



**American Legion Urbandale Post 663**

**November 2024**

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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:**

The chill is in the air and winter is just around the corner.

I want to thank everyone who donated for our Parking Lot to be resurfaced. It turned out beautiful and is a testament to our loyalty as a group to maintain our Post to its finest.

Reminder that on the 16th of November we will have our Combined Food Drive with VFW Post 9668 from 10 am until 2 pm in the Post Parking Lot.

I want to invite you to our November Dinner/Meeting on Thursday November 21st with happy hour starting at 5:30pm followed by dinner at 6pm. There will be no official meeting, but instead a gathering of friends and fellow Legionnaires to enjoy each other’s company while sharing a Thanksgiving Day meal together. Please check out the Notification Box at the bottom of the Newsletter to read the menu for the upcoming meal. If you decide to attend please RSVP TEXT to Commander Michael Knight at (515-556-9239) or e-mail to: (msgtknight1946@msn.com), your intentions by Monday the 18th of November.

Remember, it is a FREE WILL DONATION.

This is a reminder that on the 16th of December we will need volunteers to help build Christmas Baskets for Veterans and that on the 17th of December we will need help delivering the baskets.

Start thinking about December and the Post for our annual Holliday Meal on Thursday the 19th. The Post will supply the Rotisserie Chicken as the main course. The rest of the meal is based on POTLUCK. I suggest that those with last names beginning with A – L would bring a side dish. Those last names beginning with M – Z would bring a dessert.

**Michael Knight Post #663 Commander**

**msgtknight1946@msn.com**

**Membership Report:**

We had a definite surge in renewals the month of October -- thanks everyone! Just a couple of months left in 2024, so if you are able to renew soon, that would be greatly appreciated. Our Post has several wonderful community and veteran focused events coming up in November and December, and the extra dollars from additional 2025 membership renewals would be helpful. Please help our Post end the year on a strong note! If you have questions about your membership or have any prospective members I can reach out to, please let me know. Thanks to each of you for your support. Thank you.

**Peg Mullen, Membership Chairperson**  
**#663 rpusn20@gmail.com**

**Urbandale Auxiliary Unit #663:**

The Auxiliary had 2 projects in October. We voted to donate \$300 from our welfare fund to help with the Veteran's Christmas Bags.

Also, we voted to spend \$50 on cocoa packets to give to the patients who attend the South Side Clinic.

In November we will be helping the Legion collect donations at the Hy-Vee to help with purchases for the Christmas Bags. At this time our membership is at 100%. And I am happy to welcome 5 new members to our Auxiliary. Our next meeting will be Tuesday November 26th at 1pm at the Legion Hall.

**Joann Hotovec, President American Legion Auxiliary, #663**



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### **Reservations Required**

**Dinner on November 21st**

**Ham slices, Turkey Slices,  
Green Bean Casserole,  
Smoked Macaroni & Cheese,  
Sweet Potatoes, Cranberry Sauce,  
Rolls/butter**

**Various Pies and Yes Pumpkin!**

**RSVP: TEXT to Commander Michael  
Knight at (515-556-9239) or email  
to: [cmsgtknight1946@msn.com](mailto:cmsgtknight1946@msn.com)**

### **THE ADJUTANT / Membership**

Yes, Fall is upon us. As everyone has probably noticed, not much is slowing down. We at Post 663 are at 180 members in good standing for 2025 as of the current Membership Memo. Our goal as established by the Department of Iowa American Legion is 275. As you can see, we have a way to go to achieve our goal. If you have not renewed yet, please do so as soon as possible. If you know of any eligible veterans that would benefit from joining our Post, please invite them to join us and give them an application.

The 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Flag Essay Contest is in full swing with the essays due to be turned in by November 12, 2024. Last year we had 141 essays submitted with our first-place submission going on to place 2<sup>nd</sup> in District 6. If anyone is interested in reviewing and judging the essays, please contact me at [ss49er@hotmail.com](mailto:ss49er@hotmail.com) or (515) 745-7236.

This is one of those "Volunteer Opportunities" that you've heard me talk about. With that, I'll wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving and sign off.

See you at our Post Dinner.

**Steve Smith, Post #663 Adjutant**

### **Dates to Remember:**

**Officer's Meeting First  
Thursday of the month @ the  
Post 5:30 PM**

**November 11, Veterans Day**

**November 16, Food Drive with VFW  
Post 9668 from 10 am - 2 pm in the  
Post Parking Lot.**

**November 21<sup>st</sup> Thanksgiving Dinner**

**November 28, Thanksgiving**

**December 7, Pearl Harbor Day**

**December 16, Volunteers needed to  
build baskets**

**December 17, Volunteers needed to  
Deliver Baskets**

**December 19, Holiday Meal**

**Post will supply Rotisserie Chicken as  
main course rest of menu is Potluck  
names beginning with A - L would  
bring a side dish M-Z would bring a  
dessert**

**December 24, Christmas Eve Day**

**December 25, Christmas Day**

**December 31, New Year's Eve**

**January 1, New Year's Day**