



# American Legion



McGowan-Johnson Post #68, P.O. Box 19, Paw Paw, Michigan 49079-0019  
**WEB SITE:** <http://www.americanlegionpost68mi.org/>

February—2018

Commander: James Moore—341-3606 ~ Flags, Flag Poles & Membership: Ken Walden-808-6433~ Hall Rental: Steven Haddad—330-3647Hospital Equipment: George Barkovich—657-2092 ~ Newsletter: Bob Adams-217-5765

★ ★ ★ AUXILIARY AND SONS MEETING Third Thursday, Feb. 15th at 7:30 p.m. ★ ★ ★

### ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

Executive Committee— Thursday, Feb, 1—7:30 p.m.

Regular Meeting— Thursday, Feb 8—7:30 p.m.

Auxiliary -Thursday Feb 15, - 7:30 p.m. (Upstairs

Sons of American Legion - Thursday, Feb 15—7:30 p.m. (Basement)

V.F.W. Meeting — Monday, Feb 18—7:30 p.m.—Upstairs

Regular Meeting — Thursday, Feb 22—7:30 p.m.—Upstairs

Bingo: Fridays Pancake Breakfast: Sundays 8 to 11 a.m.

Please look at Post #68 website for meetings and functions

The Christmas dinner held on Thursday, Dec. 21st was a great dinner of ham, turkey, mashed potatoes, green beans and corn. A wonderful variety of deserts were brought by the people attending. Betsy Peck held drawings for gifts. Thanks to the cooks for a great job.

**2018 Dues** now due. Please pay your dues. Pay NOW. Dues are \$55.00. Your dues are paid if your card HAS 2018 YEAR at the top..

Winding down on DUES for the membership year. PLEASE pay your dues today if you have NOT paid them. (Don't be delinquent)

**BINGO** is in dire need for a worker. If we could get a couple of volunteers to help you would NOT be working every week. Please one Friday a month. Contact Betsy Peck at 270-9527.

Anyone interested in a **medical scholarship** can find an application on our website. Address above. The scholarship includes any profession associate to the medical field, i.e., radiology, nurse, physician, etc. Due Date is April 15th with scholarships announced in May

We are again sponsoring the **Boys State Program** and the **Student Trooper Program**. If you have a son or grandson interested, please let us know. Boys State applicant must be a Junior in High School. The student interested in a career in law enforcement must be the age of 16 to 18 for the Student Trooper program.

★ Spring is on the way, pay your dues **TODAY** ★

January 26, 2018

NEWS RELEASE

On Sunday morning March 18, 2018 the Paw Paw Sea Cadets will be hosting breakfast at the American Legion Hall in Paw Paw, Michigan. On that Sunday afternoon ( 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM ) the Sea Cadets will host a Military Memorabilia Show at the American Legion Hall. On display will be over 1,500 different Military Patches/Crests/DUIs/PS Issues/ Toy Soldiers/ect.. Interested Veterans can bring Military items to display/sell/ or trade. The Sea Cadets ( A young persons 10-18, male/female, non profit organization ) will be there even if it rains/snows or the Sun rises in the west that Sunday. Donations will be accepted. Have any neat items? Bring them down.

As of this writing our Commander James Moore has been in Bronson Hospital for the past two weeks. Comrade Golladay and myself visited him today (Thursday) and he may be coming home soon.

Legion **Winter Conference** will be held February 16, 17, & 18th at the Ypsilanti Marriot. Also this year June 26th thru June 30th the annual **American Legion State Convention** will be held in Kalamazoo, Michigan at the Radisson Hotel in Downtown Kalamazoo. It also scheduled for 2019 & 2020 in Kalamazoo. The Convention will kickoff the celebration of the American Legion 100th birthday. State challenge coins are now available for purchase through the Dept. of Michigan. They are \$ 15.00 each. WANT ONE? E-mail me at: rca5847@gmail.com.



I registered at the V.A. Hospital in Battle Creek (Augusta) and I'm very please with the service. I registered in case of a catastrophic illness and needed help. I have written about this before for everyone to get registered. I can help you do this. I was given a complete physical and a ultrasound test for aneurisms was ordered. Things are fine. But now I'm registered and can get an appointment right away if something happens. Your country owes it to you. It does not cost you anything as they bill your insurance. Toll free number for appointment and information is (888) 214-1247. 24/7 **Veteran Crises Line** is: (877) 927-8387.

It was brought to attention that veterans were having trouble contacting the Van Buren County Service Officer. The position is vacant at the current time. They are looking for someone to hire

**Yours in comradeship, Bob Adams**