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June 2024 Newsletter



From the Post Commander



I cannot believe That we are already looking at the month of June . It seems that we were just in March and April and welcoming the spring weather in May. With the warm weather we also see more outdoor activities and events that our Post becomes involved in. We start planning for our spring food drive in May and Memorial Day Buddy Poppy distribution at local food stores. We usually are at four locations between Sam's Club in Windsor Heights and HyVee in Urbandale and Johnston as well as the Fareway Store in Johnston. This year we added one more location; the HyVee in Grimes. This also resulted in being short on volunteers. This coming Veterans Day in November we hope to have additional veterans manning each of our donation locations. I am encouraging our younger veterans who are still working and can't work on a Friday, to volunteer for a three hour shift on the Saturday schedule. The Poppy donations go directly into our Veteran Relief Fund and can only be used for veterans' in need and nothing else.

VFW Post 9668

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WEB Pages

w.w.w.vfw9668.org

Facebook at VFW Post 9668

Post 9668 Email is

Cmdr@vfw9668.org or

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Post meetings are the 1st
Monday of each month,
7:00 P.M. at the American
Legion Hall, 6805 Douglas
Ave. Urbandale, Iowa.

Post 9668 and American Legion Post 663 May 18, 2024

Spring Food Drive to benefit the Urbandale Food Pantry.

We accumulated over 300 lbs. of food items, 5 lbs. of sanitary goods, plastic shopping bags, egg cartons and \$270.00 in cash & checks which were presented to the Urbandale Food Pantry.



Post member Scott Schulte constructed two, new outdoor signs to set in front of the Legion Hall on our food drive days.

volunteers: Gordon Hyke, Roger Rothamel, Mark Newhall, Dennis Appelhons

Buddy Poppy Distribution May 17-18, 24-25, 2024



Johnston
Hy Vee



Justin Shaw

Roger Rothamel

Grimes Hy Vee

Other volunteers :
Mark Newhall – Sam's & Fareway
Al McPherson – Hy Vee, Johnston
Tom Jamison – Hy Vee, Urbandale
Jack Lingelbach -Sam's & Hy Vee, Grimes
Connie Djuth -Sam's (for Kevin)



On Veterans Day 2024, we plan to have the same locations set up as we had for this Memorial Day. However, we need to have our volunteers planning far enough ahead that we can put one to two persons in each shift.

JUNE 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	1	2	3	4	5	6

What do we associate June with?

Many people associate June with weddings and outdoor activities, such as picnics and sports events. June is named after the Roman goddess Juno, who was the patroness of marriage and the wife of Jupiter.

National Dairy Month in the United States

Other known days in the month include D-Day, June 6, 1944, Flag Day June 15, Fathers Day, June 16th, and the First Day of summer (longest daylight day). June 20th.

Remembering D-Day

JUNE 6, 1944

“We will accept nothing less
than full victory.”

GENERAL DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER

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ALL GAVE SOME, SOME GAVE ALL

D-Day: June 6th, 1944, is etched in history as D-Day, the day Allied forces launched a massive invasion of Nazi-occupied Normandy, France, during World War II. Code-named Operation Overlord, this pivotal military campaign involved over 156,000 troops from the United States, Britain, Canada, and other Allied nations.

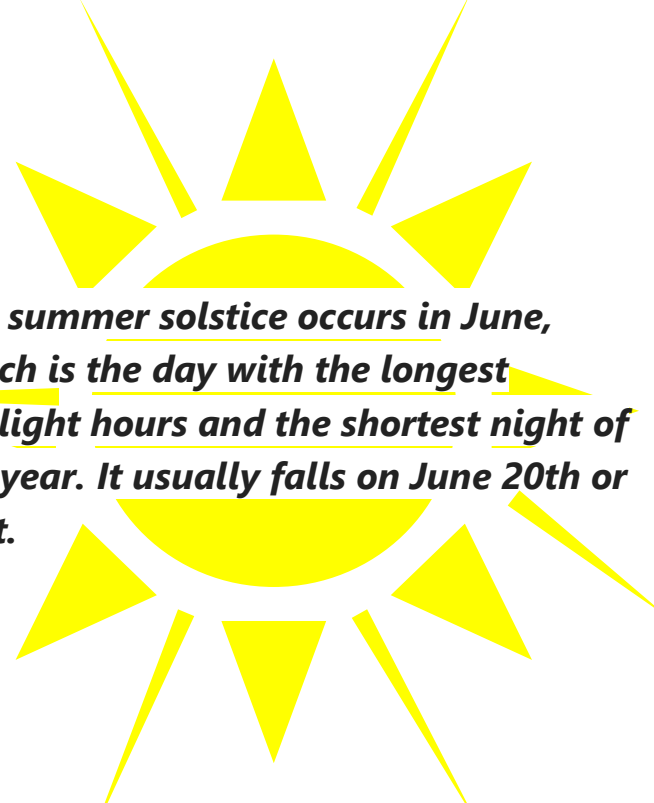
The operation began with a perilous amphibious assault on five beachheads—**Utah, Omaha, Gold, Juno, and Sword**—supported by extensive air and naval bombardments. Despite facing fierce resistance and heavy casualties, the successful landings marked the beginning of the end for Nazi Germany, leading to the liberation of Western Europe and ultimately contributing to the Allied victory in the war.



Flag Day (US): Flag Day in the United States is observed on June 14th, commemorating the adoption of the Stars and Stripes as the nation's official flag by the Second Continental Congress in 1777.

The resolution defined the flag's design, specifying 13 stripes and 13 stars to represent the original colonies. President Woodrow Wilson officially established June 14th as Flag Day in 1916, and later, in 1949, Congress designated it as a national day of observance.

Father's Day is celebrated on the third Sunday in June. The holiday was first proposed in 1909 by Sonora Smart Dodd, who wanted to honor her father, a Civil War veteran and single parent who raised six children.



The summer solstice occurs in June, which is the day with the longest daylight hours and the shortest night of the year. It usually falls on June 20th or 21st.



VETERAN RESOURCES

You are not alone. But if you feel like you are, please refer to one of the numbers below.

Veteran Crisis Line

Call 988 press 1 or
<https://www.veteranscrisisline.net/get-help-now/chat>

Women Veterans Hotline

1- 855-829-6636

Caregiver Support

877-424-3838 ext 1

Quit Vet (tobacco)

1-855-QUIT-VET

War Vet Call Center

1-877-927-8387

National Call Center for Homeless Veterans

877-424-3838 ext 1

Polk County Veterans Affairs Website

Polk County River Place 2309 Euclid Avenue Des Moines, IA 50310 Monday – Friday: 8:00 am – 4:30 pm Phone (515) 286-3670

Fax (515) 286-2106

Veterans.Affairs@polkcountyiowa.gov

Visit the **Polk County Veterans Affairs website**

Veterans do you feel overwhelmed?

You are not alone Check out these resources.

Also check out Post 9668's new website at :
urbandalefw9668.org

June 17th: Post 9668 Planning Meeting: 7:00 P.M. Legion Bldg.

VIETNAM WAR LIVING HISTORY EVENT

Discover what life was like for an American serviceman during the Vietnam War. Meet knowledgeable historians, explore historically accurate campsites, and see period military vehicles at the **Iowa Gold Star Military Museum**



SATURDAY
JUNE 1, 2024
9:00-5:00

7105 NW 70TH
AVE,
JOHNSTON, IA

SUNDAY
JUNE 2, 2024
9:00-1:00

FEATURED
ATTRACTIONS:



- CH-47 helicopter flyover (tentative)
- Vietnam War era military vehicles
- Military police patrol boat
- Extended museum hours

FREE
ENTRY

For More Information:



michael.vogt@iowa.gov



515-252-4531

Coffee and Camaraderie: Saturday, ? TBD/TBA, 0900 - 1200 Hours.

If you are interested in being in the Iowa State Fair “ Veterans Day at the Fair” parade; Mike Knight is your contact person (515-556-9239)– (free entrance tickets), If we have enough VFW members, we might be able to have our own vehicle.

Important June Calendar Dates:

30th May – 2nd June: VFW Department of IA 102nd State Convention at the DSM Holiday Inn Airport, Des Moines, IA.
3rd: Post 9668 business meeting at 1900 hrs*.
6th: D-Day: Allied invasion of Europe (1944) 80th Anniversary.
6th: Camp Dodge 2022 Summer Concert Series at Pool Complex, 1900 2100 Hours: Eli Alger and the Faster Horses.
8th-10th: Grimes Governors Days, Grimes, IA.
10th: Women’s Veterans Day.
14th: U.S Army Founded (1775). Flag Day.
: Johnston “Green Days”.
15th: FLAG RETIREMENT CEREMONY/POST BBQ, Urban Park/Camp Dodge, 1000 – 1500 hours.
17th: Post 9668 Planning Meeting: TBA/TBD.
16th: Father’s Day.
20th: Summer begins.
20th: Camp Dodge 2022 Summer Concert Series at Pool Pavilion, 1800 – 2100 Hours: Standing Hampton & Classic Car Night.
22nd: Pledge of Allegiance recognized by Congress, (1942). GI Bill signed into Law, (1944).
23rd: Coast Guard Auxiliary Birthday (1939). The Final Salute: Hamilton’s Southtown, 1130 Hrs. Iowa Veterans Cemetery, 1300 Hrs.
24th: VFW Post 9668 JULY Business Meeting at 1900hrs*.
25th: Korean War began, (1950).
27th: PTSD Awareness Day.
27th: National Post-Traumatic Stress Awareness Day.
27th: Camp Dodge 2022 Summer Concert Series at Pool Pavilion, 1800 – 2100 Hours: 34th Army Band.
29th: Camp Dodge 2022 Summer Concert Series at Pool Pavilion, 1800-2100: 34th Army Band, Alumni Night.
30th: GI Bill for the 21st Century signed into Law, (2008).
Coffee and Camaraderie, TBD/TBA, 0900 - 1200 Hours.

When you are making out your schedule for the next month, please keep the post activities in mind.

June Happy Birthdays

1 st	Rachel Peelers
7 th	Nick Ranch
16 th	Rich Osburn
18 th	Chad Goodrich
18 th	Robert Johnson
28 th	Joshua Novey

Do not see your birthday,
contact the
adjutant at Adj@vfw9668.org

New Members

When you are making out your schedule for the next month, please keep the post activities in mind.

Business Meeting:

The Junr business meeting of Post 9668 will be Monday, 3 June 2024, at 7:00 pm, at Urbandale American Legion Hall. Please join us. The meeting for July will be Monday June 24th, 2024, at 7 pm.

Information:

Phone number for the Headquarters, Department of Iowa V.F.W., is (515) 255-2139, Fax: 515-255-2130. Hours are from 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M., Monday – Friday. The office is closed on Federal Holidays.