



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

From the Desk of the Commander:

Commanders Comments:

March is here and spring is just around the corner.

Our Post was selected to participate in the awards ceremony on Saturday the 4th of March at the Holiday Inn located on Merle Hay Road in Des Moines.

Iowa Academic Decathlon is an Organization that recognizes High School Students from all over Iowa. There were over 300 students that attended the ceremony and represented grades from the freshman class to the senior class. I want to thank Jim Cade, Robert Morris, Joann Hotovec and Peg Mullen for volunteering to hand out the awards. The organization formally recognized us and provided a lovely dinner for our group to enjoy.

It was an honor and a privilege to present an award to these young men and woman for their accomplishments. The evening renewed ones faith in the youth of today.

Please go to our Facebook page to enjoy the pictures of the event.

I can't believe we had to cancel our February dinner because of a last minute snowstorm. It was a call we had to make and hopefully the last one for a while.

Auxiliary President Joann Hotovec has a fabulous dinner planned for this month on the 16th of March so please try and attend.

Commander of Post 663

Michael Knight

Membership Report:

We are approaching the middle of March, so if you have not paid your 2023 annual dues, please do so soon. Our Post has lots of spring, summer and fall activities that you won't want to miss! If you have any questions about your membership, or need to update a mailing address, phone number, etc, please feel free to reach out. Thank you for your support of Post 663.

Peg Mullen, Membership chairperson
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Urbandale Auxiliary Unit 663:

As you all know, the Valentine Party had to be postponed because of the snowstorm.

Put it on your calendar for March 16.

The menu will include chips and salsa, beef and cheese enchiladas, rice and refried beans. The Auxiliary will provide a delicious dessert.

Social will start at 5:30 and dinner will be served at 6pm. The charge will be \$10.00.

Please make a reservation. You may call me or text me at 515-306-1926 or you can email me at hotovec@centurylink.net.

Looking forward, you can put July 28 on your calendar for a breakfast at 9am. We will introduce those who attended Girls State and Boys State.

Also, wanted to let you know that the Auxiliary has a project in which you all can help.

We are collecting plastic grocery bags which will be recycled and made into a bench.

This will be placed at Drake University where Girls State is held each year. Thank you.

Look forward to seeing everyone on Thursday, March 16.

Joann Hotovec, Auxiliary President, Urbandale Unit 663 hotovec@centurylink.net

March 16th Dinner, by American Legion Auxiliary 5:30 PM Social - Dinner 6:00 PM. \$10.00. Advanced reservations are required by March 13th call or text Joann Hotovec 515-306-1926 or email your reservation by Monday March 13th to: hotovec@Centurylink.net



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**Officer's Meeting First Thursday
of the Month @ the Post**

March 12, Daylight Saving Time

March 17, St Patrick's Day

March 20, First Day of Spring

April 3, Palm Sunday

**April 6, Passover begins at
sundown the day before**

April 7, Good Friday

April 9, Easter

April 28, Arbor Day

May 1, May Day

May 14, Mother's Day

***** 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.

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.

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.**

Post 663 Puzzle Swap

Bring in your used Jig Saw Puzzles to either trade or be sold with proceeds going to post 663.