



BEACH NEWS

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AMERICAN LEGION HUNTINGTON BEACH POST 133

August 11

Lake Park Clubhouse

Lake and 12th Streets

**This will be a dinner and
entertainment**

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Commander Russ Dohrmann

Remember the old term, there's so much to say and so little time, well that's how I feel as I write this. I'd like to start off by recognizing some of Robert McClish' recent accomplishments while he was our Post 133 Commander. Robert was just selected as Legionnaire of the year for District 29 Area 5 and he'll be presented with this award at the Department meeting in Clovis California on August 22nd. This is a big deal and Robert certainly earned the recognition.

Robert has demonstrated a passion for serving veterans in need. He has been instrumental in arranging a wide range of assistance, including financial, housing, meals, transportation to medical appointments and other essential needs. Robert is a member of our county's Veteran's Collaborative that utilizes the Veteran's Emergency Assistance Fund for housing, employment, and other resources for veterans.

Veterans Resource Center was developed at the city's central library under his leadership, that continued serving veterans remotely throughout the pandemic, helping Veterans obtain documents and apply for VA benefits. Using this center as a model, he has also provided training for other Posts throughout our district to assist them to develop their own resource centers. Here's a partial list of some of the VRCs recent successes. They've provided 77 motel nights for 11 individual homeless veterans or veteran families. Eight individual veterans or veteran families received rental assistance to keep them housed. Eleven Veteran owned vehicles were repaired. Twelve gas cards were distributed. Eleven Walmart gift cards were provided for emergency food or baby supplies. Fourteen Veterans were given financial support for special needs such as: emergency clothing, utility bills, bus passes, moving expenses and cemetery charges. Robert continues to actively develop community relationships, raising money for a variety of veteran's programs and services. Because of his dedication to all American Legion programs and to community outreach, he led the effort to bring Legion Baseball back to our District. Volunteering countless hours promoting and funding the program he successfully raised \$35,000 to sponsor six teams this season. So, as you can see, I have some mighty big shoes to fill.

I'm happy to announce that even during the pandemic shutdown our Post found ways to remain active. Longboard owner, Dave Lautner, in downtown Huntington Beach graciously hosted breakfast for any Veteran on the first Friday of each month, and we continued to have Coffee at Lake Park on every Third Monday. On August 11th we will be at Lake Park Clubhouse, and it will be a dinner catered by Boston Market for a donation of \$12 per person, which includes dinner, drinks and desert. Please RSVP to Ernie Delgado at 714-940-4330.

In closing I'd like to welcome our new Officers who were elected at our June general meeting. Congratulations to Dave Badgett First Vice Commander taking on membership and Elaine Parker Third Vice Commander taking on public relations.

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Bill Jeffords

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AUXILIARY NEWS
Tina Bauer President



AUGUST begins MEMBERSHIP MONTH!

We have our 2022 membership cards, current members please watch for your 2021-2022 Membership Dues statement which will be mailed or sent via email shortly. Our membership dues are \$30.00 for senior members and \$5.00 for junior members.

Each year you have 2 options to renew your membership: **(1) Paying by check**, please make your check payable to **American Legion Auxiliary HB Unit 133**, and send to P.O. Box 133, Huntington Beach, CA 92648: or **(2) Paying by credit card**, if you have internet access you can renew on-line at the American Legion Auxiliary national website www.ALAforVeterans.org to pay with your credit card after you establish your on-line account access you will see a link that states renew. To set up your account – your username will be your membership number which is located on your current card, set up a password and you will be good to go. Once you set up your account and pay on-line, every year you can renew paying with a credit card, your username and password will stay the same.

Thank you to our 32 members who have already renewed for 2022. Let's make a 100% membership goal before December 31st! If you know others eligible to join encourage them to become involved. We welcome to our first new HB Unit 133 members for the 2022 year, We are looking forward to an active year working on our programs to benefit our Veterans, service men and women and their families, children and youth, our schools and our community. Please contact me if you have questions about your membership status or are having trouble setting up your on-line access to renew your membership.

ATTENTION ALL POST 133 Legionnaires, we would like to extend an invitation to join our Unit to all your female relatives, including spouses, daughters, grand-daughters, sisters, mothers, and grandmothers. **We also welcome any women veterans to our Unit, you can have dual membership. Please contact me if you would like a membership application.**

One of the terms we reference with members and our community is the **Huntington Beach American Legion Family**. You may ask yourself who is in-

involved? The HB American Legion Family is comprised of The American Legion Huntington Beach Post 133 (established in 1919); the American Legion Auxiliary Huntington Beach Unit 133 (re-established in 2002 with a new charter after disbanding in 1981 after more than 30 years in the community); the American Legion Riders Huntington Beach Chapter 133 (established in 2018) and The Sons of the American Legion Huntington Beach Squadron 133 (newly formed this year by Post 133). While members of The Huntington Beach American Legion Family are individually unique, collectively our membership is a powerhouse of caring advocates and volunteers dedicated to service.

We are planning to hold our annual Labor Day Picnic this year, on Monday, September 5th, 2021 at Lake Park, from 11:30 am to 2:00 pm. We will be grilling hot dogs and hamburgers and have side dishes and desserts. Our 2021 Girl's State Delegates and our 2021 Boys State Delegates will be invited to join us to share their experiences. It is a wonderful opportunity to meet and talk to these young men and women that our American Legion Auxiliary Unit 133 selected for the 2021 Girls State Session and the American Legion Post 133 selected for the 2021 Boys State Session. Please contact me via phone or email to RSVP for the Labor Day event no later than August 23rd, families are welcome.

Wishing all our members who have birthdays in August – a very happy and special day celebrating.

In closing let us all reflect on the mission of The American Legion Auxiliary, we are one of the world's largest patriotic service organizations with over 9,000 units and 800,000 members whose ideals are to provide assistance to our veterans and make our communities a better place to live.

"In the spirit of Service, Not Self, the mission of the American Legion Auxiliary is to support The American Legion and to honor the sacrifice of those who serve by enhancing the lives of our veterans, military, and their families, both at home and abroad. For God and Country, we advocate for veterans, educate our citizens, mentor youth, and promote patriotism, good citizenship, peace and security."

Please contact me if you have any questions about our activities, membership for family and friends, or volunteering. For now our September 2021 Unit 133 meeting and future meetings will be held on different dates and time each month and I will let you know in advance of each meeting I look forward to meeting and talking with each of you this coming year.

Tina Bauer, 714-655-733 or

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Post 133 Legionnaires participated in all three of this year's **Independence Day** caravans, with Legionnaires riding in a 1920's era fire engine in one and in our military trucks. We even made the front page of the Wave newspaper.



**1st Vice Commander
Dave Badgett**

MEMBERSHIP:

175 have paid their dues thus far. Out of 500.

You can pay on-line with a credit card at www.legion.org.

Remember we are on a fiscal year, July 1, 2021-June 30, 2022.

**2nd Vice Commander
Ernie Deldado**



SOCIAL CALENDAR:

Brunch August 6 at 9:00 AM at Longboard, downtown.

Coffee: August 16 at McDonald's, Goldenwest north of Yorktown.

Lunch August 25 at Old World restaurant, 7561 Center Ace, HB.

Our annual **WWII Veteran recognition luncheon** will be held on August 14th at Marie Callender's, Fountain Valley.

Our annual **Labor Day picnic** will be held at Lake Park.

Our **Post Birthday Lunch** will be held on December 18th. Location to be determined.

Our **Veterans Resource Center** is back in business. We are back in full swing, with hours of operation Monday – Thursday from 2pm – 6pm and Friday 9am – 1pm. We are in need of volunteers to fill shifts, and like Uncle Sam said this means you. If you're interested, please give Noella Passarelli a call at 714.756.0236.



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We toured the Los Angeles Fire Department's two museums in San Pedro. We were allowed to board and enter the landmark 1925 fireboat #2, including touring the engine room and seeing the pumps that were so reliable that they were never out of service until the boat was retired in 2003. The group then went to the more traditional museum and were allowed to be up close to unique and rare fire engines and a long list of special equipment. To top it off, the Assistant Chief that's in charge of one third of the City of Los Angeles stopped by to visit, and answer questions.



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