



December 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:

On December 14th starting at 0800, we are asking for volunteers to assist us in building Christmas Baskets for our fellow veterans. Please try and stop by and help us in this effort. I also want to thank the rest of the Officer Board for hanging in there during this time of Worldwide Pandemic. It has not been easy and continues to be a challenge.

We are still looking for a Rental Coordinator Volunteer to take the position. We need help!!! As the Pandemic changes from day to day it is getting harder to see the light at the end of the tunnel.

I want to make it perfectly clear that we continue to be closed for our monthly Dinner/Meetings, but we continue to have our Officer Meetings.

Rentals of the building are on hold for non-members, and we are still trying to support members when we can. It is hard to justify letting a person rent the building and at the same time saying it isn't safe to have our Dinner/Meetings. It is defiantly a fine line that we are trying to walk.

I want to thank you all for your continued support and please renew your membership and if you already have renewed, please accept my sincere thanks.

Post 663 Commander
Michael Knight

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.

Christmas Baskets:

Tuesday December 14, build baskets for vets.

Wednesday December 15, deliver baskets to Vets.

Looks Whats Coming!!!:

CHILICHILICHILI

Make your reservations for hot, tasty chili on Saturday January 15, 2022 We will be serving, chili and chicken and noodles along with beef summer sausage, venison summer sausage, and a piece of pie for curb side pickup between 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. For more information or reservations call text or email Bob Henderson at 515-577-3905 or ebhender45@aol.com to reserve your dinner. Twelve-ounce (12oz) servings are only \$8 each.

Membership Report:

Our 2022 Post membership currently stands at 253 members in good standing, out of a goal of 362 members. If you have not renewed for 2022, please do so at your earliest convenience. If you are interested in sponsoring some of our more senior members – WWII, Korea specifically – that have not paid their 2022 dues yet, please send your payment to the Post with a note attached indicating this is your intention. I will be sure your donation is applied to the membership of those individuals, and they are made aware of your anonymous generosity. Please remember to keep me posted on any address or telephone number changes. Any questions, please let me know. Thank you.

Peg Mullen, Membership
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Urbandale Auxiliary #663:

The Auxiliary will not have their regular meeting in December.

We plan to help the Legion with the Christmas baskets on December 14th at 8:00 AM.

We also plan on helping with the Chili supper On January 15, 2022, that is being planned. Our next meeting will be January 25 @ 1:00 PM .

Joann Hotovec, President American Legion Auxiliary Unit 663 hotovec@centurylink.net



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Dates to Remember:

Officer's Meeting first Thursday of the month @ the Post.

December 7, Pearl Harbor

December 15, Bill of Rights Day

December 20, Panama Operation 1989

December 21, First day of Winter

December 25, Christmas

December 26, Kwanzaa Begins

December 31, New Year's Eve

January 1, New Year's Day

Dinners & Business

Meetings are on hold

until further notice.

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

***** 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.

Membership FAQs:

All male descendants adopted sons and stepsons of members of the American Legion. and such descendants of veterans who died in service during World War 1 or since December 7, 1941, during the delimiting periods set forth in Article iv, Section 1, of the National Constitution of The American Legion or who died subsequent to their honorable discharge from such service, shall be eligible for membership in the Sons of the American Legion. There shall be no form, or class of membership except an active membership.

Are girls or women eligible to join the sons?

No. Only males are eligible to join the sons. Women who are veterans and are eligible to join The American Legion are welcome and encouraged to do so. The American legion Auxiliary was established to provide Legion Family membership for female relatives of Legionnaires.