



American Legion Urbandale Post 663

August 2023

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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:

From the Desk of the Commander:

It is almost Fair time, and it seems the summer has just flown bye.

The first thing is that we plan on being part of the annual Iowa State Fair Parade again this year. The Veterans Day Parade takes place on Monday, the 14th of August.

I would like to thank everyone who helped make the 4th of July Urbandale Parade a great success again this year. We want to thank Jim Cade for his canopy and much needed improvements to our float. What a difference, compared to what we had before.

I have been working with the Urbandale Historical Society this month and I am pleased to announce that a representative from our Post will take part in a presentation next year at The Urbandale Library. Our presenter will be responsible for telling the story of the creation of our Post in Urbandale and about the American Legion.

I would also like to let you know that this month from VA, DAV and others Web Site is getting national recognition from many Veterans groups across the country. I have been contacted many times on the information we are presenting.

Commander Michael Knight Post 663

Membership Report:

Thank you to everyone for making the 2023 membership year so successful! As of June 30, 2023, we officially have 304 members in good standing. That is great! A special thank you to a determined Legionnaire that made it his personal goal to help us reach this milestone...very much appreciate his hard work to get us over the finish line -- and his financial

generosity at the last hour. So now we're off and running on 2024 dues! Many of you have paid already, thank you. If you have any questions as you make your renewal payment, please reach out -- I'm happy to help as needed. Thank you all for your ongoing support of Post 663.

Peg Mullen, Membership chairperson
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Urbandale Auxiliary Unit 663:

We ended our 2023 membership at 112% of our goal. Thank you to all who participated. We have started collecting dues for 2024 and have 3 new members. at this point.

Our project of collecting plastic bags is now over. The benches are being made and will be placed at various spots throughout Iowa.

Our project for July was hosting breakfast on Fri July 28. We had the girls who attended Girls State as our guests. The breakfast was a wonderful success and everyone who attended seemed to enjoy the food.

Our project for Aug will be to fill a plastic bag with a laundry sheet and a laundry soap pod. We will do this at our next meeting. They will be passed out to the homeless veterans who attend Stand Down for Veterans which will be held on September 15,16 and 17 in downtown DM.

In September our project will be to pass out backpacks to the children who attend this event. I have available times left on Sat and Sun. If you are interested in volunteering, please let me know.

Our next meeting will be Aug 22 at 1pm at the Legion.

Joann Hotovec, President American Legion Auxiliary, Urbandale Unit #663

Check dinner menu box for reservations and information.



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6805 DOUGLAS AVENUE
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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.

**August 17th Dinner Menu:
Monday, August 14th RSVP can be by text or phone call, too. 515 Hamburgers, Hot dogs, Baked Beans, Potato Salad, Chips, Ice Cream
Please RSVP to Peg Mullen by 515-205-6853**

Service Officer:

Our post will be performing a flag detail again this year for home Urbandale football games. Please contact Robert Morris at robertmorris4710@gmail.com or 278-4231 if you can help. The plan will probably be similar as last year. We can meet at the post about 6:30 PM and drive over in my car. Colors are posted at 7 PM and we are back at the post by about 7:15 PM Dates are September 1, September 8, September 22, September 29, October 20.
Robert Morris, Service Officer

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Service Officer:

Questions or concerns about getting enrolled in the VA System or questions about compensation.

qualifications, the VA Hospital or just how to get your DD-214, Please call your Post 663 Service Officer (Robert Morris at 515-278-4231)

***** 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.

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.

Officer's Meeting First Thursday of the Month @ the Post

August 7, Purple Heart Day

August 14, Veterans Day Parade @ Iowa State Fair

August 17, Dinner RSVP Peg Mullen by Monday August 14th.

515-205-6853 / Meeting to follow

August 19, Post Quarterly Food Drive 10 Am – 2 PM

September 2, V-J Day 1945

September 4, Labor Day

September 11, Patriot Day

September 15, POW/MIA Recognition Day