



McGowan-Johnson Post #68
P.O. Box 19, Paw Paw, Michigan 49079-0019



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 * **NOTICE:** * * * * Important **DATES, and EVENTS** will have **STARS** in the heading. * * * *

★ ★ ★ ⌚ TIME TO PAY YOUR 2019 DUES. We are 5 members short of reaching 100% of our membership. If you have **NOT** paid your dues, please do so **NOW**. Your **NEW** membership card should have 2019 at the top. Dues are \$ 55.00. Help us meet our goal. **★ ★ ★**

★ ★ ★ ★ ACTIVITIES CALENDAR ★ ★ ★ ★

Legion Executive Committee— Thursday, FEB 7th — 7:30 p.m. (Downstairs)

Legion Regular Meeting— Thursday, FEB 14th —7:30 p.m. (Downstairs)

THURSDAY, FEB. 21st, 7:30 p.m. —Auxiliary (upstairs) - SONS of the AMERICAN LEGION (Downstairs)

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

Legion Regular Meeting— Thursday, FEB 28th —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

FEBRUARY: Birthstone, Amethyst ⇒ Flower, Violet and the common Primrose. February.2nd— Groundhog Day ⇒14th Valentines Day ⇒18th Presidents Day

FOURTH DISTRICT MEETING IN JANUARY: Meeting was hosted by Allegan Post #89 and graced with the present of Department Commander, Steve Striggow. Commander Striggow reported that the Department of MI is re-districting the Michigan Legion Districts and Zones. Example our fourth District covers Baroda to Hastings. Long way to travel for District and Zone meetings. Revisions to membership transfer to make less paper work. Finally there is a bill introduced that veterans with 100% disability rating will have their Social Security income reduced.

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ We are still looking for candidates for Boys State and Student Trooper Programs. **Boys State** will be held June 16 thru June 22, 2019 at Grand Valley State University. **Student Trooper Program** will be held July 14 thru July 19, 2019 at the Michigan State Police Academy in Lansing. If you have a family member in high school and has an interest please contact any officer (Top of this page)

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The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency has identified over 130 of the 429 sailors killed in the sinking of the USS Oklahoma at Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. There were 41 gravesite at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific at Punchbowl that held 100's of unidentified sailors who died on the **USS Oklahoma**. Paw Paw's son **Seaman First Class Wilbur F. Balance** is still unidentified. **See his memorial on the north wall of the legion hall.**

I cannot stress how great of a job the **Van Buren County Veterans Service Officer, Karee Krause** is doing for Van Buren County veterans. She can be contacted at: Van Buren County Veterans Affairs—219 East Paw Paw Street (Third Floor) - Paw Paw, MI 49079. E-mail: Krause@vbco.org—Phone: 269-657-7376. Call with questions or appointments. In town? Stop by her office any time. **PLEASE** locate your discharge (DD 214) today. Need help? Call Karee

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ We are now registered with WWMT-TV to have cancelations announce on their website and on TV.

Happy Valentines Day



Yours in Comradeship, Bob Adams