



January 2022 Newsletter

American Legion Urbandale Post 663

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| Auxiliary President | Joann Hotovec | 515-306-1926 | | | |

"This nation will remain the land of the free only so long as it is the home of the brave." – Elmer Davis

Commanders Comments:

Welcome 2022 and we all hope for a better year ahead. The first thing I need to tell you are that the American legion is looking for volunteers for Phone Duty at the Disability Office located at the Federal Building.

Please call 515-720-2361 or by email golf0069@gmail.com for further information. This will help our fellow veterans apply for their well-deserved benefits.

The next important reminder is that on the 15th of January we will be offering Chile soup and or Chicken and Noodle soup. Twelve oz. is selling for \$8.00 each for curbside pickup. Please call or text Bob Henderson at 515-577-3905 or email at ebhender45@aol.com to reserve your dinner.

We are still looking for a Rental Coordinator to be in charge of the Rental Program. As of this date we have had no interest in this position.

I want to make this perfectly clear to our members and the general public that we will not be renting the building until at least April. During this time I will lead and coordinate changes to the rental program, including price changes, time that we will be open for rental, and more restrictions. Instead of renting to a group that will harm our facility we will be more selective. In the future we will be looking for possible clubs or organizations that would use our building for meetings and eliminate wild party's that last to midnight or beyond and need the police to have it shut down.

Post 663 Commander
Michael Knight

Urbandale Auxiliary #663:

The American Legion Auxiliary will have a meeting on January 25 at 1pm at the Legion Hall.

We will be discussing our next project to do something for the home bound veterans on Valentine's Day.

Hope to see you there.

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

Membership Report:

Thanks to each of you that renewed your 2022 membership by the end of 2021. We ended the year with 285 members in good standing, going into 2022. Also, a special thank you to those generous members that donated additional dollars, to be used to sponsor the membership of others. If you still plan to renew your Legion membership for 2022, you need to do so very soon. If not, you will be removed from mail lists and newsprint communication from the National, State and Post 663 rosters. If you need to update any information with recent changes regarding your home address, cell phone number, or email address, please reach out to me directly. Let me know if you have any questions regarding your membership status. Thank you. Peg Mullen, Membership mullen.margarete@gmail.com phone 515-205-6853

5th Grade Essay Contest: Lily Brown from Urbandale Webster Elementary was the overall winner from those submissions from St Pius, Des Moines Christian and Webster Elementary Schools

Pictured are Lily Brown, teacher Lisa Schaub, Brian Schrauth, Principal and Jim Cade at presentation of Lily's award January 3rd.



Dates to Remember:

Officer's Meeting first Thursday of the month @ the Post

January 17, Martin Luther King Jr Day

February 2, Ground Hog Day

February 4, USO Founded 1941



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Food Drive



THE AMERICAN LEGION

Join VFW Post 9668 Urbandale/Johnston and Urbandale

American Legion 663

in helping

The Urbandale Food Pantry

Please bring items to The American Legion

6805 Douglas Ave, Urbandale

Saturday - 2/5/2022 from 10:00 to 4:00

Curb Side Drop Off the following including Monetary support



Urbandale Food Pantry

Host a Drive

Food Drive

- Meals in a can
- Canned Fruits
- Peanut Butter
- Tuna and canned meats
- Cereal
- Canned vegetables
- Pasta Sauce

Personal Hygiene Drive

- Toilet Paper
- Shampoo
- Laundry detergent
- Body wash/soap
- Toothpaste
- Deodorant
- Diapers
- Wipes

