



April 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:**

I have just received word from Larry Cox, who has purchased four American Legion Baseball Hats and has had them autographed by one of the racing worlds professional drivers that drives with the American Legion logo on his vehicle. He has agreed to let them be raffled off at our Open House this April.

With this in mind I want to again invite you to our first Open House in over two years. The Grand Opening will be 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.

This will be an opportunity to visit old friends and share stories once again. See you there!

Commander Post 663

Michael Knight

**Open House Thursday**  
**April 21<sup>st</sup> @ the Post**  
**See article below.**

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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  
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**Dates to Remember:**

**Officer's Meeting first Thursday  
of the month @ the Post  
April 10, Palm Sunday  
April 15, Good Friday  
April 17, Easter  
May 8, Mother's Day  
May 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 April 26 at 1 pm at the Legion Hall.

We will be discussing our schedule for the distribution of our poppies. Hope to see you there.

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.