



October 2022 Newsletter

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:** Fall is here and there is frost in the air. With that being said, Post 663’s Honor Guard has performed at every home game at Urbandale High School this fall. We were applauded for our efforts each and every time and represented our Post with distinction.

We will 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. This will be drawn in the month of November.

Our next Legion Dinner/Meeting will be on the 20<sup>th</sup> of October and these tickets will also be available for purchase.

Commander Post #663

Michael Knight

**Membership Report:**

The 2023 membership renewal season is underway at full steam right now. As of today, we have 200 members in good standing for 2023, out of a goal of 305. The 2nd renewal letters from National should've gone out last week to those that have not yet paid their 2023 dues. Everyone's membership is very important...to contribute to veterans' programs, community programs, and to keep our Post building in good working order. We understand if you can't make it to events or assist with other initiatives -- people are busy working and have lots going on every day. But you can still support the American Legion, local veterans, your community and your Post by renewing your membership now. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out. Thank you.

Peg Mullen, Membership chairperson  
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**OCTOBER 20 DINNER MEETING**

For Our October 20<sup>th</sup> dinner meeting, the post had made arrangements to have the meal prepared by Jerry Talerico who owns Sam and Gabes and Tally Ho. Unfortunately, he has developed some heart issues and will be having surgery in the near future. So he will not be cooking the October meal.

The officer board has come up with the following solution. A group called Butts and Buns, who has done some cooking for RAGBRAI, will be smoking some pulled pork for sandwiches. There will also be baked beans and coleslaw and chips. If you have purchased a ticket for the Talerico event, that ticket will be honored for this event. If you do not have a ticket yet, there is still time to get one.

I am the contact to obtain these tickets. You can contact me directly at 278-4231 or robertmorris4710@gmail.com and we can figure out the best way to get tickets to you. It is easiest to contact me, and I am usually available most days after work at 5PM, and most of the time on weekends.

At the October 20<sup>th</sup> dinner meeting, we will also be selling tickets for the November 17<sup>TH</sup> dinner meal. The ticket sales allow us to obtain an accurate headcount so that the proper amount of food is prepared which helps us to control food costs.

Also on October 20<sup>TH</sup> I will have tickets for sale for the motorized chair. These are \$10 each or 3 for \$25. The drawing for the winner of the chair will be in November.

Robert Morris Service Officer



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

**October 10, Columbus Day**

**October 20, Dinner/Meeting**

**October 25, Auxiliary Meeting  
1PM @ Legion**

**October 31, Halloween**

**November 3, Officer's Meeting**

**November 6, Daylight Savings  
Time Ends**

**November 8, Election Day**

**November 11, Veterans Day**

**November 17, Dinner/Meeting  
Dinner to be Announced**

**November 24, Thanksgiving Day**

**December 1, Officers Meeting**

**December 15, Potluck / (Meat  
Furnished) Christmas Dinner**

**December 25, Christmas Day**

**December 27, Auxiliary Meeting  
1PM @ Legion**

**Urbandale Auxiliary 663:**

The Auxiliary will be providing the dessert for our October 20<sup>th</sup> dinner.

Our next meeting of the Auxiliary will be Tuesday, October 25 at 1 PM at the Legion Hall. Our project for November will be helping collect donations at the Hy-Vee for the veterans Christmas bags. Then in December our project will be helping to fill the bags.

Our Auxiliary meeting in December will be on the 27th 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.