



September 2021 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**

**Commanders Comments:**

It was just last month that things were looking good, but now it looks like we may be getting worse with COVID-19. I want to tell you that it was not an easy decision to cancel the first dinner that we would have had in over a year and a half. We will keep an eye on the situation and try again in the future. Our Building Rental Manager is retiring in September. Our Post needs to have a member, or group of two or three members step forward and take his place. This is our chief source of income for the Post and helps us maintain our support for Veterans and the many programs that we cover. I know that some of you are still working and some of you are completely retired. If you are looking to do something meaningful and help your fellow Legionnaires by keeping the Post alive, please consider the following:

**If you are thinking about it and would like to have one or two other members help you in this position, it would be a lifesaver. So, if you and a couple of your friends would like to help us out, please contact me at (556-9239).**

Michael Knight Commander Post 663

**Rental Coordinator:**

Are you looking for a place for your family reunion or your special anniversary? The Legion Hall is available for rent. We have special rates for members. Spread the word among your friends and neighbors. Our rental rates are very competitive. Call or text me at 515-681-9663 for rentals information.

**Monthly Meeting Status Update:**

As a result of the recent increase in virus activity, the decision has been made to pause all monthly Post meetings at this time. The health and safety of our members is our main priority. We will consider monthly meetings and other standard Post activities on a month-by-month basis and share updates and adjustments accordingly. Please continue to pay close attention to information shared in the newsletter as we move into the fall season. Any questions, please reach out to any of your Officers. Thank you for your continued support and understanding.

**Membership Report:**

Thanks to all of you that have paid your 2022 dues - either by check, cash, or online! We are off to a good start for this renewal year, with 185 members currently in good standing. That is just halfway to our goal established by the American Legion though, which is 362 renewals. So please continue to pay your renewal dues when you can, as the next reminder mailing will be going out soon. Your dues are more important now than ever before, as we currently have minimal means to generate additional funding for the Post: limited building rentals, no dinners, etc. So now is not the time to drop your membership, as the need for veteran assistance has not changed. If you have any questions about membership in general, or your own situation, please reach out. If you have a problem with the Legion, we want the chance to try and fix it! Thank you very much.

Peg Mullen, Membership Chair  
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**FROM THE ADJUTANT:**

This has been an unusual time for all of us since the month of August began. Now we are in September, and fall is coming around the corner. We did not have our long-awaited dinner, to celebrate the reopening of things as we all know. In fact, we have not met in any capacity after our Officer's meeting in early August. Several members participated in the Parade, Concert and festivities at the State Fair; and I can say I truly say I enjoyed representing our Post and veterans all. Several necessary decisions were made by the Officers in the meeting. We are not going to have as many rentals this fall because of the reoccurrence of the Covid issues, and the safety involved in gatherings. This might require us to think about some Fund-raising activities to keep things moving along. Regular Meetings of our Post will probably not resume until we can assure the safety of members. Be aware, we will let everyone know when some normalcy returns.

As our Membership Chair will tell you, we are always looking for new members, and need to make sure our Dues are paid. If you have not renewed your membership, please take care of that as soon as possible.

Please feel free to contact me at my new email of CGLegion663@hotmail.com or at (515) 444-1701. Call, Email or Text me, and I will get back to you. Thank You, Charles (Dan) Good, Adjutant



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**\*\*\* 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 during this holiday season.

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 September 9 @ the post.**

**September 6, Labor Day/Rosh Hashanah (Sundown)**

**September 15, Yom Kippur Begins sundown**

**September 17, POW-MIA Recognition Day Citizenship Day**

**September 22, First day of Autumn**

**Urbandale Auxiliary #663:**

The American Legion Auxiliary will have their meeting on September 28. We will be hoping to get everyone signed up for next year. The dues are \$33. The meeting will start at 1pm, but Meribeth and I will be there at 12:30 for those that want to stop in and say hi and take care of their dues. Look forward to seeing everyone. Thank you -- Joann Hotovec, Auxiliary President. please contact me directly. Joann Hotovec—President Auxiliary #663 hotovec@centurylink.net.

**Volunteer's Needed:**

Robert would like to gage the interest in people willing to present the flag for Urbandale home football games on Friday nights. Please let Robert know if you are Interested, please call Robert Morris 515-278-4231 home or 515-2061450 cell. Robertmorris4710@gmail.com.

**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.

**Dinner & Business Meetings  
are on hold until futher  
notice.**