



BEACH NEWS

February-March



2026



AMERICAN LEGION HUNTINGTON BEACH POST 133

**Next meetings are
February 11 and
March 11
at 7:00 PM
at Memorial Hall
1718 Orange Ave.**



Commander Jim Rossman

I hope everyone had a great Christmas and is having a good new year.

We are going to have some really good speakers again this year. We will keep you posted.

We have many activities scheduled for this year. The Vietnam Veterans event is scheduled for March 26 at the HB Central Library.

Our 5th Annual Legion car show fundraiser is scheduled for August 9. We are expecting about 90 to 100 cars. We are expecting a great turnout of spectators. Please attend even if you do not have a car in the show. We have some really great opportunity drawings, and silent auction items along with some FANTASTIC CARS. All proceeds go to the Veterans Resource Center, to help Veterans in need in our community.

If you need assistance on getting benefits or need information. You can stop by the Veterans Resource Center located inside the HB Central Library Monday through Thursday from 2 PM to 6 PM and on Friday from 9 AM To 1 PM.

The Mayor asked Post 133 to lead the Pledge of Allegiance at the city council meetings this year. If you would like to participate let me know. The city council meetings are the first and third Tuesday of the month..

We will again this year be in the HB 4th of July parade. We will also participate in the ceremonies at the HB Pier Plaza along with the city officials.

We look forward to seeing you at our meetings and activities.

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UNIT 133 AUXILIARY NEWS Tina Bauer President



As we begin 2026, we have many projects to be accomplished, and are looking forward to continued support and volunteers from our HB Unit 133 members. The weather has been changing for all of us, depending on the day of the week. The rainy days and colder weather have brought plant/trees/flowers growing spurts, some wind, rain, fog and beautiful sunsets. This time of year can provide us moments and time to reflect as we recharge and put our own energy to good use – taking care of ourselves and family, helping others as we are able, and supporting our veterans, their families and the HB community.

Our membership has grown over the years. As a reminder, we still have many Auxiliary Unit 133 members who have not sent in their renewals. **If your membership card does not read 2026, please send in your payment of \$40.00 immediately to keep your membership current (payable to American Legion Auxiliary HB 133); pay online (with a credit card) at the American Legion Auxiliary National website alaforveterans.org; or contact me to pay with Zelle directly to our auxiliary bank.** As a reminder our membership year is July 1st to June 30th. Your generosity helps us to maintain the programs to support for our Veterans and their families, our youth, and our community.

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. HB Auxiliary Unit 133 and Post 133 offered support to many programs and holiday events including last minute requests for help. We provided holiday gift cards for those veterans who are receiving services from the Post 9/11 Military2VA Case Management Program (Veterans Transition Center and Care Management Program) for distribution to the young men and women receiving outpatient on-site services, provided toys for the veterans to select for their children, and sponsored 3 veterans and their family through the VA Center for Development and Civic Engagement (Voluntary Services Department) - Operation Santa program providing them with requested items to enhance their holidays. 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 with our HB Post 133, HB 133 SALS, and HB Rider 133 members to distribute the hand-made red crepe poppies for donations; and from HB Unit 133 member donations.

Once again this year we will be providing valentine gift bags and cards to the Long Beach VA Community Living Center (CLC) and throughout the hospital. On Saturday, February 14, District 29 Auxiliary Units will be distributing the bags, hosting bingo, and serving food to the veterans

who participate in the on-site Valentine's Day event. If you would like to volunteer helping to distribute bags, serving lunch or assisting veterans with bingo, please let me know and I will provide you with the contact information for Cindy Mayfield, District 29 VA&R program chairperson, who coordinates the event.

Our Unit 133 Girls State Interview Team led by Noella Passarelli will conduct interviews for the 2026 Girls State Session in the next few weeks; Unit 133 members will participate in the interview process and serve as hostess meeting with parents and the students waiting to be interviewed sharing information about the American Legion Auxiliary and the Girls State Program we support. We would not be able to continue this program without the generous donations from everyone who supported our Quartermania Event and Holiday wreath fundraiser that helps with payment for all fees for our Girls State delegates.

The American Legion Auxiliary and the American Legion offer many educational scholarships for those have direct connections to veterans and can be found on the National websites for both organizations, many have a March 1st due date. The American Legion Department of California offers educational scholarships for California residents attending a college or university. Each scholarship has different requirements and the completed application needs to be submitted to HB Unit 133 before March 1st. Educational scholarships include general assistance, continuing/re-entry students, non-traditional students, and scholarships for junior members who will be graduating and attending college in the fall. There are also Nursing Scholarships available for veterans or family members of veterans who are planning or currently enrolled in an accredited nursing school pursuing a degree which have a deadline to HB Unit 133 of March 31st. All the requirements and applications for all the scholarships can be located at the American Legion Auxiliary Department of California

website <https://calegionaux.org>;

locate the Resources tab; the drop down menu under scholarships will list education scholarships and nursing scholarships.

Happy Birthday wishes to HB Unit 133 members who are celebrating birthdays and special occasions in February and March.

We continue to meet monthly at Memorial Hall located at the city of Huntington Beach 17th Street Park on Orange Avenue. HB Unit 133 meetings for the next few months will be February 11, 2026; March 11, 2026; April 8, 2026; May 13, 2026; and June 10, 2026. The meetings begin at 7:00 PM. We will continue to have holiday and seasonal scarves at each meeting. The scarves are only \$10.00 and help support all our HB Unit 133 programs.

Happy Valentine's Day, President's Day, and Happy St Patrick's Day enjoy your celebrations with family and friends. Please contact me if you have any questions about our activities, membership for family and friends, or volunteering. I look forward to seeing you at our meetings.

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

Post 133 Now Accepting Nominations for 2026 California Boys State

American Legion Huntington Beach Post 133 is proud to announce that nominations are now open for the 2026 California Boys State Program, which will be held June 20–27, 2026 at California State University, Sacramento. This prestigious, week long civic leadership program brings together outstanding **high school juniors** from across the state for an immersive, hands on experience in government, public service, and community leadership. Post 133 will fully cover all program costs, including charter bus transportation to Sacramento, for selected delegates.

Ideal Candidates Demonstrate:

- Strong leadership potential
- Academic achievement
- Community involvement

An interest in government and civic engagement

How to Apply

High School Counselors and/or Administrators are encouraged to nominate exceptional juniors by contacting John Vasquez, Post 133 Boys State Chairman, at HBPost133.BoysState@gmail.com. He will then provide the link to the online application form, which must be submitted no later than **Friday, February 13, 2026, at 1700 PST**.

Based on the number of applicants, Post 133 will conduct in person interviews in February. Location details will be provided directly to candidates.

Program Overview

- **Dates:** June 20–27, 2026
 - **Location:** CSU Sacramento
 - **Cost:** Free (fully sponsored by Post 133)
 - **Eligibility:** Current **high school juniors** able to attend all seven days
- Focus: Leadership, civics, public service, and mock state government**

Learn More

Program Info: <https://californiaboyandsgirlsstate.org/home/delegates>
 30 Second Intro Video: <https://youtu.be/zgfPD3kja3c>
 Boys State Documentary Trailer: https://youtu.be/E1Kh_T5ZBIM

For questions and/or additional information, please contact John Vasquez, Post 133 Boys State Chairman, at HBPost133.BoysState@gmail.com

1st Vice Commander Elaine Parker

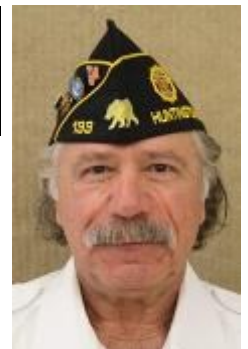


MEMBERSHIP:

The Post 133 membership year is July 1, 2025—June 30, 2026 .

You can pay online at legion.org or send your check for \$50.00 made payable to American Legion 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. 383 members - 79% paid . 82 have not paid.

2nd Vice Commander Frank Passarelli



SOCIAL CALENDAR:

Coffee: February 6 & 16, and March 6 & 16 at McDonald's at 9 AM.

Lunch: February 25 at Islands, 7861 Edinger Ave, HB. at 11:30 AM

March 25 at Urban Plates, 18050 Brookhurst St, FV at 11:30 AM

Honor/Color Guard

Join us and enjoy the satisfaction of participating in Honor and Color ceremonies. We will provide all uniform accoutrements and teach you basic manual of arms and drilling.

Contact George Focht 760-401-4645.

Veterans Resource Center (VRC)

Hours are Monday—Thursday 2 to 6 PM, and Friday 9 AM to 1 PM.



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