



American Legion Urbandale Post 663

February 2024

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Urbandale IA 50322

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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:

I do believe we have had enough snow for a while, at least I think so. I want to thank the great snow removal service that was provided for us by Sunshine Lawn and Landscape. They worked very close with us to provide easy access to our building for the weekend after the snowstorm, so our renters could enjoy their day.

I have been working with the Urbandale Historical Society these past weeks in order to present a Historical Overview of the History of our Post. The event will take place at the Urbandale Library starting at 2PM until 4PM on Sunday the 11th of February. Along with myself Dennis Applehons, Commander of VFW Post 9668 will accompany me in this endeavor.

Please check out our Website: (urbandaleamericanlegion.org).

I have added important information to the Resource Page. One is a link to information on Social Security and how it relates to Military Service. The second link is a Veteran's Guide to Vocational Schools and Apprenticeship Programs. The next link is for Memory Care Resources for Veterans and the last is Veterans Community Resources. The information provided is not only for you, but for family members as well.

Please don't forget our Quarterly Food Drive on February 17th from 10AM until 2PM. Donations of food and or money is welcomed. If you write a check please make it out to the Urbandale Food Pantry. We can always use volunteers to help in the collecting of items.

**Commander Michael Knight
Post #663**

Membership Report:

Thank you to each of you that paid your membership dues for 2024, much appreciated. If your 2024 membership has not been paid yet, your membership is considered in a delinquent status. If you want to remain a member of the National American Legion and Post 663, you must immediately pay the 2024 dues renewal of \$45.00. Doing so will move you to 'in good standing' status until December 2024. **Every single membership really does count.** If you have any questions or concerns about your membership, please reach out to me at any time. Thank you.

**Peg Mullen, Membership Chairperson
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Urbandale Auxiliary Unit 663:

Happy Valentine's Day to each of you from the Auxiliary. The week of February 14 each year is National Salute to Veteran Patients. On February 16 the Auxiliary is going to be at the South Side Des Moines VA Clinic. We will be serving treats to all of the patients attending the Clinic on that Day from 8am to 2pm. Our next Auxiliary Meeting will be March 26 at 1pm at the Legion Hall. Thank you.

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



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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.

**No Dinner Meeting and
 No Business Meeting In
 February**

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)

Here are the 5th Grad Essay winners. From St. Pius X, DM Christian & Webster Schools



St Pius X



DM Christian



Webster

Dates to Remember:

- Officer's Meeting Thursday March 7th @ the Post 5:30 PM**
- February 14, Valentine's Day**
- February 14, Ash Wednesday**
- February 19, Presidents' Day**
- February 29, Leap Year Day**
- March 10, Daylight Savings**
- March 17, St. Patrick's Day**
- March 19, Spring Begins**
- March 24, Palm Sunday**
- March 29, Good Friday**
- March 31, Easter**
- April 1. April Fool's Day**
- April 22, Earth Day**
- April 23, Passover Begins**