



July 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 share with you an event that occurred on the 12th of June at Camp Dodge. This was the first time the American Legion Post 663 and the VFW Post 9668 performed a Joint Flag Retirement Ceremony. It took place in Urban Park on the Camp Dodge Military Complex. VFW Members as well as American Legion Members attended the event. It was my honor to be part of this Ceremony in which we disposed of a total of 225 American Flags of all sizes. The American Legion Post 663 provided 100 Flags alone, which represented 2 years of collection because of COVID-19. I want to thank Ted Rutherford and Robert Morris for also representing Post 663 for this historic Ceremony. The event included Taps being played and was so well done that Troops stationed at Camp Dodge, stopped in cars, as well as those walking in the vicinity and came to attention and saluted until it was completed. The event was topped off with a BBQ by the VFW Post 9668, which included hamburgers, brats, and all of the trimmings. This event will be taking place next year and I hope more of you will take part, not only in the ceremony, but also in observance.

Please mark the 19th of August on your calendars, for our first Dinner/Meeting of the season. This first Dinner/Meeting will be Free of Charge to our loyal American Legion Members and their families. **Also with this meeting comes the thrill of having the Elvis Impersonator back who pleased our audience in years past.** During this Dinner/Meeting we will also have a Raffle for a Hand Made Clock and a Quilt of Honor. Please come and show support to our Post, and an opportunity to see old friends and create new ones. Commander, Michael Knight

Volunteer's Needed:

A flag detail is needed to present the colors at the Friday night football games for Urbandale. Interested please call Robert Morris 515-278-4231 home or 515-2061450 cell. Robertmorris4710@gmail.com.

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

FROM THE ADJUTANT:

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as a PUFL, and your new Adjutant. My name is Charles D. Good. But I prefer to be called **Dan**. As a way of introduction, I have had multiple roles within the Military. I joined the Navy in Sept 73 (Vietnam Era veteran) but spent, most of my time in the Mediterranean on board various ships, cruising all over the Mediterranean. First, I was a Hospital Corpsman for 6 yrs prior to accepting a Commission as a Supply Officer in Dec 79, following graduation from NROTC at the University of South Carolina. I served as a Supply Officer in the Navy for 6yrs, prior to transferring to the Army as a Chaplain. I served at Walter Reed ARMC for a summer in some Chaplain training, before being assigned to an Armored Division in New Jersey. Once I moved from New Jersey to Colorado, then I was assigned to a Field Artillery Battalion, and then an Aviation Brigade. I grew up as a Navy brat, as my dad was Dr (a Navy Captain (O-6) serving multiple places around the world, including Guam and Yokosuka, Japan (during Vietnam). This is all to say, that I was and around the Military from Birth until 1995. Since 1983, I have also been an Ordained Minister serving as a Church Pastor and/or Chaplain. I really enjoyed my time in the Service and would gladly do it again if possible. Please feel free to contact me at **Revcdgood@hotmail.com** or at (515) 444-1701. Call, Email, or Text me, and I will get back to you Thank you!

Charles (Dan) Good, Adjutant

Membership Report:

Welcome to a new American Legion membership year! The 2022 renewal notifications are arriving via your mailbox shortly, if you have not received them already. Please renew for this next year whenever you have a chance. If you renew online, please send me a note so I can send out your new membership card -- the system upgrade is still underway at the National level, and I have limited visibility at this point. If you have a new mailing address and/or phone number, please let me know so I can update your records. I have been asked to share a couple of items with the larger group: For those interested in information related to the COVID-19 vaccine sweepstakes, here is the link: <https://www.polkcountyiowa.gov/health-department/2019-novel-coronavirus-covid-19/register-your-covid-19-vaccine-for-a-chance-to-win-50-000/>. It was also suggested I share an Iowa Public Television documentary link to "The People vs Agent Orange", for those that may be interested in this topic: <https://www.pbs.org/independentlens/documentaries/the-people-vs-agent-orange/>. Let me know if you have questions or concerns regarding your membership status. I hope to see many of you in person at our kickoff event in August!

Peg Mullen, Membership Chair
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POST EVERLASTING:

Please notify us when you know of a member who has passed away, we want to be sure to get them enrolled in Post Everlasting.
Please Contact Peg Mullen 515-205-6853 or mullen.margarete@gmail.com with name of member who passed away.

***** 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:

July 27, End of Korean War
August 2, Gulf of Tonkin, Vietnam
1964, Invasion of Kuwait Operation
Desert Shield 1990
August 4, U.S. Coast Guard Birthday
August 5, Officer's Meeting
August 7, Purple Heart Day
September 2, Japan Signs Surrender
1945

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:

At the Legion/Auxiliary breakfast on June 25th, Ginny Campbell and Barbara Hendrickson presented Tanner Kenin an Auxiliary Award from the National Office of the American Legion Auxiliary. This award was created to recognize a good deed, community service, or humanitarian contribution celebrating "Service, Not Self", the current motto for the Auxiliary. Tanner was recognized for his service project of picking up groceries and other items that homebound individuals needed during the pandemic and delivering them to their homes at no charge. Our Auxiliary Unit submitted his name for this award, and he was recognized at both the National and State level.

Here are the following dates for Auxiliary meetings:

July -- No Meeting

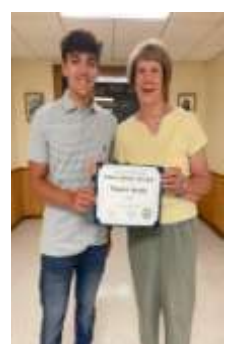
August --19th -- Joint with the Legion as a "Welcome Back". Info from Legion.

August 24th -- Auxiliary meeting at 1:00pm at the Legion Hall.

September 15th -- Joint with the Legion to hear Girls State and Boys State reports from the attendees.

September 28th -- Auxiliary meeting at 1:00pm at the Legion Hall. Thanks!

Meribeth Haynes - President Auxiliary #663
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Dinner & Meetings to return
in AUGUST 19, 2021.