



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



## MARCH — 2019

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★ **NOTICE:** ★ ★ ★ ★ Important **DATES**, and **EVENTS** will have **STARS** in the heading. ★ ★ ★ ★  
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★ ★ ★ ⌚ **TIME TO PAY YOUR 2019 DUES.** We are a **COUPLE** 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, MARCH 7th — 7:30 p.m. (Downstairs)

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

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

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

Legion Regular Meeting— Thursday, MARCH 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**

**MARCH:** Birthstone, Aquamarine (A birthstone is a gem stone that represents the month of birth. Birth stones are and can be worn as jewelry and pendants). The first century Jewish historian, Josephus believed there was a connection between the twelve stones in Aaron's breastplate, the twelve months of the year, and the twelve signs of the zodiac. ♦ Flower, Daffodil also known as Jonquil or Narcissus. ♦ March 6th Ash Wednesday ♦ 10th Daylight Savings ♦ 17th St. Patrick's Day ♦ 20th Vernal Equinox

### TIME IS GETTING SHORT

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ 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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Coming up on April 25th will be our Past Commanders, Old Timers Night. This dinner meeting is free and we will honor Past Commanders of this post and others as well as honoring our deceased members from this past year. Invitations will be sent out in early April to deceased members family.

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ We are now registered with WWMT-TV to have cancelations announce on their website and on TV. We will also post it on our website.

★ ★ ★ **Van Buren County Veterans Service Officer, Karee Krause:** Van Buren County Veterans Affairs: 219 East Paw Paw Street (Third Floor) - Paw Paw, MI 49079. E-mail: [Krausek@vbco.org](mailto:Krausek@vbco.org) —Phone: 269-657-7376. Questions or Help.

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ The birth of the American Legion (organizational meeting) was March 15-17th, 1919 in Paris France and was known as the Paris Caucus. The second organizational meeting was May of 1919 in St, Louis, MO. After completing the constitution in the temporary headquarters in New York, Congress granted the charter in September of 1919. The first National Convention, held in Minneapolis, MN, adopted a permanent constitution and elected officers to head the organization. The OFFICIAL Birth of the American Legion is March 15th, 1919. Today it is the largest veterans organization.



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY AMERICAN LEGION!

Happy St. Patrick's Day.— Be happy. Yours in Comradeship, Bob Adams