



**Michigan American Legion Wilwin Lodge**  
**212 North Verlinden Avenue, Suite A**  
**Lansing, Michigan 48915**

The Michigan American Legion Wilwin Lodge needs cash contributions to sustain operations. This is an American Legion of Michigan project. In the past 2 years we have grown exponentially.

**Exciting happenings to your Veteran's facility in 2011:**

1. Donation by Mr. Considine of 77 additional acres adjacent to the original 520 acres;
2. Under current construction—a 50' x 80' conference center/dining hall with full kitchen—seating for approximately 200 financed by donations of approximately \$400,000, also donated by Mr. Considine;
3. Dr. Kane, a psychologist, from the Grand Rapids V.A. Hospitals stated after accompanying 7 severely diagnosed PTSD Gulf War Veterans who spent a week with their caregivers at WILWIN: "This is the only place in the Midwest that I would recommend for PTSD Veterans. I will apply for a Federal Grant to further the cause of rehabilitating our Veterans." This could be essential in helping these Veterans and establishing Statewide if not a Midwest wide recognition as the "Go to" place;
4. Handicapped Veterans almost every week at WILWIN at no cost to the Veteran.

WE APPRECIATE ANY CONTRIBUTIONS YOUR ORGANIZATION CAN AFFORD. Poppy Funds can be used for these donations. We are a 501(c)3 Corporation. For any individuals in your organization who wish to contribute individually, all contributions are fully deductible. ALL DONATIONS WILL BE ACKNOWLEDGED. APPRECIATION CERTIFICATES GIVEN FOR \$500 DONATIONS

2012 projects include new housing units for Veterans, a caretaker's cabin, and a pavilion. This project has progressed to the point that a full-time on-premise caretaker will be needed in the future.

**ATTENTION ALL VETERANS**

The Historical, 6000 sq. ft. Wilwin Lodge is open to all Veterans and their families on a reservation basis only. For reservations, call Louis Oberle Telephone: 906-477-6229, e-mail: [LouOberle@yahoo.com](mailto:LouOberle@yahoo.com) or Bill Hafeman, telephone: 906-639-2254;

## FAQ

### What is Wilwin?

The "Michigan American Legion Wilwin Lodge, Inc." is a 501(c)3 Michigan non-profit corporation designed to help give our wounded warriors and those Veterans suffering from Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), a chance of Rest, Recuperation, Relaxation and Rehabilitation.

### Where is Wilwin located?

Wilwin Lodge is located on 600 acres of forested land approximately 30 miles NW of the Mackinaw Bridge and 3 miles west of Trout Lake in the Upper Peninsula

### Can I use the facilities as a Legionnaire, Sons of the Legion or Auxiliary member?

Veterans and major donors can visit the facility anytime between Memorial Day and October 15<sup>th</sup> when the colors are in full display. Reservations are required so an escort can show you around this historical facility.

There are 4 ways to visit or use the facility.

1. As a member of the American Legion family or a Veteran, you and your wife or family can stay at the lodge for a nominal fee. All funds to be used to operate the facility. Reservations are required.
2. If you qualify as a wounded warrior or PTSD veteran, and qualify through the VA or our VA&R organization you and your immediate family can stay for a week free.
3. If you have a motor home or a 5<sup>th</sup> wheel, you can use the facilities for a minimum fee.
4. Or, you're welcome to tour the facility any day you want. Reservations must be made in advance so the caretaker knows you are coming.

### Can I donate anything other than cash?

The facility is in need of operating cash to maintain the facilities such as heat, upkeep, repairs, insurance, etc. However, the facility could use a 4-wheel ATV, a handicapped van, a pontoon boat, and a small tractor with a front end loader. For a donation of \$12500.00 you can sponsor a cabin. The more housing units at Wilwin, the more Veterans we can serve.

### What is the future of Wilwin?

We foresee 20 or more cabins on the property to be used by eligible Veterans. A fulltime psychologist and psychiatrist from the VA facility will be on hand to serve our Veterans in need. There are also plans for a RV park, a place for Boy Scouts and Girl Scout bivouacs, etc. Currently a 4,000 square foot conference center/mess hall is being built with a full service kitchen. Barracks type of housing may also be in the making to house large groups of Veterans for meetings and conferences.

Cell: 906-280-2342, e-mail: [bhafeman@alphacomm.net](mailto:bhafeman@alphacomm.net). A \$50 per night donations is requested to help off-set lodge expenses. Book early! Motor homes and camper trailers are also welcome at a minimal fee.

REMEMBER, HANDICAPPED VETERANS STAY AT WILWIN AT NO COST TO THEM. IT IS THERE REST, RELAXATION, RECUPERATION, AND REHABILITATION CENTER!

REMEMBER, ALSO: Wilwin is available for Boy Scout and Girl Scout bivouacs with over 10 miles of hiking trails within the facility and another 15 miles on adjoining State property. Reservations are required.

Church or other organizational youth groups may also use the facilities. Reservations are required.

Thank you for any donation your organization can make toward making WILWIN a great success. \$12,500 buys a cabin in your name; \$6250 buys a half cabin.

Bill Hafeman, Past Department Commander,  
Friend of Wilwin

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**YES! I want to support the Wilwin Project**

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