items needed attached to the drop box. Your donations are greatly appreciated.

Upcoming Events:

April 10th - Post 4 Post to Post - Noon to ?
Food will be provided by the Riders

We invite all our other Legion Riders friends from different post to stop in and visit this is open to all Post 4 members come join us.

June 2nd - Post 4 & Squadron 4 along with ALR Riders 4

2nd Annual Legacy Fund Fundraiser - Spaghetti Dinner
11am to 7pm - \$6.00 per person - In the lower hall

June 13th - Annual "Forgotten Veterans" Observation Run

Check in 11am - \$10.00 per person
Bikes or Cars welcome - *Check in Post 4 parking lot*
Prizes - Raffles

Summer is fast approaching please pay attention to all the motorcycles on the road and if your one of those riders please be safe.

Steve LoCicero
American Legion Riders Post 4 - Director

POST CHAPLAIN Bill McInnis



All members are entitled to a Pass and Review Service. A member of the family needs to notify the Funeral Director, me, and/or the Legion, that they want this service.

Please call me or the Legion whenever a member is hospitalized. We would like to be a part of your prayer chain and send a card. There are also those who would like to visit - if you do not want visitors, just say so.

FALLEN MEMBERS

Joseph T. Allard
Luther W. Avera
Frank J. Bailey
Leslie C. Doescher
Donald B. Fitzgibbon
Michael Kandrac
Edwin A. Klein
Carl L. Ludeman
Chester A. Manturuk
Richard McClintock Sr.

FROM THE LOUNGE:

Spring has arrived- this has always been my favorite season. After a long winter we are all ready to bloom again.

The *NO SMOKING ban effective May 1st* does include the Lounge. Let's hope this encourages our smokers to quit (myself included)!!!

APRIL 4 - Reminder the Lounge will be **CLOSED EASTER SUNDAY**

APRIL 9 - GO TIGERS - Join us in the Lounge opening day for baseball trivia, drink specials, 50¢ hot dogs and fellow Tiger fans. We are also in the process of putting together a Tiger game bus trip - please check the Lounge for details.

APRIL 17 - STEAK OUT is our Annual MDA Fundraiser, with a bake sale (all donations welcome). Great entertainment with DJ Denny and special guest Jim Elvis. Hope to see you there!!

MAY 1 - KENTUCKY DERBY lunch special. Prize for "Best Hat" (check Lounge for details).



MAY 11 & 13 HORSESHOE LEAGUES START - All past players must sign in by April 30th. Any team openings will be posted after that. Something new - on Wednesday evenings we will have drop in shoes - "Backyard" style for those who enjoy playing without the commitment of a weekly league.

MAY 15 STEAK OUT with a Memorial Day Theme. Show us your best patriotic wear - hats, shirts, etc. Let's do Red, White, and Blue in style!

MAY 30 MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONIES. Check the Lounge for details.

JUNE 13 - FLAG DAY will be observed with our yearly flag retirement ceremony. Let's teach our young proper flag etiquette and bring them to witness this ceremony..

For your summer reading pleasure the Lounge is promoting our Annual May Book Swap, all bookworms welcome!!

Be sure to check out Steve's Rider article for dates on motorcycle run fundraisers for the "Forgotten Vets" and homeless Vets. Let's help take care of our own. Motorcycles are not required to support these causes.

On a sadder note - on February 19 Cheryl Maas lost her short battle with pancreatic cancer. For the last 20 years Cheryl was one of our behind the scene Auxiliary volunteers, helping out with many Post functions in many ways whether it was cooking, setup or clean-up crew, fundraising for the Post, I could go on. Thank you Cheryl, Rest in Peace.

As always thanks to all who give their support to Post 4 through the Lounge. Please check our calendar for upcoming events and give us a call if you have any questions or suggestions.

Cindy Fradl, Lounge Manager



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Calendar of Events

APRIL

- 4 **EASTER SUNDAY** - Lounge CLOSED
- 4 **ALR Breakfast** – 9:00 am – Ram’s Horn
- 7 **SPAGHETTI DINNER** - \$6.⁰⁰ for all adults – Open to the public – 11 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.
- 9 GO TIGERS - Lounge opening day get together
- 10 ALR Riders - Post 4 Post to Post - Noon to ?
- 12 **Post Executive Board Meeting** – Post 4 Home – 7 p.m.
- 14 **VVA Meeting** – Post Home – 7:30 p.m.
- 17 **STEAK-OUT** - Annual MDA Fundraiser - \$10.⁰⁰ per person – 5-7 p.m. – Members and guests ONLY – Entertainment 7-11 p.m.
- 18 **ALR Breakfast** – 9:00 am – Ram’s Horn
- 18 **7th District Meeting** - Caro - 2 p.m.
- 19 **SAL Meeting** – Post Home – 6:30 p.m.
- 19 **ALR Meeting** – Post Home – 7:30 p.m.
- 26 **Post 4 General Membership Meeting** – Post 4 Home – 7 p.m. - Election of Officers - Noon - 7 pm - (Process of revising the Constitution and By-Laws at this meeting)

MAY

- 1 **KENTUCKY DERBY** - Lunch specials in Lounge - Wear your "Best Hat" (prizes)
- 2 **ALR Breakfast** – 9:00 am – Ram’s Horn
- 5 **SPAGHETTI DINNER** - \$6.⁰⁰ for all adults – Open to the public – 11 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.
- 9 **MOTHER'S DAY**
- 10 **Post Executive Board Meeting** – Post 4 Home – 7 p.m.
- 11 HORSESHOE LEAGUE starts - Lounge
- 12 **VVA Meeting** – Post Home – 7:30 p.m.
- 13 HORSESHOE LEAGUE starts - Lounge
- 15 **ARMED FORCES DAY**
- 15 **STEAK-OUT** - Memorial Day Theme - \$10.⁰⁰ per person – 5-7 p.m. – Members and guests ONLY – Entertainment 7-11 p.m.
- 16 **ALR Breakfast** – 9:00 am – Ram’s Horn
- 16 **7th District Mtg** - Port Huron - 2 p.m.
- 17 **SAL Meeting** – Post Home – 6:30 p.m.
- 17 **ALR Meeting** – Post Home – 7:30 p.m.
- 24 **Post 4 General Membership Meeting** – Post 4 Home – 7 p.m. – 1st Nominations for Post Officers (2010-2011)
- 30 **MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES** - Post 4 (9 am) Post Service (10 am) Harry Ollrich grave site at Clinton Grove Cemetary, and (11 am) all military post in Veteran Section at Clinton Grove
- 31 **MEMORIAL DAY**

JUNE

- 2 **ALR - 2nd Annual Legacy Fund Fundraiser - Spaghetti Dinner** - 11 am - 7 pm \$6 per person
- 6 **ALR Breakfast** – 9:00 am – Ram’s Horn
- 9 **VVA Meeting** – Post Home – 7:30 p.m.
- 13 **FLAG DAY - Annual Flag Retirement Ceremony Post 4** - 1 pm
- 13 **ALR** - Annual "Forgotten Veterans" Observation Run - Check-in 11 am - \$10 per person - Post 4 parking lot
- 14 **Post Executive Board Meeting** – Post 4 Home – 7 p.m.
- 19 **NO STEAK-OUT UNTIL SEPTEMBER**
- 20 **FATHER'S DAY**
- 20 **ALR Breakfast** – 9:00 am – Ram’s Horn
- 21 SUMMER begins
- 21 **SAL Meeting** – Post Home – 6:30 p.m.
- 21 **ALR Meeting** – Post Home – 7:30 p.m.
- 28 **Post 4 General Membership Meeting** – Post 4 Home – 7 p.m.

Linda Brookins
 Desktop Publisher
 Quarterly Newsletter



FROM YOUR EDITOR Linda Brookins Auxiliary #225

This is to let everyone know that this will be my last Newsletter for sure. I am hopefully going to be retiring sometime this year if all goes well and since there will be new Officers who not do it now. My best to the new Officers and to whoever takes over the newsletter. My first newsletter was in 2000 - I think it's time. I have enjoyed working with all the officers and serving the Post.

God Bless all our veterans and military personnel serving our country.

Preamble to the Constitution

*For God and Country
 we associate ourselves together*

To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America; To maintain law and order; To foster and perpetuate a one hundred percent Americanism; To preserve the memories and incidents of our associations in the great wars; To inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation; To combat the autocracy of both the classes and the masses; To make right the master of might; To promote peace and good-will on earth; To safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom and democracy; To consecrate and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness.