



May 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

From the Desk of the Commander

Commanders Comments: It was great seeing everyone again at our Open House and I hope we can do it again soon. We have a full schedule this month, which includes **Post Everlasting, Combined Food Drive**, and hosting the **Polk County American Legion** at our Post.

I would like to inform you that we have a Facebook Page, **(American Legion Post # 663)**. Please join our page if you are a Facebook member. We have 18 members and growing.

After being closed for more than two years, we face many decisions ahead of us. Let me list them for you.

Our cooks and number one supporters have announced that they are stepping down after many, many, years of service to our Post. We wish them well, along with a big thank you! The next thing is, the price of food has gone up and still is rising, resulting with us asking more for a meal. It was standard to ask for \$7.00, but now we will have to ask for **\$10.00 per meal**. The last big factor is not having a **Rental Manager** to help us improve our income. This Rental Program needs to be revamped to not include renting to wild parties that last to after Midnight with fighting and damage to our building.

If you know of someone to fill these positions or have ideas to help us get back on our feet please contact any of our Officers.

Commander Post #663
Michael Knight

MAY MEETING: Our May meeting will include our 2021 Post Everlasting Ceremony, to honor 14 families who lost a Legion member in 2021. In an effort to obtain an accurate number for meal preparation, please RSVP to me if you will be attending the May meeting. We need to determine how many Legion members plus Post Everlasting family members will be in attendance. Your attention to this is much appreciated. Peg Mullen
mullen.margarete.com Phone 515-205-6853.

Urbandale Auxiliary #663:

The Auxiliary will have their poppies for distribution and donation at our dinner on May 19. On Friday May 20 we will be at the HyVee in Urbandale from 8-6 and on Saturday as well.

We will be at the Fareway on Friday. Looking ahead, we are making plans for our breakfast which will be held on Friday August 12 at 9 am. Our guests that day will be those that attended Boys State and Girls State this year.

Hope we will have great attendance for these events. The next Auxiliary meeting will be May 24 at 1pm at the Legion Hall. Hope to see you there. Joann Hotovec, President American Legion Auxiliary, Unit 663.
hotovec@centurylink.net

From the Adjutant: The Post will be commemorating the Post Everlasting members and their families, on May 19th; and we will be honoring 14 families. The meal that evening will be \$10 for members, and no charge for the families.

The Consolidated Post Report for the Post is due June 15th. This is where we report all of our community involvement to National Headquarters. Please send me a note telling me the type of activity you participated in and the number of hours-by day, week, month etc.

Examples might be the Rebuilding America activity, VA cemetery/hospital, church, Foodbanks, Boy/Girls Scouts, animal welfare, Habitat for Humanity, environmental groups, etc. Anything that comes to mind, We will be putting all these numbers together for the report,

There will be another Food Drive in conjunction with the VFW Post on May 21st from 10:00 AM–4:00 PM.

The Flag Retirement activity at Camp Dodge, will be Saturday, June 18th.

Also be aware that July 1st is coming up.

Annual renewal dues are due. **Charles D. Good (Dan)** Adjutant Post #663. Phone 515-444-1701
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6805 DOUGLAS AVENUE
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Dates to Remember:

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

**May 19, Post Everlasting at
the Post See article May
Meeting**

**May 21, Armed Forces Day/
Food Drive @ Post #663 see
article**

May 30, Memorial Day

**May 31, Polk County
American Legion Meeting @
Post # 663 @ 6:00 PM**

June 6, D-Day

**June 18, Flag Retirement
Camp Dodge. Details to
follow in June bulletin**

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.

***** FOOD DRIVE *****

Saturday May 21, 10AM - 4 PM

Place: American Legion Building

6805 Douglas Ave. Urbandale

Curb side drop off

Accept Monetary support (Cash or Check)

Sponsored by Urbandale American Legion
Post # 663, VFW Post 9668 Urbandale /
Johnston, Boys Scout Troop 98, Urbandale
Food Panty.

Items needed

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