



August 2021 Newsletter

American Legion Urbandale Post 663

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"This nation will remain the land of the free only so long as it is the home of the brave." – Elmer Davis

Commanders Comments:

I want to say how wonderful it was to see many of you again for the 4TH of July Parade in Urbandale this year. It was a great turn out with huge crowds lining the streets cheering us on.

At this time we are prepping for the Veterans Day Parade that will take place at the State Fair in August. We are looking forward to it with great anticipation after a long absence.

Please read your flyer that you receive in the mail about our Grand Opening on August 19th. It will be our first Dinner in a year and a half. Remember it is absolutely free of charge. It will be a wonderful time to see old friends and talk about old times.

At this time we have been informed that we have lost our Elvis Impersonator for our entertainment, but I am working on getting Patrick Palmersheim, "The Father of Iowa's Arlington" as a guest Speaker.

I can't wait to see all of you again.
Michael Knight Commander Post 663

Volunteer's Needed:

Service Officer Robert Morris is looking for volunteers for a flag presentation for the Military Tribute Concert. Monday Aug 16 at the Iowa State Fair Bill Riley Stage. Event is at 4:30 PM
Contact Robert at robertmorris4710@gmail.com, home 278-4231 or cell 208-1450.

Also Robert would like to gauge the interest in people willing to present the flag for Urbandale home football games on Friday nights. Please let Robert know if you are Interested please call Robert Morris 515-278-4231 home or 515-2061450 cell. robertmorris4710@gmail.com.

Rental Coordinator:

Are you looking for a place for your family reunion or your special anniversary? The Legion Hall is available for rent. We have special rates for members. Spread the word among your friends and neighbors. Our rental rates are very competitive. Call or text me at 515-681-9663 for rentals information.
Gordon Hendrickson, Rental Coordinator

POST EVERLASTING:

A small group of us has started planning for the fall Post Everlasting Ceremony. This ceremony will represent Legionnaires that have passed away in 2019 and 2020. I am happy to report that Rob Stark, our Post Chaplain, has graciously agreed to be the primary lead for this event again.

The decision has been made to have the ceremony on the evening of Tuesday, September 28th. This date was selected because our Auxiliary Unit has their regularly scheduled meeting that afternoon at the Post -- thereby will be on station to help us set up for the evening event. This is not a regular Post meeting night, as we previously agreed upon...however, we will certainly let the Post know of the event, if members would like to attend.

We are actively planning for a Post Everlasting ceremony this fall. This will represent Legionnaires that have passed away in 2019 and 2020. We are having some difficulty finding name and address information for family members of the following deceased members. If you have knowledge of family members and how to contact them to receive an invitation to the ceremony, please reach out to me directly. Families of: Gene Cocherell, Paul King, Vernon Hintze, Ronald Crane, John McCurdy, Elbert Bunch, Steven L Dickerson, James Duff, Otto Johnson, Robert Ascheman, Ronald E Anderson, Phil Gross, Philip Syverson, Tom Vlassis, Harold Teater and Kenneth Lawson.

Thank you -- Peg Mullen Membership Chair
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Membership Report:

The new membership year has kicked off! Please feel free to pay your 2022 dues online with a credit card or send a check to the Post. The sooner you pay your dues, the sooner the reminder messages will stop for you. As of right now, we have about 25 members that have renewed for 2022. I know the last year and a half has been very different in terms of Post gatherings and events, but your membership and membership dues represent a much larger commitment to Veteran's everywhere in our community -- who are still in need of assistance from the American Legion. If you have any questions about your membership standing, please feel free to reach me anytime. Thank you so much for all of your support, as we hopefully will start to resume more of our normal activities.
Peg Mullen, Membership Chair



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***** Perform Buddy Checks *****

Don't forget to check in with a buddy this month. A call, text or email to a fellow veteran can mean a great deal during this holiday season.

Check in with older veterans in your communities to make sure they have the supplies they need, are feeling healthy and help them acquire the resources they need. Of course, Buddy Checks can be done with phone calls and emails so as not to risk spreading or contracting coronavirus.

Dates to Remember:

August 4, U.S. Coast Guard Birthday
August 5, Officer's Meeting
August 7, Purple Heart Day
August 15, V-j Day 1945
September 2, Japan Signs Surrender 1945
September 2, Officer's Meeting
September 6, Labor Day/Rosh Hashanah (Sundown)

Flags for Sale:

American Legion Post 663 sells new flags in three sizes 3X5 - \$30.00, 4X6 - \$40.00, 5X8 - \$50.00 the Post keeps several in stock

Urbandale Auxiliary #663:

Here are the following dates for Auxiliary meetings

for August: August 19—Joint with the Legion as a "Welcome Back". Hall opens at 5:30.

August 24—Auxiliary Meeting at 1:00pm at the Legion Hall.

Our Auxiliary is assisting the Legion with our Post 'Welcome Back' dinner and celebration on Thursday, August 19th. If you are an Auxiliary member and would be interested in helping with this event by making a side dish to share for the group meal, please contact me directly. Thank you --

Joann Hotovec—President Auxiliary #663
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DINNER MEETINGS TO RETURN:

Thursday August 19, 2021. FREE OF CHARGE. Burgers and Hot Dogs and all the extras. Elvis returns and a Raffle for a handmade clock and quilt of honor. Hall opens at 5:30-Dinner and program 6:30 PM

Dinner & Meetings to return
in AUGUST 19, 2021.