



American Legion Urbandale Post 663

November 2023

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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

Commanders Comments:

From the Desk of the Commander:

Greetings fellow Legionnaires.

I have news that I need to share with you.

I have uploaded to our Web Site (Urbandaleamericanlegion.org) on the Event Page,

Honor Flight Information, which will give you the following choices.

Volunteer App, Guardian App, and Veterans Honor Flight App. Check these out so if you choose you can download the application sheet of your choice. These forms allow you to register for a flight, register for a Guardian Position, or for a Volunteer Position. The sooner you get your name on one of these the better chance you will have of being notified of your acceptance.

I would like to acknowledge our choice for the vacant Adjutant position. Please welcome Steve Smith as your new Adjutant.

New trip planned for this spring.

Bus trip to Kansas City, which includes a visit to the WWI Museum and Harry Truman's Presidential Library. If you're interested, please Email Robert Henderson at (legionpost663@gmail.com).

Thanksgiving Meal scheduled for the 16th of November will include Ham and all of the trimmings. **Please RSVP to Robert Morris at (515-278-4231).**

Attention members, our combined VFW and American Legion **Food Drive will be on November 18th** from 10 AM until 2 PM.

I want to congratulate two of our members: Robert Henderson for 30 years membership and Dan Dominguez for 10 years membership.

Commander Michael Knight Post #663

Membership Report:

There are only 2 months left in the year, at which point our dues will increase from \$40 to 45...so just a reminder to pay your 2024 dues soon. I appreciate each of you keeping me informed regarding changes in your home mailing address, cell phone number, etc. Also, if you learn of a fellow Legionnaire passing away, please notify me as soon as possible. In doing so, I can update their records so their family is no longer receiving American Legion communication. And of most importance -- please take every opportunity you can to talk to other veterans about joining our Post. Feel free to share my name and phone number -- I can provide information and answer any questions. It's very important we keep growing in membership as a Post. Thank you.

Peg Mullen, Membership Chairperson
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Urbandale Auxiliary Unit 663:

Our membership has reached over 100 per cent of our goal.

Thank you to everyone who paid their dues and to our new members.

Our October project proved to be very worthwhile. We enjoyed our visits with the Veterans in Marshalltown and were happy to furnish the prize money for Bingo.

This month we also helped the Legion with their collections for the Christmas Baskets for many of our Veterans.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday November 28 at 1pm at the Legion Hall.

Joann Hotovec, President American Legion Auxiliary, Urbandale Unit #663



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November 16th Dinner Menu:

Ham & all the fixings

**Happy Hour 5:30 PM Dinner
6:00 PM.**

**Reservation to Robert Morris @
515-278-4231**

Service Officer:

**Questions or Concerns about
getting enrolled in the VA**

System or questions about
compensation, qualifications, the VA
Hospital or just how to get your DD-214,
Please call your Post # 663 Service
Officer (Robert Morris at 515-278-4231)

***** 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.**

Dates to Remember:

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

**November 5, Daylight Saving
Time Ends**

November 7, Election Day

**November 10. U.S. Marine Corp
Birthday 1779**

November 11, Veterans Day

**November 16, Thanksgiving
Dinner /Meeting Happy Hour @
5:30 PM Dinner @ 6:00 PM**

November 23, Thanksgiving Day

December 7, Pearl Harbor Day

**December 8, First Day of
Hanukkah**

**December 13, U. S. National
Guard Birthday**

**December 18-19 , Plan on filling
bags on Monday, December 18th
& bags can be delivered on
Monday or Tuesday, December
18-19th**

**December 21, Christmas Potluck
Dinner at Post. / First day of
Winter**

December 25, Christmas Day

December 26, Kwanzaa

December 31, New Year's Eve

January 1, New Year's Day