



# Voodoo News

## American Legion Post #4 News

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### Message from your Commander: Dave Martinez

*It is my privilege to serve as Commander of American Legion Post 4 for 2010-2011. Thanks to all who took the time to come and cast their vote on April 26th. I am looking forward to working with the newly elected officers and members of the executive committee. We will try our best to make Post 4 a cheerful place where all members will feel comfortable and welcome.*

*A special thanks to our former Commander Ken Miller, for all his work the previous two years. Ken has been very helpful during this time of transition.*

*Please read all of the articles in your newsletter and check the calendar so that you can find out about all the upcoming events being put on by Post 4, Sons of the American Legion and American Legion Riders. If you see an event that interest you, please, come to the Post to support it. If you would like to pitch in and help out, your time and work is greatly appreciated. Call the Post for information.*

*Our Lounge Manger, Cindy Fradl, is offering summer specials that will make it easier for members and guests to stop in and relax. Stop in to take advantage of them and say hello to your fellow veterans.*

*If you know anyone looking to rent a hall, please remember to mention the fine facility available at your American Legion Post 4. Members of our post are entitled to a discount. Please call Fran LoCicero at 586-465-7825 so that she can provide you with details. Fran does a great job to insure that all functions at the hall are successful.*

*The Post 4 parking lot is overdue for maintenance. This maintenance will be very costly. We are going to start a Lot Fund to raise money for this work. We have placed a receptacle in the lounge so that donations may be made that will be applied to help cover this cost. If you can't stop by the lounge, please consider mailing in a donation. If you are able to donate by mail, please, make a notation with your donation that the money is to be used for the parking lot maintenance. If we could average a five dollar donation per member the cost of the lot maintenance would be covered.*

*Your post has suffered along with everyone else in this troubled economy. Your participation at Post 4 is needed now more than ever.*

*To those who already volunteer their time many thanks.*

*Let's keep American Legion Post 4 alive and vibrant.*

*Thank you,*

*Dave Martinez*



### 2010-2011

#### Post 4 Officers

##### Commander

Dave Martinez

(586)-949-1341

##### 1st Vice Commander

August Miele

##### 2nd Vice Commander

Cliff Dotterer

##### Finance Officer

Dave Glahn

##### Adjutant/ Membership Chairperson

Andrew Knapp

(586)463-5462

##### Chaplain

Bill McInnis

(586)-949-3864

##### Historian

Robert Connors

##### Sgt. At Arms

Frank Baker

##### Executive Committee

Arthur Miller

Carl Krager

Richard Lawson

Leonard Stachink

##### Squadron 4/ ALR 4

##### Commander/Director

Steve LoCicero



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## Bartender's Corner:



"Customers wanted" no experience necessary! We, the Bartenders of Post 4 would like to welcome our new & transferred members. And, no, we haven't forgotten our regular members. Stop in and check out our specials. Once a month we will be offering a luncheon on Sunday. This luncheon will depend on the participation of the membership if it is cost effective it will continue each month. Luncheon Dates as follows:

July 25th , August 22nd, September 19th

We also will be having drink specials on Saturday and Sunday.

**Wanted:** Someone to help organize a Golf Outing, the lounge would like to sponsor an outing but we have no knowledge of golf and need some input from you the membership. Any volunteers would be appreciated along with donations of prizes.

September starts our football season stop in the lounge and check out our specials.

If you the membership has any suggestions for functions please let us know. We are always looking for new ideas.

Thanks, Your Bartenders

## Sons of the American Legion



2011 Membership Cards will be available in July. Please be an Early Bird and pay your dues.

I am asking all SAL and ALR members to dig into your pockets and help defray the cost of our parking lot renovation by donating to the fund. Next time you're in the Lounge please drop your left over change into the bucket marked Parking Lot Fund every little donation will help.

Hope everyone has a safe and great summer.

Check the web site and bulletin boards for any upcoming SAL Events

Steve LoCicero -Commander

## Post Hall

Have you checked out our newly renovated hall?

Please pass the word that we are open for business and have package deals to meet anyone's budget.

Let us cater your next event

Please call : 586-465-7825 for our pricing or visit us on the web for our pricing and menu options.



**From the Editor:** I would like to take the opportunity to Welcome our new Commander Dave Martinez! I look forward to working with Dave and the entire Board of Officers. I also would like to send a Big Hug and Thank you to Kenny Miller you have been such a big help to me in all aspects of my work here at Post 4. Thank you for all you have done for our Post and will continue to do at State Level as an officer of American Legion Department of Michigan.

I would like to Thank Linda Brookins for all her hard work over the years being the Editor of the Voodoo News! The Voodoo News was a first class newsletter and I only hope that I put together the same quality newsletter . You put a lot of time and effort into each and every newsletter for that I applaud you, unless you have done this before you wouldn't understand how much time and effort goes into putting together any type of newsletter.

Again, Thanks Linda Post 4 and I will miss you and your great newsletter.

Fran LoCicero

## News from the Post Adjutant/ Membership Chairperson Andrew Knapp

Here we go again!!! The 2011 membership cards have arrived at our post. You can pay your dues at any time but you can pay them early and be an early bird. You will get your official notice in the mail next month. We would appreciate it if you would pay your dues as soon as possible as that would help me get your cards to you and be able to keep the records current.

This is the first edition of the newsletter from our new Editor Fran. Our former Editor Linda retired after many years of excellent service as the Editor and we wish her all good things in the future. God Bless you Linda. Now we have a new Editor and we must give her our support and help. Everyone needs help when they start a new job so we want you to know Fran that we are here to help if you need it.

Post 243 has merged with Post 4. They

have donated 151 pounds of tabs worth \$83.05 that will be sent to the Department of Michigan. We thank everyone who has donated tabs to the post. The money we get from the tabs will be used to purchase equipment for Children's hospital.

Our post has newly elected officers for 2010-11 and we must give them our support and help them to fulfill their new responsibilities at this post. The officers are as follows: Commander: David Martinez, First Vice Commander: August Miele, Second Vice Commander: Clifford Dotterer, Adjutant: Andrew Knapp, Finance Officer: David Glahn, Chaplain: William McInnis, Historian: Robert Connors, Sgt. At Arms: Frank Baker. The Executive Committee is Arthur Miller, Carl Krager, Richard Lawson and Leonard Stachink. The office of Judge Advocate and Service Of-

ficer are still available if anyone wishes to volunteer.

Our new Finance Officer David Glahn stated that the post has financial problems. One solution would be if every member donated at least \$5.00. This would be a one time deal and it would allow us to repair our parking lot which would cost at least \$6,000, Think about it, we would appreciate any amount you feel you can donate.

Come down to the post and lounge and meet your new officers and fellow legionnaires. Come and get acquainted!!!

The new Post Constitution and By-Laws have been approved at the Post membership meeting on May 24th. And sent to the American Legion Dept. of Michigan for their final approval.

# From the Lounge: Cindy Fradl

The lounge staff congratulates our New Commander Dave Martinez and the Executive Board, we are looking forward to working with all of you to help make Post 4 a Veterans Organization that we're proud to be a part of. We also wish our Past Commander Ken Miller all the best in his future endeavors, thank you Kenny.

A special Thank you to Linda Brookins for all you've done the past 10 plus years, putting together a quality newsletter for our post, and all of the behind the scene things that you do for us.

Summer has finally arrived, stop in and enjoy a cool drink inside or perhaps watch the sun go down on our patio. The horseshoe pits are groomed (thanks Sarge) and waiting for you to throw a few.

We are offering a summer special with \$1.00 domestic beer and well drinks on Saturday night after 6pm, along with our other daily specials.

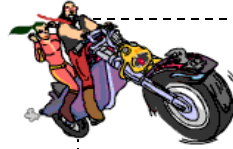
Our spring steak-outs were very successful. Steak-Out's will resume in the fall starting in September see you on the 18th.

The lounge staff and I hope you have a great summer. Be sure to check out the Bartenders Corner. Any suggestions and or comments to improve our lounge are always welcome. Our continued thoughts and prayers go out to those who are serving our country and their families.

## New Lounge Hours

Monday thru Saturday

Noon to Close



## American Legion Riders:

On March 27th the ALR co-sponsored the Monthly Steak-out with the Post, we had a great turn out from the various American Legion Posts in the area and the Am -Vet Riders of Mt. Clemens. Thank you!

On April 10th we hosted our Annual Post to Post luncheon for all Post 4 members and members of various other posts. Thanks for all that showed their support for this luncheon.

On April 22nd we hosted another Martha T. Berry Bingo—the staff at Martha T. Berry along with the patients all enjoy our treats and gifts we bring to the hospital. Thanks to Sandy Baker for those lap robes that she donates every 3 months.

June 2nd—was our 2nd Annual Legacy Run Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser co-sponsored by Post 4 and the SAL. Thanks to all that helped.

June 13th was our Annual 'Observation' Poker Run thanks to John Rodick and Mike Seaton for chairing this event.

Congratulations Dave Martinez on becoming the new Commander of Post 4, we look forward to working with you! To Kenny Miller it was a pleasure working with you these past years. Thank you for all you have done and will continue to do for our Post.



Steve LoCicero—Director



### Car and Motorcycle Show

Vendor & Swap Meet Space Available

September 11, 2010

\$10.00 Pre-registration until Sept 1

\$15.00 Day of Event

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Vehicle: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail check to: American Legion Post 4

401 N. Groesbeck Hwy. Mt. Clemens, MI 48043

Any questions please call Fran (586)-907-9809

Greetings!!! I would encourage members of the American Legion Post 4 to consider volunteering their time in support of the "Steak Out's and Spaghetti Dinner" fundraising efforts. In order to make these fundraising efforts a huge success we need volunteers and support. Please feel free to contact me at (586)-759-5237 for details.

Your efforts are greatly appreciated.

Sincerely, Cliff Dotterer

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# Calendar of Events

## July:

- 4 Fourth of July 
- 5 ALR Breakfast 9:00 am—Ram's Horn
- 12 Post Executive Board Meeting— Basement Hall 7pm
- 14 VVA Meeting—Post 4 Basement Hall 7pm
- 18 ALR Breakfast 9:00 am—Ram's Horn
- 19 ALR Meeting—Post 4 Basement 7:30pm
- 19 SAL—No meeting until September
- 26 Post 4 General Membership Meeting Post 4 Upstairs Hall—7pm

## August:

- 1 ALR Breakfast 9:00 am—Ram's Horn
- 8 7th District Meeting Post 4—Installation of Officers—Dinner 12:30
- 9 Post Executive Board Meeting—Basement Hall 7pm
- 11 VVA Meeting—Post 4 Upstairs Hall 7pm
- 15 ALR Breakfast 9:00 am—Ram's Horn
- 16 ALR Meeting—Post 4 Basement 7:30pm
- 16 SAL—No Meeting Until September

- 23 Post 4 General Membership Meeting Post 4 Upstairs Hall -7pm

## September:

- 1 Spaghetti Dinner \$6.00 open to public 11:00 am to 6:30 pm in Post 4 Basement
- 5 ALR Breakfast 9:00 am— Ram's Horn
- 6 Labor Day—Lounge Opens 12:30 to 8pm
- 8 VVA Meeting—Post 4 Upstairs Hall -7pm
- 11 Post 4 "Toys for Needy Kids" Car/Bike Show
- 13 Post 4 Executive Board Meeting—Basement Hall 7pm
- 18 Steak-Out—\$10.00 per person 5-7pm Entertainment 7pm to 11pm—Members and their guests only!
- 19 ALR Breakfast 9:00 am—Ram's Horn
- 20 SAL Meeting—Post 4 Lounge 6:30pm
- 20 ALR Meeting—Post 4 Basement 7:30pm
- 27 Post 4 General Membership Meeting Post 4 Upstairs Hall—7pm

### From the Web Coordinator:

Please keep sending your e-mail addresses. This has helped cut the cost of our snail mailing of the Voodoo News. If you have any suggestions or idea's to improve our website please e-mail

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### Request from a Post 4 Member

Dear Editor,

In the year 2004 my wife and I purchased 2 plots at Cadillac Memorial Gardens (17 Mile & Garfield) with complete interment rights. We decided on cremation since then. Before I put it up for sale in the newspaper, 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.

Ermando Edward Rocco—586-598-3713