



# BEACH NEWS

January



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## AMERICAN LEGION HUNTINGTON BEACH POST 133

### NEXT MEETING:

**January 13**

**7:00 pm meeting**

**Computer**

**Google Meet  
meeting**



### Commander Robert McClish

Happy New Year to all. It has been an curious year with COVID-19. It looks like we will be continuing with computer meetings. We use Google Meet to hold our meetings. If you would like to be included and have not been in the past, send me an e-mail to [huntington-beachpost133@gmail.com](mailto:huntington-beachpost133@gmail.com).

Huntington Beach Post 133 turned 101 on December 19. The Post looks pretty good for its age. We are looking forward to returning to Rodgers Center and in person meetings.

It has been a year of Post 133 financially helping local veterans, even though the Veterans Resource Center has been closed at Huntington Beach Central Library.

The Hometown Heroes program is back in action, thanks to Sandie Franks at city hall. This program is a partnership between the city and Post 133.

For Thanksgiving, Post 133 arranged for 20 turkey dinners to be delivered to veterans.. These were uncooked, complete dinners.

Our Auxiliary gave over \$3,000 in gifts and gift cards to the Long Beach VA, to be given out by the social workers.

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On November 24th, Commander Robert McClish attended Taco Tuesday with Angler Chronicles at Michael's Sports Pub & Grill.. We want to thank Angler Chronicles Leaders Sergio Fainsztein & Ron Hobbs, <http://www.anglerchronicles.com/> Both Sergio and Ron work tirelessly in helping others thru their fishing schools or thru their fund raisers ! After Robert's short speech to the many folks in attendance, Sergio offered to Robert that we can look to the future in that veterans will be invited to go fishing with the Angler Chronicles group and that when the timing is right we can do a fund raiser together so as to support Post 133 HB veterans!

Veterans in Los Angeles and Orange Counties can receive three free meals a day. Veterans must be 65 years or older or be disabled to qualify. To register visit [foodtolife.org](http://foodtolife.org) or call 949-215-9995.

William R. "Russ" Paxon, an HB local native and a 1939 Eagle Scout from Troop 1 in Huntington Beach, left college to join the war effort in 1943 and enlisted at the Santa Ana Army Air Base. After training in the B-25, his first choice was to fly the A-20, but he was then abruptly transferred to the C-47 to transport troops. After WW II, he was assigned to the "occupation forces" in Japan from 1945 through the end of 1947, where he flew the C-46. Retiring from the U.S. Army Air Corp in 1948, Russ remained a Captain in the reserves for several years. He uses a walker and is housebound. SAL member Eric Bauer reached out to Post 133 to build a ramp, so he could leave his house. Partnering with Home Depot for the materials, a ramp was built.



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