



American Legion Urbandale Post 663

December 2024

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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:

Start thinking about the Holliday Meal that will take place on Thursday the 19th of December. The Post will supply the Rotisserie Chicken as the main course. The rest of the meal is based on **POTLUCK**.

I suggest that those with last names beginning with A – L would bring a side dish. Those last names beginning with M – Z would bring a dessert.

There will be no official meeting, but instead a gathering of friends and fellow Legionnaires to enjoy each other’s company while sharing a Holiday Meal meal together. Happy Hour will start at 5:30 PM. If you decide to attend please **TEXT to RSVP to Commander Michael Knight at (515-556-9239) or e-mail to: (msgtknight1946@msn.com), your intentions by Sunday the 15th of December.**

Remember, it is FREE WILL DONATION.

On Friday the 13th of December, after coffee, we would ask for volunteers to help set up tables and chairs in preparation for the coffee and homemade deserts that will be offered to those who attended the Wreaths Across America Ceremony at McDivitt Cemetery.

For those of you who would like to participate on **Saturday the 14th** with placement of the wreaths at McDivitt Cemetery please show up at the cemetery by 09:30 with the ceremony starting at 10:00 AM.

This is a reminder that on the **16th of December** we will need volunteers starting at 0900 AM to help build **Christmas Baskets for Veterans** and that on the 17th of December we will need help delivering the baskets.

Fellow Legionnaires Post 663 will not have a Dinner/Meeting during the month of (January and February). The Post will not have an Officers Meeting during the month of (January and February). We will continue to supply you with our News Letter during (January and February).

We started implementing this policy last year based on our aging members with the winter weather Iowa experiences in those two months.

Michael Knight Post #663 Commander msgtknight1946@msn.com

Membership Report:

Membership renewal for 2025 has been slow this past month, we are about 75 renewals short of our assigned goal. The year is rapidly ending, so please renew as soon as possible. The State of Iowa American Legion has an incentive going on right now: To all Legion members who have completed their 2025 payment online, are a PUFL, or have had their Post submit their dues prior to December 31 2024 – are eligible for a chance at one of eight \$250 prizes. So, get your renewals in asap! Thank you very much.

Peg Mullen, Membership Chairperson #663 rpush20@gmail.com

Urbandale Auxiliary Unit #663:

The Auxiliary is opening the Legion Hall at 10:30 am on Saturday December 14. After the Wreaths Across

America ceremony, you are invited to come for coffee, cocoa and some home made breakfast treats.

The Auxiliary purchased 2 wreaths for McDivitt Cemetery.

On December 16 we will be helping fill the Christmas Bags for the Veterans.

On December 19 we will be decorating for our Christmas Dinner.. Hope to see you at these activities.

The Auxiliary will not have a meeting in December.

The next meeting will be January 28, 2025. Enjoy the upcoming holidays!

Joann Hotovec, President American Legion Auxiliary, #663



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THE ADJUTANT / Membership

By this time, Thanksgiving leftovers have been cleverly disguised as something else consumable, a few snowflakes are falling, and your Christmas shopping list is about done. But life goes on here with my Adjutant duties. The 5th Grade Flag Essays are nearing the final review, and the winning selections are in the final stages. Many thanks to the willing volunteers who judged this year's 134 entries. Soon, the overall winner will be forwarded to the Sixth District for their consideration. There's a lot of things happening around Post 663 which means that there are several volunteer opportunities available. Please take note of the Dates to Remember and be sure to check out the website for additional details. With that said, please have a Joyous Christmas holiday. See you at our Post Dinner.

Steve Smith, Post #663 Adjutant

Dates to Remember Officer's

**No Offices Meeting in January or
February 2025**

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**December 16, Volunteers needed to
build baskets**

**December 17, Volunteers needed to
Deliver Baskets**

**December 19, Holiday Meal
Post will supply Rotisserie Chicken as
main course rest of menu is Potluck
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bring a side dish M-Z would bring a
dessert**

December 24, Christmas Eve Day

December 25, Christmas Day

December 31, New Year's Eve

January 1, New Year's Day