



American Legion Urbandale Post 663

June 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:

From the Desk of the Commander:

The contributions for our Parking Lot Project are going very well. The responses from our members has been outstanding.

I am still looking forward to hear if there is any desire to participate in the Veterans Parade this year at the Iowa State Fair.

I hope you all have a wonderful summer.

Michael Knight

Post #663 Commander

Membership Report:

The 2024 membership year ends on June 30, 2024. If you are still planning to renew for this year, please do so before the end of June. The new 2025 membership year kicks off on July 1. The portion of membership dues that goes to support the National American Legion is increasing by \$5.00 for 2025. For our Post to retain our \$4.00 per membership renewal, our 2025 dues are increasing to \$50.00. Membership renewal letters should be arriving by mail sometime after July 1. Please reach out if questions. Thank you.

Peg Mullen, Membership Chairperson
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Urbandale Auxiliary Unit 663:

Thank you to everyone who helped with donations for our poppies. We have collected \$1128 for our veterans fund. Our project for June is to help the Urbandale High School Alumni get their gift bags ready for those who participate in the Alumni golf tournament. We will meet at the Legion Hall at 11am on June 19.

Our next Auxiliary meeting will be June 25 at 1pm at the Legion Hall.

Joann Hotovec, President

American Legion Auxiliary, #663

FROM THE ADJUTANT:

The 4th of July Parade is just around the corner and **Post 663 will have an entry again this year. There will be a need for walkers to hand out candy, select persons to ride in 2 cars, and ample space for members to ride on the float. All you have to do is be at the Legion Hall by 8:15 am on the 4th, smile, and wave at the crowd. You could maybe keep a lookout for potential new Legion members as you survey the crowd. P.S .Wear your hat and apply some sunscreen!**

Thanks to those who turned in a summary of their volunteer activities. We indeed live some busy lives but still find time to help others and that goes along with "The American Legion Preamble".

Stephen Smith

Post 663 Adjutant



**URBANDALE POST 663
6805 DOUGLAS AVENUE
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**No Dinner Meeting
June or July**

July 4th Candy Donations:

**Hard Candy individually
wrapped Leave at Post
between 8:30 AM and
10:00 AM.**

Cash donations accepted

Dates to Remember:

**Officer's Meeting First
Thursday of the month @ the
Post 5:30 PM**

June 14, Flag Day

June 16, Father's Day

June 19, Juneteenth Day

June 20, Summer Begins

**July 4, Independence
Day**

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.**

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)