



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

Commanders Comments:

From the Desk of the Commander:

Greetings fellow Legionnaires, I want to thank all of you who attended our August Dinner/Meeting and were so generous with your Good will Offerings for our delicious meal provide by our Local Supporter Texas Roadhouse.

Please write this down on your calendars that our next **Dinner/Meeting will be on September 19th** with happy hour starting at 5:30PM with dinner starting at 6:00pm. **Ruby Tuesday Restaurant** will cater Dinner, consisting of a full meal with desert. This meal will be based on a **FREE WILL DONATION**.

I am asking you to RSVP me by September 13th. Please Text me or leave a message on my phone (**515-556-9239**), you can also e-mail me at (**msgt1946@msn.com**). We really need to get an accurate count so **Ruby Tuesday** can supply the right amount of food for us and have time to prepare it. **Texas Roadhouse and Ruby Tuesday** now can be found on our Web Site (**urbandaleamericanlegion.org**) under **Sponsors**. Click on their logo and it will take you to their Web Site.

I want to let you know that our Food Drive we held in August for the Urbandale Food Pantry yielded more than \$600.00 dollars cash as well as a generous amount of food and much needed supplies for our community.

Thanks to all you that donated and all of you that came to help in this project. We would not be able to support this project without your help.

Friday the 30th of August, at the Urbandale High School, Post 663 and VFW Post 9668 performed a Flag Ceremony at the Urbandale/Indianola Football Game. We were given a much-welcomed round of applause and great support from the community for our performance.

Michael Knight Post #663 Commander

Membership Report:

The Post 663 membership renewals for 2025 have slowed down a bit recently. The National American Legion will be mailing the second request for 2025 renewal payment in October, so please renew your dues at that time if you are able. Or, you can renew anytime by sending a check to our Post, or renewing online via the National American Legion website. Either way I will receive your payment, and send your 2025 membership card to you. If those options are not helpful, please call me. I'm happy to stop by or make whatever arrangements you need for assistance. Thank you.

Peg Mullen, Membership Chairperson
rpun20@gmail.com

Urbandale Auxiliary Unit #663:

Thank you to each of you who volunteered to help at Des Moines Homeless Veterans Stand Down. We are changing our location for this year. The event will now be held at 1220 Scott Ave Des Moines. As soon as I get location of our tent, I will contact the volunteers.

The Auxiliary has a second project for September. On the 20th we will be going to Marshalltown and have lunch and play bingo with the veterans at the Iowa Veterans Home.

Our membership drive is going well and we are over 75% of our goal. We hope to be 100% by November 11--Veterans Day.

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

Joann Hotovec, President American Legion Auxiliary, #663



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Reservations Required

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September 19th Free Will
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message on my phone (**515-556-
9239**), you can also e-mail me at:
msgtknight1946@msn.com

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).**

Dates to Remember:

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

September 11, Patriot Day

September 19 Dinner/Meeting

September 22, Autumn Begins

October 3, Rosh Hashanah

October 14, Columbus Day

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:

September 20th Dubuque,

October 11th Dowling,

October 18th Johnston