



November 2022 Newsletter

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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: Please join us for a wonderful Thanksgiving Dinner at the American legion Post 663 on Thursday the 17th of November. Please start arriving anytime after 5 PM and the dinner will start at 6 PM. The main course will be smoked turkey with all of the trimmings.

At the front table we will have Deb Copland, who will be selling customs signs for charity. We will also have tickets available for the raffle of the Personal Transportation Scooter including the hitch carrier for your vehicle at \$10.00 per chance or \$25.00 for three chances. After the dinner we will have the raffle for the Scooter.

I want to thank all of the volunteers that helped take in donations at HyVee, this last weekend. The weather was really bad for Friday, but we didn't miss a beat. We were a little short on volunteers, but our wonderful Auxiliary stepped in and helped make it happen.

I want to make sure that you are aware that we will support a Flag presentation at Webster School on the 11th of November and also I will, as your Commander, be giving a speech at Gabus Park (next to the Urbandale Library) at 8 AM on Veterans Day. The Police Rifle Team, Mayor of Urbandale and Rob Stark our Chaplin, will attend this ceremony. Please Come, if you can.

Commander Post #663

Michael Knight

Membership Report:

We have two months left in the calendar year, and we currently have 205 members in good standing. We have well over 300 members affiliated with Post 663. If you have the opportunity to pay your 2023 membership dues in November, that would be much appreciated. The more members in good standing at the start of the new year, the better position our Post is in to continue our work to assist veterans in our community. The easiest way to pay your dues of \$40 is online -- but cash and check are fine as well. If you have any questions about your membership, please feel free to reach out. Thank you for your support of Post 663. Peg Mullen, Membership chairperson
rpusn20@gmail.com

DINNER MEETING

Fellow Legionnaires: We are entering a very busy time for Post 663. Review our holiday activities in the other articles in this newsletter and mark your calendars for upcoming dinners. Our annual Thanksgiving Dinner is scheduled for November 17. We will gather at 5:30 with a traditional Thanksgiving Dinner served at 6 p.m. Cost for this dinner is \$10.00 per plate. Contact one of the officers to reserve a ticket no later than November 12.

On December 15, the Post will host our annual Christmas potluck. The Post will provide smoked pork loin and we ask members to bring sides and dessert. Please watch your December newsletter for more information. **EVEN THOUGH WE DO NOT CHARGE FOR THIS DINNER, YOU MUST RESERVE A TICKET SO WE KNOW HOW MUCH PORK TO PREPARE. TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE NOVEMBER DINNER AND FROM POST OFFICERS.**

We will have a special Chili Dinner on a Saturday night in January. Watch your December Newsletter for more information. Tickets will be \$10.00 plate.

First Vice Commander:

Website Update:

Our website is up and running at <http://urbandaleamericanlegion.org> and is full of valuable information such as Veterans Day Freebies, our Meet and Greet event, and the October 20th dinner and meeting including pictures. The Calendar shows upcoming events, military events and holidays starting in January 2023. The website is a place of information for all members of American Legion Post 663. This website will become an information hub for the post in many ways. It has been professionally created and will be maintained by the Commander, Adjutant, and First Vice Commander. The Officers of American Legion Post 663 and the Auxiliary are excited about this new communication/information tool for our post!

First Vice Commander Post #663

Connie Gregory



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

November 11, Veterans Day

November 17, Dinner / Meeting
See dinner meeting article

November 24, Thanksgiving Day

December 1, Officers Meeting

December 7, Pearl Harbor Day

December 15, Potluck / Christmas
Dinner (Meat Furnished by Post)

December 19, First Day of
Hanukkah

December 21, First Day of Winter

December 25, Christmas Day

December 27, Auxiliary Meeting
1PM @ Legion

December 31, New Year's Eve

January 1. 2023 New Year's Day

December 15th Christmas
Potluck Dinner Meat, Mashed
Potatoes, Gravy, & Coffee
Furnished by Legion.

A-I Vegetable, J-Q Salad

R-Z Dessert, Dinner 6:00 PM

Urbandale Auxiliary Unit 663:

Thanks to everyone who helped collect donations at Hy-Vee for our veteran's bags. On December 20 at 8 AM we will help with filling the bags at the Legion Hall.

There will not be an Auxiliary meeting in November. We will help with the dinner on November 17.

Our next Auxiliary meeting will be December 27 at 1 PM at the Legion Hall.

Joann Hotovec, President

American Legion Auxiliary, Unit 663

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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.