



March 2022 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

From the Desk of the Commander

**Commanders Comments:**

We have been very productive with our Joint Food Drive with the VFW Post 9668 this last month. We held our Food Drive on Saturday the 15<sup>th</sup> of February from 10 AM to 4 PM. To say the least the weather was not cooperative with the extreme cold and strong winds. Despite the harsh weather conditions, we had a great turn out with volunteers from the American Legion, VFW, and Boy Scout Troop 98. Most volunteers served from 2 hours to a 4-hour shift.

I am happy to report that we collected 557 pounds of canned goods and 221 pounds of personal/hygiene products. We also collected a check for \$100.00 and more than \$150.00 in cash donations. Once all items were collected, they were delivered to the Food Pantry of Urbandale as a joint donation from Post 663 and VFW Post 9668. To say the least they were very grateful to receive such a donation from us,

I want to thank each and every one that volunteered to make this event happen in such a positive way.

Post 663 Commander  
Michael Knight

**Open House Thursday**

**April 21<sup>st</sup> @ the Post**

**See article below.**

**OPEN HOUSE:**

I want to invite each and every one of you to our Grand Opening on Thursday April 21<sup>st</sup> starting at 6 PM at post 663 in Urbandale. We will have trays of hors d'oeuvres and snacks at no cost to you and also will offer a variety of drinks, including soft drinks, wine and beer for a dollar donation each. We will have our traditional opening ceremony followed by a drawing for cash and prizes.

It has been two years since we have been open, because of the pandemic, and this will be an opportunity to visit old friends and share stories once again. See you there!

**Membership Report:**

Our Post has 292 members in good standing for 2022. A year ago, this time, we had 313 members in good standing. We are approximately 20 members less than we were for 2021 at this time. I have been made aware of two members passing away in January 2022. If you are planning on renewing for 2022, please do so soon. If you have any questions about membership for yourself or others, please let me know. We need everyone to help retain our current members, and attract new members to our Post. I am always open to feedback and ideas. Thank you. Peg Mullen, Membership [mullen.margarete@gmail.com](mailto:mullen.margarete@gmail.com)  
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**Dates to Remember:**

**Officer's Meeting first Thursday  
of the month @ the Post  
March 13, Daylight Savings time  
begins  
March 17, St Patrick's Day  
March 20, First Day of Spring  
April 10, Palm Sunday  
April 15, Good Friday/Passover  
Begins  
April 17, Easter  
May 118, Post Everlasting at the  
Post watch for details**

**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:**

The American Legion Auxiliary will have their next meeting on March 22 at 1 pm at the Legion Hall. Look forward to having our snowbirds back. Hope you all can attend.

Joann Hotovec, President American Legion Auxiliary, Unit 663.  
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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.