

# Voodoo News



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## 2009 - 2010 POST #4 OFFICERS

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	Junior Vice Commander	
Vacant.....	Finance Officer	
Vacant.....	Service Officer	
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S. Lee Elliott.....	Judge Advocate	(586) 649-1373
Joseph Olson.....	Historian	(586) 556-5882
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Steve LoCicero.....		(586) 997-1286

## MESSAGE FROM YOUR COMMANDER - KENNY MILLER



Happy New Year to all Post 4 members and their families, from your Executive Board, the Sons of the American Legion and Legion Riders.

The Early Bird Dinner was well attended. My thanks go out to our Hall Manager Fran LoCicero and all her helpers who prepared a delicious turkey dinner.

## NEW LEGION MEMBERS



Philip J. Delage  
Geo Faust  
David M. Glahn  
Thomas Guitar  
James W. Kay  
Eldon Manning  
Michael F. Monacel

Pride R. Moore  
Robert W. Roth  
Ray Schuholz  
Mitchell J. Selengowski  
Edward S. Stepowski  
Ronald Zalewski

The December Spaghetti Dinner was our 8<sup>th</sup> sponsored by Post 4 and the Macomb County Sheriff's Office. All the proceeds from this event benefit the Children's Tumor Foundation (Neurofibromatosis). This year with Post 4 volunteers and the sheriff's office 347 meals were sold, raising over \$2,200.<sup>00</sup> for the fund. Thanks to everyone involved.

Special thanks to my crew who volunteer to take care of the pull-tab machines. Dick Lawson, Frank Baker and Augie Miele.

There are a number of other volunteers, men and women, who help throughout the year, you know who your are. My sincere thanks to one and all.

The Children's Christmas Party was a success again. Thanks to the two great co-chairpersons Jean Miele and Dianne Miller. Thanks to the Sons of the American Legion for buying the food and serving. Also, to all the volunteers who helped the Chairpersons.

With the Post elections starting in February, the Post will be looking for new Officers to run the Post. I will not be running for any office in 2010. My duties with the 7<sup>th</sup> District of the Legion requires a lot of my time, but with the approval of the 2010 Executive Board I would still be Chairperson for the pull-tab machines and also continue to do maintenance for the Post. Thank you for the privilege of being Commander during 2009-2010.

Stay Warm, Kenny

## POST 4 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



Arthur Miller



Richard Lawson



Carl Krager



Frank Baker  
Sgt. at Arms



Joseph Olson  
Historian



## NEWS FROM POST ADJUTANT Andy Knapp

The holiday season has come and gone and we hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and New Year.

Now is the time to start the New Year off right and there are many things that need to be done. The

elections and nominations of Officers is one of our first considerations. The 1<sup>st</sup> nominations of Post Officers for 2010-2011 will be held at the February general monthly membership meeting. The 2<sup>nd</sup> nominations and acceptance of a nomination will be held at the March general membership meeting. The election of Officers will be held at 12 Noon until 7 p.m. prior to the regular monthly meeting to be held in April. Our monthly meetings are held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month. We have many members in our Post who have the ability to hold an office and should consider doing so. The requirements for running for an office are a paid 2010 membership card. So you see, every paid up member of this Post is eligible to run for an Office.

We have been informed that the V.A. Cemetery Division will begin taking applications for family members to receive Military Branch Insignia for the deceased Veterans who did not have the opportunity to be buried in the military/veteran cemeteries to begin in January 2010. A copy of the application will be made available.

Patrick Hogan, a 47-year veteran of WWII and a life member of the Post has donated \$25 for the past 5 years and plans to visit us at Christmas time. The Post thanks you Patrick for your donation and looks forward to seeing you.

The membership of Post 4 is 1,612 paid members, which is 76% of our quota. To reach 100% we need a total of 2,116 paid members, which means that 504 members still need to pay their 2010 dues. Legion membership is now annual beginning from January 1<sup>st</sup> until December 31<sup>st</sup>. If dues are not paid by January 1<sup>st</sup> of each calendar year, the member becomes delinquent. If dues have not been paid by February 1<sup>st</sup> the member is suspended with no privileges, except that of being reinstated by payment of his/her dues.

Read your Voo-Doo Newsletter as it contains many news articles. Much time and expense is put into getting this letter to the members of this Post. Stop by the Lounge and lets get acquainted.

A reminder to all Post veterans – please send a copy of your 214 or honorable discharge to the Post that we will keep under lock and key and inform your family where your records are kept so they can be found when needed. We had 3 veterans who did not get a flag on their casket due to the fact that the family could not find these documents.

## FROM THE DIRECTOR OF THE AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS



The Legion Riders had a busy December. We had our Annual Christmas Party/Cookie Bake on December 6<sup>th</sup>, and WOW the ALR men are getting better and better at baking those cookies. All cookies that are baked are distributed to various fire and police stations within our communities.

We also participated in our Annual Christmas Caroling event at Martha T. Berry hospital. For the past few years our members have been bringing treats and gifts to Martha T. Berry during the holiday season. We try to cheer the patients with our singing voices (not sure if we scare them or cheer them up but we all try). I would like to thank Sandy Baker and Diane Miller for the donations of gifts for the patients. Thank You Both!

It's time again for our Legion Riders Annual Chili Cook-Off Euchre Party on January 23<sup>rd</sup> (check-in for playing cards is 5 p.m.). The cost for tasting the chili is \$2.<sup>00</sup> per person and is not included with your entry fee to play cards. Their will be prizes for the best chili, and hottest chili. Please come and join the Legion Riders in this event.

March 27<sup>th</sup> is the Post 4 Steak-Out along with the Legion Riders 7<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dance. Please help support this function. The Legion Riders will be helping with this steak-out. Hope to see some new faces at this event.

\*\*\*\*Please note that the time for our breakfast meetings is 9:00 a.m. at the Ram's Horn Restaurant the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month\*\*\*\*

## FROM THE HALL MANAGER



I would like to thank everyone who has helped with various functions over the 2009 season; it has been a pleasure to work with each and every one of you. It is a pleasure to return to the hall after one of those functions and see it clean and everything put in its place.

February 6<sup>th</sup> we will be hosting our 1<sup>st</sup> Women's Expo in the hall from Noon to 4 p.m. This event will have various vendors selling all types of goods. We are hoping to make this an annual event.

If you're a vendor and would like to rent a space the cost is \$20.<sup>00</sup> per table. The cost to enter the building is \$1.<sup>00</sup> per person. We will also be selling lunch during the afternoon. Please try and support this fundraiser as all money goes towards the hall renovation fund.

Fran LoCicero – Hall Manager

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



Hi everyone, hope your holiday season was a healthy and safe one.

The Son's of the American Legion helped with the Children's Christmas Party. We provided the lunch for the children and their parents.

We also helped support the Army/Navy game for this great fundraiser for the Post's Adopt a Family Program. The Son's provided some of the prizes that were given away on that day, along with donations from various Army/Navy recruiting stations. If you were not able to attend this party you need to mark your calendar for next year, as it is a lot of fun. Thanks to everyone who helped make this day a success.

We are hosting our Annual Mexican Night along with a Euchre Party on February 27<sup>th</sup>. The cost is \$5.00 to play cards (check-in is 5 p.m.); dinner is \$5.00 per person and is not included with the entry fee to play cards. Please come and support this function.

Have a great winter –  
Steve LoCicero – Squadron 4 Commander

FROM THE WEB COORDINATOR  
[www.mtclemensamericanlegionpost4.com](http://www.mtclemensamericanlegionpost4.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 our website the cost is \$25.00 per year. If you have any questions regarding placing an advertisement with our website please e-mail me at: [alrider4@mtclemensamericanlegionpost4.com](mailto:alrider4@mtclemensamericanlegionpost4.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 YOUR EDITOR**  
**Linda Brookins**  
Auxiliary #225

Thought I would share some pictures with you all!!!!



Here is my daughter Kim's son Rylan under the Christmas tree - who wouldn't want that bundle of joy for Christmas!



Here is my son Sgt. Christian Wolanski with Jackie and my other little granddaughter Aubrie.



Here is my granddaughter Madison at the Legion Christmas Party!!



**POST CHAPLAIN**  
**Bill McInnis**

FALLEN MEMBERS

- Ralph E. Bailey
- John R. D'Aoust
- Frank Dimitrie
- William J. Dopp
- Robert H. Faircloth
- John A. Hernandez
- Larry N. Karagianis
- Anthony Korbely
- Roy W. Patterson
- Zack N. Pokley
- Leonard S. Sadowski
- William Tackman
- Frank J. Tapella
- Frank Tatarelli
- Richard E. Trombley
- Dewey W. Williams

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.





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# Calendar of Events

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## JANUARY

- 3 **ALR Breakfast** – 9:00 am – Ram’s Horn
- 3 **7<sup>th</sup> District Meeting** – Unionville
- 6 **SPAGHETTI DINNER** - \$6.<sup>00</sup> for all adults – Open to the public – 11 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.
- 11 **Post Executive Board Meeting** – Post 4 Home – 7 p.m.
- 13 **VVA Meeting** – Post Home – 7:30 p.m.
- 16 **STEAK-OUT** - \$10.<sup>00</sup> per person – 5-7 p.m. – Members and guests ONLY – Entertainment 7-11 p.m.
- 17 **ALR Breakfast** – 9:00 am – Ram’s Horn
- 18 **SAL Meeting** – Post Home – 6:30 p.m.
- 18 **ALR Meeting** – Post Home – 7:30 p.m.
- 23 **LEGION RIDERS ANNUAL CHILI COOK OFF EUCHRE PARTY** - \$2.<sup>00</sup> per person to taste chili
- 25 **Post 4 General Membership Meeting** – Post 4 Home – 7 p.m.

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## FEBRUARY

- 3 **SPAGHETTI DINNER** - \$6.<sup>00</sup> for all adults – Open to the public – 11 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.
- 6 **1<sup>st</sup> Women’s Expo** – Post Hall – Noon – 4 p.m. – Various vendors selling all types of goods - \$1.<sup>00</sup> entry
- 7 **ALR Breakfast** – 9:00 am – Ram’s Horn
- 8 **Post Executive Board Meeting** – Post 4 Home – 7 p.m.
- 9 **VVA Meeting** – Post Home – 7:30 p.m.
- 14 **VALENTINE'S DAY**
- 15 **SAL Meeting** – Post Home – 6:30 p.m.
- 15 **ALR Meeting** – Post Home – 7:30 p.m.
- 20 **STEAK-OUT** - \$10.<sup>00</sup> per person – 5-7 p.m. – Members and guests ONLY – Entertainment 7-11 p.m.
- 21 **ALR Breakfast** – 9:00 am – Ram’s Horn
- 22 **Post 4 General Membership Meeting** – Post 4 Home – 7 p.m. – 1<sup>st</sup> Nominations for Post Officers (2010-2011)
- 27 **SAL ANNUAL MEXICAN NIGHT with Euchre Party** - \$5.<sup>00</sup> to play cards; dinner \$5.<sup>00</sup> per person

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## MARCH

- 3 **SPAGHETTI DINNER** - \$6.<sup>00</sup> for all adults – Open to the public – 11 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.
- 7 **ALR Breakfast** – 9:00 am – Ram’s Horn
- 8 **Post Executive Board Meeting** – Post 4 Home – 7 p.m.
- 9 **VVA Meeting** – Post Home – 7:30 p.m.
- 14 **DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS** - Turn you clock forward 1 hour
- 15 **SAL Meeting** – Post Home – 6:30 p.m.
- 15 **ALR Meeting** – Post Home – 7:30 p.m.
- 17 **ST. PATRICK’S DAY** – Corned beef & cabbage dinner
- 21 **ALR Breakfast** – 9:00 am – Ram’s Horn
- 21 **7<sup>th</sup> District Meeting** – Mt. Clemens Post 4
- 22 **Post 4 General Membership Meeting** – Post 4 Home – 7 p.m. – 2<sup>nd</sup> Nomination and acceptance of a nomination for Post Officers (2010-2011)
- 27 **NOTE WEEK LATER: STEAK-OUT and Legion Riders 7<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dance** - \$10.<sup>00</sup> per person – 5-7 p.m. – Members and guests ONLY – Entertainment 7-11 p.m.