



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:

I want to start off by saying a big thank you to Matt Wolf, who was our guest speaker at the Dinner/Meeting we had on the 20th of April. Matt gave a great presentation and answered many questions pertaining to Veterans Benefits and how to get registered in the VA system.

Robert Henderson has taken time to do some research on planning a trip to Kansas City in August or September with a chartered bus. The trip would include looking at the WW1 Museum, (Military Admission \$10.00 per person) and also checking if he can get a special group rate. The second stop would be the Harry Truman Presidential Library with admission being \$8.00 per person. The goal would be getting the trip for under \$50.00 per person. Please let us know if this is something that would interest you.

I want to say how nice the hall and office looked for our dinner on April 20th. The placement of the bulletin board was a huge improvement. The plan to do this project was some time in the making and included Gordon Hendrickson. Unfortunately, he was unable to see it through. I am sure he was there in spirit. A group, including Jim and Connie Cade, Peg Mullen, and Ron Schooley undertook the task of making everything look updated and organized. The group went through the office and the shed and discarded some items and donated others. I am sure that Peg Mullen was the spearhead of the operation and her efforts are so appreciated. It truly shows that together almost anything is possible. We look forward to what improvements they are going to make in the kitchen.

Commander Post 663

Michael Knight

Membership Report:

May is a special month, as we honor our fellow Legionnaires who passed away in 2022. On May 18, 2023, we will have our annual Post Everlasting ceremony and dinner to celebrate

15 individuals from Post 663. Invitations to join us for this event have been sent to family members of each of those we lost, and we sincerely hope they will join us. As always, we really appreciate knowing how many of our current members will be joining us for dinner, so we can prepare our food quantities accordingly. If you plan to join us for this special evening, please call our Service Officer Robert Morris at 515 278 4231 to give him your dinner reservation. I hope to see many of you at this annual recognition. Thank you.

Peg Mullen, Membership chairperson
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Urbandale Auxiliary Unit 663:

May is a special month for American Legion Family members and all Americans to show appreciation to servicemembers, veterans, military spouses, and remember those who gave their lives protecting our freedoms. May is Military Month and includes several military holidays like National Poppy Day.

The Auxiliary and Legion members will be at Hy-Vee on Thursday May 18. and Friday

May 19, with our poppies on display. Any donations will be accepted to help with our veteran's projects. Hope to see you there.

Our next Auxiliary meeting will be May 23 at 1pm at the Legion Hall.

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

May 18th Dinner, Spaghetti & Meatballs, Salad, Rolls, Dessert 5:30 PM Social - Dinner 6:00 PM. \$10.00. Advanced reservations are required by May 15th please call our Service Officer Robert Morris at 515-278-4231 to give him your dinner reservation.



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

May 14, Mother's Day

May 22, National Maritime Day

May 29, Memorial Day

June 6, D-Day 1944

**June 14, United States Army
Birthday**

June 18, Father'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.**