



McGowan-Johnson Post #68
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 * **NOTICE:** * * * * Important **DATES**, and **EVENTS** will have **STARS** in the heading. * * * *

Happy New Year — Health and Happiness to all.

★ ★ ★ ⌚ TIME TO PAY YOUR 2019 DUES. We are 7 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, JAN 3rd — 7:30 p.m. (Downstairs)

Legion Regular Meeting— Thursday, JAN 10th — 7:30 p.m. (Downstairs)

THURSDAY, JAN. 17th, 7:30 p.m. —Auxiliary (upstairs) - SONS of the AMERICAN LEGION (Downstairs)

V.F.W. Meeting — Monday, JAN 21st, 7:30 p.m.—Upstairs

Legion Regular Meeting— Thursday, JAN 24th —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

Last month new LED lights were installed upstairs. This should save money for other projects. This month new locks will be installed in the legion hall. If you need a key you can obtain a new key by **coming to the legion meeting**. Times of meetings posted above. We are seeking a grant from Home Depot to remodel the entire upstairs. Thanks to all who used their time and talent for this project.

The Christmas party for our local veterans organizations had a good attendance. One of the finest meals was presented by our kitchen crew this year. Betsy Peck conducted our FREE annual raffle. Everyone enjoyed the evening. Members should know that if you attend our free annual dinner functions you will recover your annual dues cost. **Hope to see more people attend this coming year.**

January 21st, Martin Luther King Day—January Birth Stone Garnet—Flower, Carnation.

This past year we have lost more member than usual. Sadly Past Commander George Siskaninetz past away December 24, 2018. The fourth Thursday in April we will honor our deceased members that have died this past year at our annual Post Everlasting Ceremony. Dinner will be provided to those that attend. We will also be updating our web site with a Post Everlasting page. In 1976 I initiated the Post Everlasting Ceremony and have written a brief history of our deceased members since 1976. I'll let you know when it is up and running (or visit our website and Facebook page frequently).

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ We are 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. Requirements are a male students (there is a Girls State) who have completed 11th grade of high school or equivalent. **Student Trooper Program** will be held July 14 thru July 19, 2019 at the Michigan State Police Academy in Lansing. The program is for students entering 10th, 11th and 12th grades in the fall of 2018 and are 16-18 years old interested in criminal justice. Must have **NO** juvenile or criminal record. Our student candidate will be in memory **Sgt. Clarence Bonter**. Applications on our website at: www.americanlegionpost68mi.org/. If you have a family member interest in attending, (children, grandchildren, nephews, etc.) please contact the post immediately as we will be contacting the area high schools for a candidates to both programs. First come, first served. ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

Benny decided to buy a present for his Uncle Sam's birthday, so with his older brother's help he bought a present, gift wrapped it, and brought it over to his uncle. His uncle, knowing that Benny's father manufactured apple juice, and seeing a wet spot on the bottom corner of the box, decided to have some fun with Benny by trying to guess what was in the box. "Hmm" said Uncle Sam, dipping his finger on the wet spot and taking a quick taste, "I'm going to guess it's a case of apple juice." "No" said Benny jumping up and down clearly enjoying the game. "Not apple juice?" Said Uncle Sam clearly surprised. After another quick taste and a brief pause he guessed again "is it apple cider?" "No," said Benny practically squealing in excitement **"IT'S A PUPPY."**

Yours in comradeship, Bob Adams