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Urbandale-Johnston VFW Post 9668 October 2024 Newsletter



Hello October



From the Post Commander



In October:

Autumn comes into full swing.

Leaves begin to change color. Temperatures
across the country typically stay above 50

degrees Fahrenheit. And there are a number of cultural
festivals, parades, and Halloween traditions.

This month's name stems from the Latin "octo" "eight", because
this was the eighth month of the early Roman calendar. When
the Romans converted to a 12-month calendar, the name
October stuck despite the fact that it's now the 10th month!

October 2 starts Rosh Hashanah, a Jewish holiday that
marks the beginning of the new year, literally "Head of the Year"
in Hebrew. It is the first of the High Holidays ending ten days

later with Yom Kippur. This two-day festival marks the anniversary of human creation – and the special relationship between humans and God, the creator.

Columbus Day (USA), federal holiday, is observed on the second Monday in October. It was on October 12, 1492, that Christopher Columbus landed on a small island in the Bahamas, convinced that he had reached Asia.

October's Full Moon, known as the Hunter's Moon, arrives on Thursday, October 17. Like September's Harvest Moon, the Hunter's Moon is closely tied to the autumnal equinox.

October 24 is United Nations Day, which aims to bring awareness to the work of the United Nations worldwide.



Post Events and Activities In October

October 1, 2024

Legion Hall patriotic mural and Urbandale "Downtown 70th & Douglas Rehabilitation" project.

Over the summer, Legion Post 663 and VFW Post 9668 have met with Urbandale Parks & Rec., Urbandale Art Committee, and Urbandale Development Committee, to review the three local artists that have been selected to submit examples of the patriotic mural to be painted on the Legion Building East exterior wall. Various upgrades have been proposed to the Legion building (built in 1944) to make it more attractive to the public and fit the theme of the 70th & Douglas rehab. It is anticipated that the rehab will attract more interest and business to this "Downtown" area and a potential increase in Legion Hall rentals.

On October 1, 2024, representatives from the above referenced groups met with one of the three selected artists to review and critique her first proposed version of the mural. A "Q & A" session was productive and the artist will take the acquired information to submit an amended version of the mural in a future 2nd meeting.

On October 3, 2024, representatives from the above referenced groups will meet with each of the two remaining artists to critique their proposed murals.

Volunteers Needed

Post 9668 & Post 663 will need volunteers in October to repair cracks and tuck point the repairs on the East wall, It is anticipated that pressure washing the wall will be needed to make it ready for a special primer to be applied this spring just before the mural is started. **If you have any masonry or general painting experience we would like to meet with you to discuss the wall preparation work.**

On October 7, 2024, Post 9668 October monthly meeting.
American Legion Hall, 6805 Douglas Ave. - - 7:00 P.M.

OCTOBER
9, 2024



Convoy of Historic Military Vehicles staying overnight in our area.

Members of the Military Vehicle Preservation Association-HA are convoying 2,500 miles on the Jefferson Highway, From Pines to Palms. Let's welcome them to our community.

DATE:

Wednesday, October 9
Est Arrival 4 pm

LOCATION:

American Legion
Indianola, IA

Overnight Location:
Fairgrounds



Facebook Link
MVPA Historic
Convoys



Map Link
Find the Convoy
<http://www.aprs.fi/k3arl-11>



October 12, 2024



Fall Family Festival

Venue: Camp Dodge Pool Pavilion, 7105 NW 70th Ave, Johnston, IA 50131

2:00 PM to 4:00 PM

Join us for an exciting Military Family Event at the Camp Dodge Pool Pavilion! This event is a wonderful opportunity for Iowa Army National Guard Soldiers, Veterans, and their Families to connect, have fun, and build resilience in a festive, Western-themed environment.

Activities: Western-themed games and activities - Photo booth with Wild West props - Dancing Arts and crafts for kids

Preregistration Encouraged: Save time at the entrance by preregistering online!
Feel free to dress the part! Western attire is encouraged but not required.

Post 9668 will be participating in both of these events. I would like to have 2 volunteers for Camp Dodge and 4 to 5 volunteers for Urbandale Police Trunk or Treat. Contact Dennis Appelhons if you can help at these events.

October 24, 2024

TRUNK OR TREAT 2024

FOLLOW THE HALLOWEEN TRAIL TO THE URBANDALE PUBLIC LIBRARY FOR MORE FUN & GAMES!

URBANDALE POLICE DEPARTMENT
URBANDALE PUBLIC LIBRARY

THURSDAY OCTOBER 24TH
5.30PM TO 7.30PM

SAFE FAMILY FRIENDLY FREE

TRICK OR TREAT

September Post Events and Activities

September 7, 2024, Flag Retirement.

VFW Post 9668 and American Legion Post 663 conducted their annual Flag Retirement Ceremony at Camp Dodge, Johnston,



Members of VFW Post 9668 and American Legion Post 663 and Auxiliary that stayed for the picnic following the ceremony.



Mark Newhall mans the grill while Al McPherson waits for his cheeseburger and hotdog.





September 13, 2024, Larry Cramer, Roger Rothamel and Dennis Appelhons wire brushed, scraped and cleaned roof and sidewall seams on the concession trailer to recoat and waterproof the roof prior to taking the trailer to winter storage.



Recoated roof and seams



September 17, 2024 Larry Cramer, Dennis Appelhons and Al McPherson loaded the coolers, refrigerator and pizza oven and other materials into the trailer, hitched it to Larry's Ford SUV and drove it to a warehouse on NE 58th Ave. south of Ankeny for winter storage.



The Des Moines Iowa

Homeless Veterans Stand Down was **September 13, 14 and 15.**
in a new location for 2024.

1220 Shaw Street between Scott Avenue and Shaw Street.

Keith Cottington, Post 9668 member participated. Keith indicated, that like the 2023 Stand Down, there were not enough volunteers to fully operate the event as it should have been. Too few volunteers, spread too thin for so many veterans that needed help. We need to start recruiting potential volunteers early in the year to make this event more efficient in the services to be provided to these needy veterans.



URBANDALE



HIGH SCHOOL

J-HAWKS



September 20, 2024

VFW Post 9668 &

Legion Post 663

Provided the Color Guard for the Urbandale Homecoming Game.

Any member that would like to participate in future color guard events should contact Dennis Appelhons or Michael Knight. It is nice to have 5 participants at an event, it would be nice to have several substitutes so the same ,3,4,or 5 members are not constantly participating.

**The next Color Guard event will be
October 11, 2024. Dowling vs. Urbandale.**

Important October Calendar Dates:

4 th – 5 th : VFW IA Fall Pow-
Wow: DSMAirport Holiday
Inn.

4 th – 5 th : Windsor Heights Fall
Festival, Colby Park.

7 th : Post 9668 business meeting
at 1900hrs (7 PM)*.

7 th : War on Terrorism began
(Afghanistan War), (2001).

12 th : Fall Family Festival.
Saturday, 12 October, 1400 – 1600
Hrs., Camp Dodge Pool Pavilion,
IANG Warrior and Family Service
Branch and Youth Program.

14 th : Columbus Day (observed).

18 th – 20 th : 2019 Big 10
Conference, Indianapolis, IN.

23 rd : Grenada Campaign began
(1983).

24 th : 6 th Annual Urbandale
Police Department Trunk n' Treat:
1730 – 1930 hours, Urbandale PD
parking lot.

26 th : Day of the Deployed.

27 th : Navy Day.

Coffee & Camaraderie. 0900
– 1200 hours, TBD/TBA.

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

October Happy Birthdays

7 th Dan Follett

20 th Don Swan

27 th Mark Newhall

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

Information:

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

ATTENTION - -

The October business meeting of
Post 9668 will be Monday, 7
October 2024, at 7:00 pm, at
Urbandale American Legion Hall.
Please join us. The meeting for
November will be Monday, 4
November 2024, at 7 pm.