



February 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

**Commanders Comments:**

I do hope that everyone that did order the Chili Dinner thoroughly enjoyed it, even though the weather didn't do us any favors.

We have received good news that Post 663, Urbandale has placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in a tie situation for the 6<sup>th</sup> District Flag Essay Contest. A big thank you goes out to all that made this happen.

We will continue to meet as your Officers and to develop a plan to bring member gatherings back to our Post hopefully this spring. Our goal is to develop a safe and productive environment for all members to enjoy and return to the comradeship we all miss so much.

Post 663 Commander  
Michael Knight

**Urbandale Auxiliary #663:**

The American Legion Auxiliary had a project this month to help the veterans on Valentine's Day. We gave a Valentine and a plate of goodies to all of our homebound vets. Thanks to all of you that helped with this project.

Our meeting for February will be February 22 at 2:30. Please note the time is different for this

meeting. Hope to see you there.

Joann Hotovec President American Legion Auxiliary Unit 663  
hotovec@centurylink.net

**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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**Dinners & Business**  
**Meetings are on hold**  
**until further notice.**



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**Dates to Remember:**

**Officer's Meeting first Thursday**

**of the month @ the Post**

**February 14, Valentine's Day**

**February 21, President's Day**

**March 2, Ash Wednesday**

**March 13, Daylight Savings time  
begins**

**March 17, St Patrick's Day**

**March 20, First Day of Spring**

**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.

**Congratulations to American  
Legion Auxiliary Unit 663**

On behalf of American legion auxiliary national president Kathy Daudistel and the National Membership Committee I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate and thank your unit for achieving your 2021-2022 membership goal. Your dedication to our veterans, active military and their families shows through your commitment to membership. We wish you a most successful year.

Marcy Jorar

2021-2022 Central Division Membership  
chairman

**\*\*\* 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.