



American Legion Urbandale Post 663

October 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:

I want to thank the Ruby Tuesday Restaurant for supporting Post 663 with the dinner they provide for September 19th. The food was excellent and made it a night to remember. It makes one feel good when you realize that we can have this much support from the community for what we stand for.

During our meeting this month, we had a vote on which parking lot company we would agree to resurface our lot.

The vote was unanimous for D and R Asphalt. I am in contact with them and will make final arrangements to have it completed. The job will take two days, and this includes crack fill, double seal and stripe Parking Lot. This estimate was given to us in June and even though it was only good for 30 days this company will honor it, because they know that we must vote on it and that they support veterans.

The month of October is very busy for the Post. We will be hosting the three finalists and their presentations of ideas for the patriotic Mural to be painted on the East wall of our building. We will also be hosting the City of Urbandale Planning Committee and local Business owners for a presentation of the progress the City has been making for the downtown revival.

Please try and attend our next Dinner/Meeting on the 17th of October. Don Cruikshank and his Wife will be hosting with their famous Chili Dinner. Please contact Robert Morris for a RSVP. Text him at 515-208-1450 Or email at robertmorris4710@gmail.com.

Michael Knight Post #663 Commander
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Membership Report:

Thank you to everyone that continued to pay their 2025 membership renewal dues last month, much appreciated. The reminder notices from the National American Legion should be mailed in the next couple of weeks to members that have not paid yet. This notice will be the last reminder sent out in 2024. Our Post relies on membership dues to participate in activities in the community that assist veterans, their families, and children. Your membership dues also helps to maintain the ongoing upkeep of our Post building, which is very important to all of us. Each membership really is impactful, and we are grateful for all the support we receive from each of you. Thank you.

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

Urbandale Auxiliary Unit #663:

I can report that our September projects were a success. We worked at Stand Down for Homeless Veterans and gave out 72 backpacks to children. They were filled with school supplies, then on September 20 we traveled to Marshalltown to help with Bingo for the residents of the Iowa Veterans Home. There were 78 men and women who attended. We brought cash prizes and Steve Smith from our Legion donated 5 watches. Our winners were thrilled, and everyone was thanking us for everything and want us to come back Our October project is to donate \$300 from our welfare fund to help with the Christmas bags for our veterans. Our next meeting will be **October 22nd** at the Legion Hall.

Joann Hotovec, President American Legion Auxiliary, #663



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Reservations Required

**Dinner Meeting on
October 17th Free Will
Donation We will be having the
following:**

**Venison Chili, Beef Chili
Chicken & Noodle soup,
Summer sausage,
Sliced cheese & crackers
Celery & Dip, AND Desert**

**RSVP:Please contact Robert Morris
Text him at 515-208-1450 Or email
@ robertmorris4710@gmail.com.**

THE ADJUTANT

Here it is October already and I can't help but notice that things have not slowed down a bit! There are still plenty of opportunities to volunteer your time and talent. We will be looking for help with the exterior wall prep for the mural and there are always little things to do around the hall. The Fifth Grade Flag Essay Contest is now in progress. I will be looking for help reading the submitted essays from St. Pius X, Des Moines Christian, and Webster Elementary. Last year there were 141 essays submitted. It's interesting.

reading. We're also in the midst of renewing membership. A lot of potential members are walking around just waiting to be asked to join us. If you know of anyone that is eligible to join please extend an invite (Especially if they're part of the younger crowd!). Until next time.

Steve Smith, Adjutant

POSITION TO BE FILLED:

Membership

The current position is being held by **Peg Mullen**, who has informed the Post that she will be stepping down as of the last day of December of this year.

This position will report to the Adjutant, and both will ensure that membership is maintained and accounted for in a timely manner.

Please feel free to contact the Commander at (515-556-9239) by text or his email at (msgtknight1946@msn.com).

**Would you be willing to be
POC for the dinner at the
Post. Receive text and
emails for reservations.**

Let me know.

**Mike Knight, Commander e-mail
msgtknight1946@msn.com, or text
515-556-9239**

Dates to Remember:

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

October 3, Rosh Hashanah

October 14, Columbus Day

**November 1st & 2nd Christmas Basket
Collection Volunteers Needed Sign-up**

Sheets @ the Post #663

November 4, Election Day

November 11, Veterans Day

November 28, Thanksgiving

Flag Presentations:

It is time again for flag presentations at the Urbandale football games. Please contact Robert Morris at 278-4231 or at robertmorris4710@gmail.com for more information or to volunteer. The game dates are:

October 11th Dowling,

October 18th Johnston