



BEACH NEWS

December-January



2025-26



AMERICAN LEGION HUNTINGTON BEACH POST 133

**Next meetings are
December 10 and
January 14
at 7:00 PM
at Memorial Hall
1718 Orange Ave.**



Commander Jim Rossman

I can't believe how fast the 2025 year has gone. The post has been very active this year and I would like to share some of our events. Along with City Officials, we participated in ceremonies on Memorial day, 9-11 and Veterans day at the Pier Plaza. The Post had over 25 Legion Members participate in the 4th of July parade, and were warmly welcomed by all in attendance. We also have participated in ceremonies at a number of elementary schools in the Huntington Beach School District.

For the upcoming months we have been asked by the city council to lead the Pledge of Allegiance at all city council meetings. If you are interested in leading the Pledge of Allegiance at a meeting, please sign up at our next General Meeting. Additionally they would like us to participate in the 250th anniversary of our nation. If you would like to help with this project, you can sign up at the next General Meeting.

On November 19th, the post was honored by Mayor Pat Burns for our dedication and service to veterans and the community. This presentation was filmed and will be shown on Channel 3 soon.

We have had some wonderful speakers at our general meeting this year including Mayor Pat Burns, City Manager Travis Hopkins, A speaker from JPL, Jason Schmitt, (City Treasurer), Captain Johnson HBPD.

Our December General Meeting on the 10th will feature new Mayor Casey McKeon who will join us and speak about current and future happenings in our city. This year, we have learned so much about the city, how it operates, and how things are conducted. Please consider attending a general meeting on the 2nd Wednesday of each month. Seating capacity is limited to 50 people.

I would like to remind everyone that we operate the Veterans Resource Center located inside the HB Central Library. If you need help with anything related to benefits or need information related to your service, please stop by.

I hope you have a wonderful Thanksgiving, and a Merry Christmas. I look forward to seeing you next year.

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UNIT 133
AUXILIARY NEWS
Tina Bauer President



The American Legion Auxiliary's official birthdate is November 10, 1919, and celebrated their 106th Birthday.. The history of our Unit 133 actually began sometime in the 1920's; unfortunately we do not have our early Unit history, except for a few newspaper articles and a scrapbook in the HB Historical Archives at city hall. We always worked with The American Legion Huntington Beach Post 133 for many years surrendering our charter in 1982 because there were not enough members to continue Unit 133. Huntington Beach Unit 133 was re-born in 2003 when our charter we submitted in 2002 was signed by the Department of California. Today we are over 200 members strong, although many members have not renewed for this year. Our membership year is July 1st to June 30th and can create confusion as your new card will state **2026**, yet we are still in calendar year 2025, we are now half-way though our membership year, let's make 100%. Please renew today either online with a credit card or mail a check or pay with Zelle, contact me and I can help with the many options to renew your membership.

Auxiliary members kept themselves very busy in October and November supporting HB Unit 133 activities and participating in Post 133 activities and events.



The Quartermaster event was well attended and raised funds in addition to the Holiday Wreath fundraiser to support the Unit 133 Girls State Program. In October Unit members Noella Passarelli, Harriet Price and Sharon Stoll were acknowledged by Senator Tony Strickland with an award for their community service.

Unit members attended the Veterans Day Ceremony at the Huntington Beach Pier Plaza helping distribute patriotic scarves for donations, event programs, and cards with written messages by Dwyer Middle School students thanking veterans for their service.



The Long Beach VAMC organized a Women Veterans Social Connection Brunch in November with over 130 participants. We participated in the event with auxiliary members from District 29. They were many speakers and opportunity for the women to socialize, have brunch and participate in drawings for gift bags and handmade quilts.

Additional cards for veterans from Dwyer Middle school students and 5 boxes with over 200 gallon sized Ziploc bags with food and healthy snacks were donated to the Pier Center. The program is called United for Service

which a local business organized with their staff to provide help to veterans.



LBVAMC ADOPT A FAMILY FOR THANKSGIVING AND CHRISTMAS – Beginning in 2008, every few months we have donated food, gas, and other gift cards to the Tibor Rubin VA Medical Center, Long Beach (LBVAMC) Post 9/11 Military2VA Case Management Program (Veterans Transition Center and Care Management Program), the VA Center for Development and Civic Engagement (Voluntary Services Department), and other programs on the Long Beach campus; for Case Managers, Social Workers and program specialists to give to veterans in need. This holiday season for Thanksgiving we donated gift cards for \$95.00 each from grocery stores for a complete dinner for a veteran and their family. Many of the veterans who have received these donations sent us cards which we shared at the November meeting. For December we are adopting local veterans and their families through the VA Long Beach Health Care System, Voluntary Services Department - Operation Santa program. Please contact Tina Bauer via email or phone if you would like to help support the families we adopt.

As we begin 2026, we will have many projects to be accomplished, and we are looking forward to continued support and volunteers from our Unit 133 members. January will be a busy time for our Unit 133 Girls State Chairperson Noella Passarelli who will begin the process contacting the high schools (Edison, Fountain Valley, Huntington Beach, Los Amigos, Marina, and Ocean View) we support to promote the program with the principals, teachers and students. In January the students are identified, February we interview and select a delegate and alternate from each school, and then work with the girls and their parents to complete applications and submit on-line by the mid-March due date. Unit 133 members who would like to participate in the interview process with students (February 12, February 17, February 19, and February 24; from 4:00 PM – 8:00 PM) please contact Noella Passarelli via email n.passarelli83@gmail.com or phone 714-756-0236.

As a reminder, our Unit 133 does not meet in December. The next Unit 133 meeting is January 14th, 2026, 7:00 PM. At the City of Huntington Beach, Memorial Hall, located at the 17th Street Park, 1718 Orange Ave. Join us at 6:30 p.m. for a social and 7:00 p.m. for our meeting. Best wishes to all our members celebrating birthdays in December and January; and other special occasions. Please contact me if you have any questions about our activities, membership for family and friends, or volunteering. Thank you for your continued support.

Tina Bauer, 714-655-7333 or alahuntingtonbeachunit133.@gmail.com

Huntington Beach Public Library
Veterans Resource Center Presents:

Two special workshops for
 Veterans, family members and anyone seeking more
 information

Thursday, October 16, 2025
 6:00pm to 7:30pm
 Learn how CalVet supports Veterans.



Please register at www.hbpl.org or
<https://hbpl.libcal.com/event/15336247>

Thursday, January 15, 2026
 6:00pm to 7:30pm
 Join us for a presentation by Tom Boscamp
 on educational benefits for Veterans and their
 families.



Please register at www.hbpl.org
 or <https://hbpl.libcal.com/event/15336251>



**1st Vice Commander
 Elaine Parker**



MEMBERSHIP:

The new membership year for
 Post 133 is here:
 July 1, 2025—June 30, 2026
 You can pay online at legion.org or send your
 check for \$50.00 made payable to American Le-
 gion Post 133 and mail to American Legion Post
 133, PO Box 133, Huntington Beach, CA 92648.
 Please contact me if you have questions about
 your membership status.

**2nd Vice Commander
 Frank Passarelli**



SOCIAL CALENDAR:

Coffee: December 5 & 15, and
 January 2 & 19 at
 McDonald's at 9 AM.

Lunch: There will be no lunch
 scheduled for December. January 28 at Buon
 Gusto, 4911 Warner Ave. at 11:30 AM

Veterans Resource Center (VRC)
 Hours are Monday—Thursday 2 to 6 PM, and
 Friday 9 AM to 1 PM.

Sons of the American Legion (SAL)
 The Huntington Beach Squadron 133 2025-26
 membership cards are here. Please note that
 July 1, 2025 is the beginning of the new mem-
 bership year. Dues remain at \$30. Send your
 check payable to American Legion Post 133 and
 mail to PO Box 133, Huntington Beach, CA
 92648 with SAL noted on the memo line.
 Contact Dennis Bauer with membership ques-
 tions: 714-642-8846.

The Mayor
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 Post 133 in
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