



BEACH NEWS

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AMERICAN LEGION HUNTINGTON BEACH POST 133

Feb. 9 & Mar. 9

**Meetings will be at
Harbour View
Clubhouse,
16600 Saybrook Ln,
HB.**

**Officers meeting is
the Monday before
the Post meeting.**



Commander Russ Dohrmann

Hello everyone and welcome to 2022, a year that I hope will bring good news and good health to everyone. It seems that Covid 19 has now turned into omicron, and times have been trying for many, including some of our own Post 133 members. During recent months several of my own personal friends have been stricken by Covid and sadly most of them had chosen to be unvaccinated. I encourage you all to protect yourselves and others by getting vaccinated. People ask me if I think they should wear a mask and my answer is simply that the evidence shows that they work. There's a reason that medical workers, Firefighters and other professionals have worn them for many years, this is not a new philosophy.

On December 18 our Post turned 102 years young and many of us gathered to celebrate at the Elks Lodge #1959 in Huntington Beach, who by the way loaned their facility to us at no charge, GO ELKS!!! To make the evening even more special, Harlan Price was recognized for his participation in the Korean War by Congresswoman Michelle Steel and by Mayor Barbara Delgleize. Congresswoman Steel honored Harlan by also presenting him the Korean peace medal and spoke about her very personal gratitude to the American military who served in Korea where her parents lived at that time.

I'll end this month by addressing a question that I've been asked by some of you, it's "what does the Post do with the money it receives." The following Veteran's assistance categories are what we primarily support. Relocation assistance, food and gas cards, rental assistance, hotel vouchers for the homeless, car repairs and registration and burial expenses. We serve Veterans in Huntington Beach, Fountain Valley and Costa Mesa. Speaking of our funding, I want to give special recognition to Tee It up for the Troops for their very generous donation of \$30,000 this year, and send a special thanks to Pacific Western Bank, Huntington Beach Elks Lodge #1959, American Legion Post 291 and everyone else who has donated to us. Without the financial support from our donors, we could not continue to help our Veteran community.

In closing I also want to also say thanks to Reggi Chun for your long hours of extra work managing the Oratorical program and to Dave Lautner for continuing to allow us special access to Longboards, and to all of you who work behind the scenes to make Post 133 successful!

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UNIT 133 AUXILIARY NEWS Tina Bauer President



As we begin 2022, we will have many projects to be accomplished, and we are looking forward to continued support and volunteering from our Unit 133 members. Our first meeting of the year was held on January 12, 2022 at the Murdy Community Center.

Although we did not meet in December we had a very busy month bringing holiday cheer to our Veterans at the Tibor Rubin VA Medical Center. We provided support to many programs and holiday events at the LBVAMC including last minute requests for assistance. All of the activities we support throughout the year at the Long Beach VA Healthcare System are from the Unit 133 poppy funds which we receive each May when working collaboratively with the American Legion Family Huntington Beach Post 133, Auxiliary Unit 133, Riders Chapter 133 and SALS Squadron 133 to distribute the hand-made red crepe poppy for donations; support from HB Post 133 and donations specifically to support veterans in need.

From these combined funds HB Unit 133 has donated over \$7,100.00 as requested to LBVAMC Post 9/11 Military 2VA Care Management Program, Volunteer Services, Women's Clinic, Mental Health Program, HUDVash, Blind Rehabilitation Center Program, Community Living Center, PIER Center, and other healthcare service areas to support veterans and their families in need. We provided:

- ◆ 34 Gift Cards for gasoline to help the Veteran's in need identified through the Veterans Transition Center and Care Management Program, HUDVash, and Mental Health Services case managers and Voluntary Services;
- ◆ 20 Gift cards for purchase of Thanksgiving Meals for veterans and their families and single veterans;
- ◆ 4 veterans and their families who live in our community help to make their holiday wishes come true through Operation Santa;
- ◆ 25 Gift cards and gift bags filled with holiday treats;
- ◆ Reading glasses, personal care items, and hand held games to hospitalized veterans;
- ◆ Baby items, gift cards and requested items to help pregnant women veterans and those who just delivered; and
- ◆ 30 Gift cards to help with program outings for veterans in program therapies.

January was a busy time for our Unit 133 Girls State Chairperson Carolee Focht who contacted the 5 high schools (Edison, Fountain Valley, Huntington Beach, Marina, and Ocean View) to promote the program with the principals, teachers and students. We coordinate our ef-

orts with the Post 133 Boys State Chairperson, Reggi Chun, as we are working with similar schools. In January the students are identified, February we interview and select a delegate and alternates from each school, and then work with the girls and their parents to complete applications and submit everything on-line by the mid-March due date. HB Unit 133 has participated in the CAGS Program for High School Juniors since 2004. We started with just two high schools Edison HS and Huntington Beach HS and have expanded to the five HS we support today.

Our membership has grown to 161 members this year. Thank you to our renewing members and welcome to our new members (128 total members have paid their dues to date for 2022; membership will be expiring for 26 members who have not renewed for 2021 and 8 members who have not renewed for 2020 & 2021.). **As a reminder if your membership card does not read 2022, please send in your payment of \$30.00 immediately to keep your membership current; or pay online (with a credit card) at the American Legion Auxiliary National website alaforveterans.org. Remember our membership year is July 1st to June 30th. Please contact me if you have questions about your membership status and how to bring your membership current if you owe for more than 1 year.**

Your generosity helps us to maintain the much needed support for our Veterans and their families. With your membership dues we are able to support our veterans in the community; help those at the Tibor Rubin VA Medical Center including the PIER Center for the homeless, HUDVash services, the Blind Rehabilitation Center for the visually impaired, Mental Health Programs in all settings, Women Veteran Programs and Services providing requested support to women veterans, support activities at the Community Living Center, provide assistance to the Post 9/11 Veterans (OEF, OIF, OND) Transition and Care Management Services Program, and support programs for Veterans through Voluntary Services; send high school students to Girls State; send care packages to our troops, participate in school and community programs honoring our veterans; and participate in the Auxiliary annual fundraising activities (May-Poppy distribution, Fall-holiday wreaths, all year-patriotic and holiday scarves).

Happy Birthday wishes to HB Unit 133 members who are celebrating birthdays in February and March. At our February and March 2022 meetings (2nd Wednesday of the Month) we will have our Valentines, St. Patrick's Day, and spring scarves in addition to our Patriotic scarves. The scarves are only \$10.00 and 100% of all proceeds support our programs. Our next Unit 133 meeting will be February 9th, 2022; join us at 6:45 PM at the Murdy Park Community Center, 7000 Norma Drive, Huntington Beach, 92647; located off Goldenwest Blvd. (near Warner Avenue), parking is in front of the building for easy access, please use the main entrance. NOTE your calendars: HB Unit 133 monthly meetings will be held February 9th, March 9th, April 13th, May 11th, and June 8th at the City of Huntington Beach Murdy Community Center.

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

ORATORICAL

On Jan 9 we held the 84th annual Legion Oratorical speech contest with 3 contestants Los Alamitos HS senior Luke Galdade, & FVHS seniors Brandon Tran, & Clare Duquette. The assigned topic was the 3rd Amendment, no quartering of soldiers in homes. The winner was Luke who is the grandson of our Legionnaire Peter Goldade.

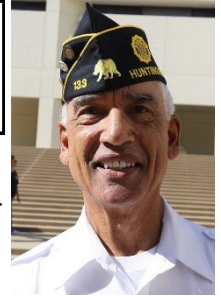
Brandon Tran participated in our post events last year, Boys State and Oratorical. Brandon told us that he has been accepted into the US Military Academy at West Point, and he thanks our post and its youth programs for inspiring him to a career defending our nation.

Many legionnaires and Auxiliary members helped with the event: Judges :Jeff Blakely, Mike Leyland, Sheila Castillo, Patricia Dominquez, Elaine Parker, Tabulators: Dennis Bauer, Russ Dohrmann, Time Keeper: Peter Goldade; Contestant Monitors Robert McClish & Bill Parker, & Dave Badgett.

Our post winner Luke Goldade took 2nd place at the District 29 Oratorical quarterfinal at the Santa Ana post.



1st Vice Commander Dave Badgett



MEMBERSHIP:

I thank those of you who paid your dues. Please support the Post by paying your 2022 dues now.

You can pay on-line with a credit card at www.legion.org., or mail your check for \$45.00 to American Legion Post 133, PO Box 133, Huntington Beach, CA 92648.

Remember the fiscal year is:

July 1, 2021-June 30, 2022.

2nd Vice Commander Ernie Deldado



SOCIAL CALENDAR:

Coffee: 9:00 AM February 4 & 21 and March 4 & 21 at McDonald's, Goldenwest north of Yorktown.

Lunch: 11:30 AM February 23 at Stone Fire Grill, 18727 Brookhurst, FV, and March 23 at Denny's, 18477 Beach Blvd, HB.

AMERICAN LEGION HUNTINGTON BEACH RIDERS 133

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/text (714) 393-1904

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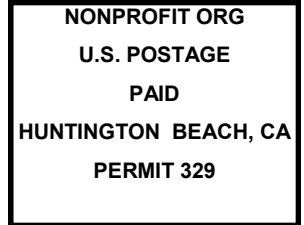


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AMERICAN LEGION BOYS STATE

As a program of The American Legion, Boys State developed from the concept that youth should be offered a better perspective of the practical operation of government; that the individual is an integral part and commensurately responsible for the character and success of his government. As such, it is an activity of high educational value, born out of a need for youth training in practical citizenship.

American Legion Boys State is easily classified as a leadership action program where qualified male high school juniors take part in a practical government course designed to develop in the young citizens a working knowledge of the structure of government and to impress upon them the fact that government is what they make it.

Beginning in March, Post 133 will be holding interviews for boys from local high schools we will be sending to Boys State.

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