



BEACH NEWS

August



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AMERICAN LEGION HUNTINGTON BEACH POST 133

**Next meeting is
August 10
6:30 social,
7:00 PM meeting,
at Lake Park Club-
house, Lake and
12th Streets.**



Commander Russ Dohrmann

Has it really been a month since our last newsletter and how can this be the beginning of our new fiscal year already? So, speaking of the new fiscal year, let me begin by extending my/our sincere acknowledgements and thanks to our generous donors and spectacular volunteers that contribute their time, expertise, and funding to help us improve the lives of the many needy veterans within the communities that we serve, Costa Mesa, Fountain Valley and Huntington Beach. Without this diverse team of dedicated helpers, the

needs of many who have worn our nations uniforms could not be addressed.

Here's a few of our accomplishments from fiscal 2021-2022 and a little background data to show how much progress we've made in our efforts to assist our fellow veterans who are dealing with hard times. During fiscal 2019 – 2020, we spent sixteen thousand dollars, in 2020 – 2021 we spent thirty thousand four hundred dollars and in 2021 – 2022 we spent thirty-seven thousand six hundred dollars. Over this past year we've helped 57 veterans, expending an average of \$3,134.00 per month to address their needs. This breaks down to 22 hotel vouchers, 10 food and gas debit cards, 5 rental assistance vouchers, 5 car repair payments, 4 utility assistance disbursements and 11 miscellaneous financial assistance actions. As you can see, we have been busy helping those who once gave of themselves to serve our country.

Looking back over the past year, we have much to be thankful for. As an example, I'm blessed that once again you have put your faith in me and our leadership team as we strive together to do all that we can to build on our Post's past successes.

I want to personally thank the following people for stepping up to the following positions in our ranks. Elaine Parker First Vice Commander handling membership, Frank Passarelli Second Vice Commander social chairman and Jim Rossman our Third Vice Commander and our new public relations chairman. By the way, did you know that we actually have sixteen Post Officers that help run our post, all of which are all volunteer positions. Each one has their own veteran related subject area to work on and a wide range of special talents to employ as they address their areas. If you are interested in helping, we still have a few important positions open. We need an assistant finance officer to help our current finance officer. Our cub scout coordinator, Frank Passarelli, is looking for a replacement to take over this important task. If you are interested in this position, please call Frank at 714-402-1923 to discuss the program. Positions are also open at our Veterans Resource Center where we work directly with our Veteran community. Just two hours per week is all it takes to help a great deal. Give Frank Passarelli, our VRC coordinator, a call if you can help. No experience is needed, they'll be happy to train you.

In addition to these standing positions there are a range of events on the horizon that need additional volunteers to help accomplish our goals. Here are some of the larger events that are just around the corner. Our 1st annual American Legion Car show is scheduled for the 13th of August. Tee it Up for the Troops will run from August 19 – 22. Last year we received a \$30,000 donation from this event, it's a big one, and many volunteers are needed so please be on the lookout for this signup sheet too.

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UNIT 133 AUXILIARY NEWS Tina Bauer President



The 4th of July was a fun and busy day for all. I hope you saw our Post 133 Veterans marching and riding in the Army vehicles this year. Our Veterans were joined this year by Unit 133 and SALS 133 members. Thank you to all the Auxiliary and SALS members, LBVAMC staff, and family who helped with the HB Post 133 Fireworks booth sales this year. We learned how to merchandise, had fun using digital codes to see the TNT products in action, talk intelligently about all the fireworks to sell the products, use a scanner and iPad to process transactions, and thank all our customers for supporting the American Legion Huntington Beach Post 133 and the work they do for veterans in our community.



AUGUST begins MEMBERSHIP MONTH! We have our 2023 membership cards, current members please watch for your July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023 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.ALforVeterans.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 members who have already renewed for 2023. Let's make a 100% membership goal before December 31st! If you know others eligible to join encourage them to become involved. Welcome to our first new HB Unit 133 Senior and Junior members for the 2023 year. We are looking forward to an active year working on 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.

The American Legion Family Huntington Beach Post 133 and Unit 133 Annual Labor Day Picnic will be held Monday, September 5th, 2022, at Lake Park, from 11:30 am to 2:00 pm. Post 133 will be providing the grill items and Unit 133 will be providing the side dishes and desserts. Our 2022 Girl's State Delegates and our 2022 Boys State Delegates will join us to share their experiences. It is a wonderful opportunity to meet and talk to these young women and men that HB Unit 133 sent to the 2022 Girls State Session and HB Post 133 sent to the 2022 Boys State Session. Their enthusiasm for the program when they talk about all the many activities they were part of and all the fun they experienced increases our pride in this great program. Please contact me if you would like to sign up for a side dish or dessert. We are requesting your RSVP by August 31st, families are welcome to attend.

HB Unit 133 member Noella Passarelli agreed to be a CAGS City Liaison (previously referred to as City Moms) for the 2022 Girls State Session at California State University, Sacramento, a new location this year. The 2020 and 2021 GS sessions were held virtually, for 2022 they were back in person at a college campus. Each year American Legion Auxiliary members volunteer to help in different capacities at the American Legion Auxiliary California Girls State weeklong session, the end of June every year. They have many responsibilities as staff they are involved in everything from checking delegates in the first day, working in the Girls State Store, answering questions about the agenda and activities for the day, and to acting as the warm fuzzy to a group of girls in the dormitory rooms they share. The week is filled with fun, volunteering, rising early each morning, and going to bed late each night. Below are Unit 133 2022 Delegates getting ready to take the bus home, District 29 GS Chairpersons, who also served as City Liaisons this year, and the postcards from our delegates.



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

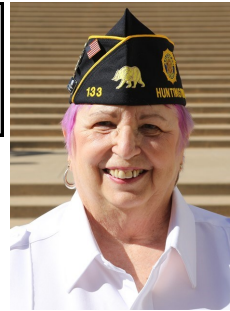
Please contact me if you have any questions about our activities, membership for family and friends, or volunteering. I look forward to meeting and talking with each of you this coming year and seeing you at the September 5thth Labor Day Picnic.

Tina Bauer, e-mail: alahuntingtonbeachunit133.com or call 714-655-7333



Peter Green, Post 133 member and past mayor of Huntington Beach passed away. Post 133 Honor Guard provided military honors at his funeral. We will miss Peter.

**1st Vice Commander
Elaine Parker**



MEMBERSHIP:

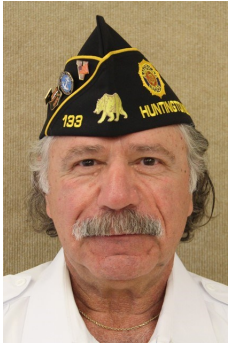
2023 membership fees of \$45 (July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023) are now due. You may renew online at www.legion.org/renew or by check.

Post 133 is looking for a few good persons for two positions: Assistant Finance Officer and liaison to Cub Scout Pack 101.

If interested, please contact Post 133 Commander, Russ Dohrmann at 949-510-4151.

Make your check payable to AL POST 133 and mail to: American Legion Post 133, P.O. Box 133, Huntington Beach, CA 92648.

**2nd Vice Commander
Frank Passarelli**



SOCIAL CALENDAR:

Coffee: 9:00 AM August 5 & 15 at McDonald's, Goldenwest north of Yorktown.

Lunch: 11:30 AM August 24 at BJ'S Restaurant & Brew House 16060 Beach, Blvd.

Labor Day picnic September 5 at 11:30 AM at Lake Park clubhouse, Lake and 11th street.

Post 133 will have its **WWII luncheon** August 14 at noon, location to be determined.

Please respond to Russ Dohrmann if you will attend.

Sons of the American Legion (SAL) Squadron 133

You should be receiving your 2023 dues notice. National has raised dues by \$2; however, our dues will remain the same.

AMERICAN LEGION HUNTINGTON BEACH RIDERS 133

On July 9th our Chapter had the honor to organize a ride for visually impaired Veterans from the Tibor Rubin VA Blind Rehabilitation Center. There were 5 visually impaired Veterans who rode on the back of motorcycles along with an escort of 20 other motorcycles. We rode from the VA to the Newport Beach Post 291, who hosted a delicious BBQ luncheon. All 5 Veterans were first time riders and all smiles! Two Veterans were Korean War Era Veterans aged 80 and 93.

American Legion Riders Chapter 133 organizes local rides throughout the month. Please check our website and Facebook page for all our upcoming events. If you are interested in joining us on any rides, or becoming a member of the Riders please email ALRchapter133@gmail.com or call (714) 393-1904 www.alrchapter133.com



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