



American Legion Urbandale Post 663



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MAY DINNER MEETING RESERVATION - Please RSVP to Peg Mullen by Tuesday, May 19, 2026. RSVPs may be made through Peg's cell phone at 515-205-6853 or to the Post email legionpost663@gmail.com. May's Meal is prepared by Nancy Upton baked chicken, twice baked potatoes, green bean casserole, salad (prepared by Meribeth) rolls, and dessert. A brief Post meeting will take place after the meal prior to the Post Everlasting Ceremony.



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“To live in hearts we leave behind is not to die.” Thomas Campbell



From the Desk of the Commander

Post 663, I hope this finds all of you well and in good health! I want to thank all of the members who helped in Urbandale's "pop up party" last weekend. We provided over 80 meals and put some funds into our treasury, as well. This month we will be committing our departed comrades to Post Everlasting. Please make plans to attend. We will, additionally, be participating in Urbandale's 4th of July celebration, as an entry for the parade. Jim Cade will be pulling his trailer and we invite as many as you can to be on that trailer. See you at supper!

Rob Stark, Commander Post 663

Urbandale Auxiliary

Our Auxiliary sent \$300 to the Iowa Veterans Home in Marshalltown as our project for April. We will help with the Recreation Funds which provides quality of life services to our veterans. In May we will accept donations for our poppies. We will be at the Urbandale Hy-Vee on Friday, May 15 & Saturday, May 16 from 8 am to 6 pm. We will be happy to see each one of you. Also in May, our Auxiliary will be helping with the dinner which will be serviced on May 21. Look forward to seeing you there.

Joann Hotovec, Auxiliary President Unit 663

From the Adjutant

Welcome to May 2026. Memorial Day is just around the corner, and I encourage everyone to participate in any of the numerous activities that occur in our communities to remember our fallen comrades.

As in past newsletter articles, I'm going to remind you that there are still many volunteer opportunities available in our community. Please document your volunteer hours (What, Where, When, & How many hours). Any type of written documentation will do. The time has come to submit the information to me for inclusion in the Consolidated Post Report.



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For God and Country,

Stephen Smith, Post 663 Adjutant

From the Membership Chair

We will be honoring our fellow Legionnaires that passed away in 2025 at our annual Post Everlasting Ceremony and dinner on Thursday evening, May 21st. This is an opportunity to recognize the lifelong commitment of these individuals to the American Legion, and all veterans.

There will be family members of the deceased present at this event, so please help me in welcoming them on behalf of Post 663. Please make a special effort to RSVP to me directly as soon as you can if you plan to attend on May 21st. Thank you.

Peg Mullen, Membership Chair Post 663

From the 1st Vice

Our program for the June Dinner Meeting will be by Pat Finnerty, PhD (retired Des Moines University Professor, Urbandale resident, who is a member of the Urbandale Historical Society. Pat will be presenting the story of Glenn McDole, an Urbandale resident, who enlisted in the Marines in November 1940 and served in the Philippines. McDole was captured in the downfall of the Philippines in early World War II and held captive nearly until the end of the war. After escaping the massacre at Palawan prison, McDole eventually made it into Allied hands in early 1945.

From the 1st Vice

Hello Post 663! At the time of writing, we have not received any official confirmation from the City of Urbandale from the grant request we placed at the beginning of the year. However, the City of Urbandale did post their adopted FY26/27 budget and if I am reading it correctly, I think the Post will be the recipient of good news. 😊 I continue to research and explore grants on behalf of the Legion.

Additionally, I created Legion Post 663 Flyers to include in the City of Urbandale's Welcome Basket to new residents. These flyers can also be posted at community bulletin boards around the metro. Please let me know if you'd like any - I'm happy to print and provide them.

Nichole McDowell, 2nd Vice Post 663

May Post Meeting/Dinner & Post Everlasting

The Post's May meeting will be held on Thursday, May 21 at 6:00 with cocktail/social beginning at 5:30. Please RSVP to Peg Mullen (515)-205-6853 or legionpost663@gmail.com). Following a brief Post meeting, the Post Everlasting Ceremony will be held.



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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.

Community Events

The Hall remains open every weekday from 8 am to 1030 am for Coffee, Conversation, & Continuing Education.

Want to see an event included? Talk to Nichole McDowell at 515-729-4600 or legionpost663@gmail.com

Reminders & Requests

Newsletter: The Post will have two methods of distribution - mailed & emailed. The lowest cost option for our Post is to receive the newsletter by email. If you know a fellow Post member who does not receive the newsletter, please direct them to Nichole McDowell (515-729-4600 or legionpost663@gmail.com). We have heard of a few members of the Post and Auxiliary who have found their newsletters in spam or junk folders - it never hurts to check there if you think you've been left off the list!

Social Media: The Post has a Facebook presence in the following ways: A private group specifically for members of Post 663 and a public page that represents the post. The intent of the public page is to assist in recruitment efforts as well as engage with the community. The Private Group is accessible by clicking [here](#) and the Public Page is accessible by clicking [here](#).