



YELLOWSTONE POST 4
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QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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Dates to Remember

- 1/1 – New Year’s Day
- 1/6 – Epiphany
- 1/16 – MLK Jr Day
- 1/22 – Lunar (Chinese) New Year
- 2/1 – National Freedom Day
- 2/2 – Groundhog Day
- 2/3 – Four Chaplains Day
- 2/3 – National Wear Red Day
- 2/4 – USO Day
- 2/14 – St. Valentine’s Day
- 2/19 – Coast Guard Birthday
- 2/20 – President’s Day
- 2/21 – Mardi Gras/Shrove Tuesday
- 2/22 – Ash Wednesday
- 3/2 – Read Across America Day
- 3/3 – Navy Reserve Birthday
- 3/3 – Employee Appreciation Day
- 3/4 – Hug a GI Day
- 3/5 – Seabee Birthday
- 3/12 – Daylight Saving’s Time Begins
- 3/13 – K-9 Veterans’ Day
- 3/15 – American Legion Birthday
- 3/17 – St. Patrick’s Day
- 3/21 – Rosie the Riveter Day
- 3/25 – Medal of Honor Day
- 3/29 – National Vietnam War Veterans’ Day



NATIONAL SALUTE TO VETERAN PATIENTS

The week of February 14th is notable for Saint Valentine’s Day, but there is another observation during this week that has special significance for anyone with a veteran family member receiving medical care. The National Salute to Veteran Patients happens the week of February 14th (February 12-18, 2023) and pays tribute to just under 100,000 patients a day that receive medical treatment in VA medical facilities, as well as the nine million US veterans who get care every year. These facilities run by the VA comprise the largest integrated healthcare system in the US. There are over 1,200 facilities run by the VA, 171 of which are VA medical centers. In addition to this, there are also 1,112 outpatient centers. VA medical centers offer a wide range of medical services to patients, including orthopedics, mental health care, surgery, critical care, radiology, pharmacy, physical therapy, speech pathology, neurology, and much more. These statistics underscore the need for more helping hands in the program.

According to the Dept of Veterans Affairs, this week-long tribute to veteran patients has always been observed during the week of Valentine’s Day and is intended to: pay tribute to veterans; increase community awareness “of the role of the VA medical center;” encourage visits to hospitalized veterans; to encourage volunteerism with the VA.



This raffle is to help fund the operation of Post 4 and directly support veterans in our community.

- Custom built AR-10 in 6.5mm Creedmoor, with flag paint (as seen in the picture) = \$3,700 value
- Only 1,000 tickets will be sold at \$20 each
- January 16th at the Post meeting will be the launch of ticket sales. Gun will be at the meeting for viewing.
- Drawing will be held on March 20th at the Post meeting.
- Tickets available from any Post officer or at the bar. Any Legion member can help sell tickets, if desired.

COMMANDER’S CORNER

Greetings all!

First, let me start by thanking all of you for your service. Second, I hope that the holidays are kind to you and, next, I wish you the best with the coming new year.

Things around the Post are starting to brighten up. We have a couple of projects in the works that will hopefully enlighten the patrons and attract even more veterans to join us. As always, remember the Post is yours and is there for your use and assistance.

Thank you, Jay Adams

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GRATEFUL-GIVING 2022

Maria & her crew at our Post 4 Bar were able to help 99 Veterans & 402 of their family members this past Thanksgiving!!! She was able to coordinate so much because of community support & friends of the American Legion Post 4 & Exchange Clubs of Billings. A very special thank you goes to all of the people that donated their time to help to gather & put together the boxes, as well as those who helped to distribute them – Wade Austin, Vic & Joanne Lawson, Jeff Willett, Johnnie & Jeana McClusky, Drew Danforth, Mike McManus, Christina Salazar, Alberstsons on Rehberg & Grand, Chris Harmon, Meadowlark Trucking, Young Marines of Billings, Key Impact, Shamrock Foods & Veterans Navigation Network.



HONOR GUARD

Post 4's Honor Guard provided the following Burial Honors for October, November & December 2022:

Army: Berry Michelotti, Ronald Wuest, Robert Ryder, and Wayne Premo

Air Force: Robert Davis

Navy: Erik ? and Lawrence Cary

We also Posted Colors for Judge Knisely in November at Veterans Treatment Court.

The total amount of Honor Services provided for the year of 2022 was 46.

If you have the time and the constitution to serve on our Honor Guard. It would mean a lot for those sorrowing families to see fellow service members in attendance. Call or email me. Thank you, Al Hager
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CHAPLAIN'S UPDATE

2023, 1st Quarter – Happy New Year!

Events for 1st Quarter Chaplain's calendar include: Vietnam War ceasefire (Jan 27), Americanism Month (Feb), Four Chaplain's Sunday (Feb 5), President's Day (Feb 20), and American Legion Birthday (March 15).

The story of the Four Chaplains: On Feb. 2, 1943, the USAT Dorchester, an Army transport ship, was tragically hit by a fan of 3 torpedoes fired by a U-223 German U-boat while in transit to Greenland. The Captain of the Dorchester gave the order to abandon ship. However, the extensive damage from the attack knocked out all lighting, creating a very chaotic situation.

In the midst of the pandemonium, according to those present, 4 Army chaplains brought hope in despair and light in darkness. Lt. George L. Fox, a Methodist minister, Lt. Alexander D. Goode, a Jewish rabbi, Lt. John P. Washington, a Roman Catholic priest, and Lt. Clark V. Poling, a Dutch Reformed minister, spread out among the soldiers to calm the frightened, tend the wounded, and guide the disoriented toward safety. After handing out all available life jackets, the 4 chaplains then gave their own life jackets to soldiers. As the ship went down, survivors in nearby rafts could see the 4 chaplains, braced against the slanting deck, arm in arm. They were heard praying and singing hymns.

Of the 902 men aboard Dorchester, 672 died. "Valor is a gift," Carl Sandberg once said. "Those having it never know for sure whether they have it until the test comes. "That night, Rev. Fox, Rabbi Goode, Rev. Poling, and Father Washington passed life's ultimate test. In doing so, they became an enduring example of extraordinary faith, courage, and selflessness.

In 1944, the Distinguished Service Cross and Purple Heart were awarded posthumously and, in 1961, President Eisenhower awarded a special Medal of Heroism, a one-time award authorized by Congress and intended to have the same weight and importance as the Medal of Honor.

This quarter, join me in celebrating the ideals of Americanism. Let's also reflect on the selfless act of bravery and heroism displayed by the Four Chaplains which truly displayed our ideals then and continue to demonstrate to the world our ideals today.

Last but not least Have Fun!

- Dan

POST 4 MONTHLY EVENTS

- American Legion Meeting – Every 3rd Monday at 7:00 p.m.
- Executive Board Meeting – Every 3rd Monday at 6:00 p.m.
- Legion Riders Meeting – Every 2nd Monday at 7:00 p.m.
- Pool League – Every Monday & Thursday
- Dart League – Every Wednesday & Friday
- NFL Football – Monday, Thursday & Sunday until Playoffs begin

Find us Online!

Like us on Facebook & keep up to date with our Post events ... Search for: **American Legion Post 4**

LEGION HALL RENTAL

Post 4 has TWO Banquet Halls (with bar) available to rent for special functions. Please contact Maria Rivera at 406-671-4598 for more info.

VETERANS SERVICE RECOGNITION ACT

American Legion-supported legislation that would provide an easier path to returning to the United States for deported veterans and easier opportunities for non-citizen servicemembers to apply for naturalization passed the House of Representatives Dec. 6, 2022.

The Veteran Service Recognition Act of 2022 establishes a review process for noncitizen veterans, servicemembers and their families, and creates opportunities for deported veterans to obtain legal permanent resident status.

The legislation, H.R. 7946, was introduced in the House by House Committee on Veterans' Affairs Chairman Mark Takano. The bill has been referred to the Senate Committee on the Judiciary.

"I have been fighting to prevent noncitizen veterans from falling through the cracks of our broken immigration system for years because it is shameful that they are being exiled from the same country they risked their lives to protect and defend," said Takano via a news release. "I am thrilled that the House passed the Veteran Service Recognition Act, a critical step to ensuring that our men and women in uniform are honored for their bravery, heroism, and service, no matter where they were born."

For the complete article, please read: [Veterans Service Recognition Act passes House | The American Legion](#) at www.legion.org

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We would really like to be more inclusive of and see more activity from our Post 4 Legion members. If you have any ideas about how we can achieve this, please let us know by sending us an email:

Adjutant Don Clair: alyellowstonepost4@gmail.com or
 Past-Commander Gil Floyd: gils2002hd@yahoo.com



POST 4's MESS HALL



KITCHEN HOURS

OCTOBER – NOVEMBER – DECEMBER

Monday: 5:00 – 9:00 PM

Tuesday: Closed

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday: 5:00 – 9:00 PM

Saturday & Sunday: 11:00 AM – 9:00 PM

BAR HOURS

Monday – Friday: 5:00 PM 'til closing

Saturday & Sunday: 11:00 AM 'til closing

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS

On January 9th, the Riders' meeting will be the election of the Riders' Officers. January 28th at 10:00 a.m. at Post 4 is the State Riders' Meeting. The Riders' fundraiser for the memorial ceiling tiles in the bar has been finalized and is now officially moving forward. Ask a Rider or bartender for information on getting a tile for you or a family member.

Our meetings are on the 2nd Monday of each month at 7:00 pm. Remember, any Legion, Auxiliary, or Sons of the AL member can also be a Rider. Please like & follow our Facebook page to get updated event information; search for: American Legion Riders Chapter 4 – Yellowstone Chapter.

Gil Floyd, Director
 Yellowstone American Legion Riders
 406-855-7599



NATIONAL VIETNAM WAR VETERANS' DAY

The Vietnam War Veterans Recognition Act was signed into law in 2017. Congress outlined a total of 5 objectives for the Commemoration, with the primary objective being to thank & honor Vietnam veterans & their families for their service & sacrifice. The 4 remaining objectives highlight the service of our Armed Forces & support organizations during the war; pay tribute to wartime contributions at home by American citizens; highlight technology, science & medical advances made during the war; & recognize contributions by our Allies. Read Full Article:

www.vietnamwar50th.com/about/national_vietnam_war_veterans_day/

UPCOMING BAR FUNCTIONS

- Jan 28 @ 4:00 PM – Scarlets Bingo
- Feb 12 – Super Bowl Sunday Party
- Feb 18 – 80's Prom Party in the MB (Senior High Rad Grad fundraiser)
- Feb 21 – Scarlets Taco Tuesday
- Mar 11 @ 4:00 PM – Scarlets Bingo (main bar)
- Mar 17 – Corned Beef & Cabbage Weekend

We want to hear from YOU!

Do you have comments or ideas to submit to the newsletter?
 Email Gil Floyd at gils2002hd@yahoo.com.
 The deadline for the next newsletter is December 10th.

POST 4 DIRECTORY

AMERICAN LEGION OFFICERS

Commander Jay Adams
Vice Commander Pat Weber
Adjutant Don Clair
Chaplain Daniel Stetler
Finance Officer Rick Friez
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Gil Floyd, Past Commander
Jim Salsbury
Ryan Parsons



**Legion Meetings
are EVERY 3rd
Monday at
7:00 p.m.**

Please join us!



The Four Chaplains: Sacrifice at Sea
This is a 60-minute documentary released in November 2004. If you go to www.imdb.com and search for its title, you can find options to watch it for free on Freevee or you can rent it for 99¢ on Amazon Prime Video.