



September 2020 Newsletter

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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

The Commanders Comments:

We are now in the month of September and the Pandemic is still with us. Schools are trying to open, sports are trying to be played and it seems as soon as we try something we have to shut it down.

The country has been through worse times, but this is the time that we are all trying to get through. I know we will do it and hopefully in the future we can look back at it and say we did it.

Covide-19 can't take away the fact that, as Legionnaires, we have each other and we will be better for it on the other side.

Please stay safe and look after each other and we will be able to get together in the future.

Michael B. Knight
Post 663 Commander

Auxiliary News Urbandale Unit #663

We will have an in person meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 22nd at 1:00pm at the Olmsted-Urban home at 4010 70th St. in Urbandale. This will be an outdoor meeting so please bring a lawn chair to sit on outside. We will be following all Covid-19 procedures at that time with social distancing and masks if you choose to wear one. We would like to encourage you to also bring your membership dues at that time. As of the writing of this note, we have not seen our membership information, but membership stayed the same at \$33.00. If you cannot attend the meeting but would like to drop your money off to us that day, it would be appreciated.

If you have any questions please contact Meribeth at: mbhaynes18@gmail.com
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*** Board Position Opportunity ***

We have an opening on the Board for a person to assume our Building Rental duties.

Coordinating all processes related to renting out the Post building when rentals resume, as well as providing an opportunity to earn commissions on the rental fees.

If you or anyone you know is interested, please contact Gordon Hendrickson directly at ghlegion@q.com or 515-480-4348.

*** Membership Report ***

Two months into the 2021 membership campaign, 164 members have renewed so far. Thank you -- renewing now will eliminate the need for the Legion to send a second renewal notice, which is an expense. If you are receiving the newsletter via paper copy and would not be opposed to receiving it via email, please let me know -- that would also help us reduce monthly printing and postage expenses. Also -- if I have a LAND line telephone number on file for you that is no longer in service, please send me a quick note with your cell phone number. If you're not sure, feel free to reach out and I'll confirm what we have in our records. And lastly - - please be on the lookout for potential new members as we move into fall -- it's really important we keep our Post 663 membership strong! Thanks very much.

Peg Mullen, Membership Chair
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*** Perform Buddy Checks ***

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.



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POST EVERLASTING:

Please notify us when you know of a member who has passed away, we want to be sure to get them enrolled in Post Everlasting. Please Contact Peg Mullen 515-205-6853 or mullen.margarete@gmail.com with name of member who passed away.

E-mailing Newsletter:

This is your monthly reminder that if you would like to receive the Post newsletter through email, please send an email to Peg Mullen (mullen.margarete@gmail.com) to be added to the email distribution list. ****This can effect a considerable cost savings to the post as each mailed newsletter costs approximately \$0.50 each month.** Your email address will not be Shared with any other organization or used for anything other than communication from our post.

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.

**** POST EVERLASTING ****

Due to the Covid-19 we will hold this year 2020 Post Everlasting with the May 2021 Post Everlasting.

VETERANS ON THE MOVE

Please accept the challenge of your Post Officers to get active and stay active during the Covid-19 pandemic while supporting your Legion Post and Post Auxiliary. The challenge is to move at least 66.3 miles (walk, run, treadmill, elliptical, stationary bike, bicycle, or other non-motorized vehicle) between September 1, 2020 and Veterans Day, November 11, 2020. The registration fee is \$6.63. An appropriate recognition will be awarded upon successful completion of the program. Simply send your name along with a check payable to American Legion Post 663 to 6805 Douglas Avenue, Urbandale, Iowa 50322. Please contact Gordon Hendrickson ghlegion@q.com or 515-480-4348 with any questions. **Remember, this is for all Auxiliary and Post members**

Dates to Remember:

September 11. Patriot Day
September 13, Grandparents Day
September 18, Rosh Hashanah
Sundown
September 22, First day of Autumn
September 27, Yon Kippur sundown
October 12, Columbus Day

No Dinner or Meetings for
the Remainder of 2020