



American Legion Urbandale Post 663

October 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.

Fall is here and just maybe we will have a nice long period of good weather.

I need to tell you that Dan Goode is stepping down from being my Adjutant because of health reasons. I want to thank Dan for being a loyal and supportive member of our Officer Core and helping this Post to be a better one.

Our next Dinner/Meeting will be on the 19th of October, with Happy Hour starting at 5:30 PM and dinner at 6:00 PM. **Jim and Connie Cade will be providing a Pasta Dinner.**

We are asking for volunteers to be at the Urbandale Hy-Vee for either October 27th or 28th to help take donations for our Christmas Baskets that we will be making in December. The hours each day we will cover will be from 0800 until 6:00 PM. There is a sign up sheet at the Post.

Commander Michael Knight Post #663

NOTICE Volenteers Needed:

We have reserved Friday, October 27 & Saturday, October 28 to collect donations at the Urbandale Hy-Vee. We will be located at the 2 entry doors at the east end of the building.

Work starts at 8 AM both days & should be done by 6 PM. Shifts are 2 hours.

We will have sign-up sheets at the Post for the Octoberr dinner group.

Membership Report:

Thank you to everyone that has paid their 2024 dues already, much appreciated. The second round of renewal letters will be sent out from National HQ in Indianapolis in October. So if you have not renewed yet, please be aware another reminder letter is on the way. You can also pay your dues without the reminder from National -- either online via credit card, or just by dropping a check into the Post mailbox, And in case you've missed it -- our dues will be going up to \$45.00 beginning in January...so please pay soon and save yourself \$5.00. Let me know if you have any membership questions or concerns.

Peg Mullen, Membership chairperson rpusn20@gmail.com
Urbandale Auxiliary Unit 663:

The Auxiliary membership drive is going very well. At this time, we are only 1 away from our goal.

In Sept our Unit volunteered for the Homeless Veterans Stand Down which was held in downtown Des Moines. We handed out 55 backpacks to the children who attended.

The backpacks were filled with school supplies. We saw many smiling faces.

On October 20 we plan to drive to Marshalltown and play bingo with the Veterans. We found this to be a very rewarding project last year.

Our next meeting will be October 24 at 1pm at the Legion Hall.

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



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October 19th Dinner Menu:

**Pasta Dinner & Pie for
Dessert**

Happy Hour 5:30 PM

Dinner 6:00 PM.

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

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.

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.

Dates to Remember:

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

October 9. Columbus Day

October 13, U.S. Navy Birthday 1775

October 19, Dinner/Meeting

Happy Hour @ 5:30 PM Dinner @ 6:00 PM - Pasta Dinner

October 27- 28 Hy Vee

Collection For Vet Baskets

October 31. Halloween

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

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

December 21, Christmas Potluck Dinner at Post.