



# BEACH NEWS

July-August



2024



## AMERICAN LEGION HUNTINGTON BEACH POST 133

### Next meetings are

**July 10 and**

**August 14**

**at 7:00 PM**

**at Memorial Hall**

**1718 Orange Ave.**



### Commander Jim Ghormley

Happy Post 133 New Year to all! Our new year begins on 1 July 2024. Make a New Years Resolution to become a participating member of your American Legion Post. Your Post Officer Installation Ceremony was held on Wednesday, 12 June 2024 at Memorial Hall. Officers sworn in for the 2024-2025 fiscal year were Jim Ghormley, Commander; Elaine Parker, First Vice Commander; David

Beigel, Second Vice Commander; Jim Rossman, Third Vice Commander; Bud DeWees, Board Member; Bob Laizure, Board Member. The dinner was catered by Stone Fire Grill. The food was excellent and the comradery was even better. A special thank you to the Unit 133 Auxiliary, especially Noella Passarelli and Tina Bauer, for planning and executing all the details for the dinner meeting. This was a first-time event for location and catering, and it was a resounding success.

The Endless Summer is here! We are so fortunate to be living and playing in Huntington Beach. What a place to spend summer. Your Post has two major events on the calendar for Summer 2024. The first is the Huntington Beach 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade. HB 133 will be marching in the parade. To participate with the Post marchers, meet us at Ralph's (Garfield and Goldenwest, in the back at the loading dock) at 8:00 AM for an 8:30 AM departure. Wear your American Legion uniform. The second major event is HB 133 Car Show. The event is Sunday, 11 August 2024, 9 AM to 2 PM. Location is Goldenwest Plaza, 7012-7232 Edinger Avenue, HB. All proceeds go direct to veteran support. The car show is one of our major fundraisers. Support a veteran! Join us for a great time and bring your family!

Your Veterans Resource Center (VRC) continues to support all veterans in need. VRC is located at the HB Central Library. Hours of operation are 2:00 PM to 6:00PM Monday through Thursday; 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM Friday. Every second and fourth Saturday, the VRC is open from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM for veterans to talk directly to a veteran service officer. Interviews are by appointment and are scheduled each half hour. Please see HB 133 website for details.

Remember to pay your dues if you have not already done so. Join us every second Wednesday for your HB Post 133 meeting at Memorial Hall, 1718 Orange, Huntington Beach. We look forward to seeing you there.

### POST 133 OFFICERS:

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**David Biegel**, 2nd Vice

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**Jim Rossman**, 3rd Vice

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**George Focht**, Finance Officer

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**Jim Seiler**, Judge Advocate

714-910-8833

**Tom Welch**, Chaplain

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**Frank Passarelli**, Serv. Officer

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**Jim Seiler**, Historian

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### BOARD MEMBERS:

**Bud DeWees**

**Bob Laizure**

**Gary Robles**

**David Biegel**



## UNIT 133 AUXILIARY NEWS Tina Bauer President



Beginning in July, we are now doing a newsletter every 2 months, welcome to the July 2024 – August 2024 edition as we begin our new HB Unit 133 year. Independence Day in Huntington Beach is the ultimate kick-off to summer! The 120<sup>th</sup> Huntington Beach 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade theme is "Through the Decades", come join us as we watch and cheer the members of the American Legion Auxiliary Huntington Beach Post 133 proudly walk or ride in military vehicles, down Main Street. The parade tradition began on July 4, 1904 and our parade is the largest 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade west of the Mississippi. The Red, White, and Blue patriotic colors are so abundant! What a wonderful way to celebrate the birthday of America with our unrivaled zest for Life, our passion for Liberty, and our gusto in the Pursuit of Happiness!

This year Post 133 and Unit 133 officers for 2024 – 2025 were installed on June 12, 2024 at a catered dinner meeting at Memorial Hall. Thank you to all the Post 133 members who organized the tables and chairs and Unit 133 members who provided decorations and wonderful desserts. It was well attended and provided the HB Legion Family members and guests an opportunity to share in both installations, enjoy dinner conversations making new friends and learn about upcoming events.



Summer weather is here and July is the beginning of our new membership year. The July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025 membership renewal statement, will be sent from ALA National late summer. If you wish to renew early (prior to receiving your notice), the Unit 133 renewal for senior members is **\$40.00** and for junior members it is \$5.00. You may renew early with a payment by check - **Make your check payable to the American Legion Auxiliary HB 133**, and send to P.O. Box 133, Huntington Beach, CA 92648. We also are accepting payments via Zelle, established with our Auxiliary Bank, BMO. If you would like to send the membership amount of \$40.00 using that payment method, we use our email address [alahuntingtonbeachunit133@gmail.com](mailto:alahuntingtonbeachunit133@gmail.com) as the link instead of a phone number.

If you prefer to pay with a credit card you need to wait until early - mid July; when the ALA National website has been updated - [www.ALAforVeterans.org](http://www.ALAforVeterans.org) – to set-up your on-line account access you will see a link that states Renew. To set up your account - 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. Your continued support is important to the success of our Unit. 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.

Thank you to our members who have already renewed for the 2025 membership year, the date that will be reflected on your membership card. Welcome to our first new HB Unit 133 members for the 2025 year. If you know others eligible to join encourage them to become involved. **ATTENTION ALL POST 133 MEMBERS** - Please consider sharing information about our Auxiliary with your spouses, daughters, sisters, mothers, grandmothers and granddaughters who are eligible to join our organization. The Huntington Beach American Legion Auxiliary Unit 133 was re-established in 2002 with a new charter after disbanding in 1981 after more than 30 years serving the community. We also encourage any women veteran's to join the Auxiliary; you can be a dual member. Please contact me if you would like a membership application

The 2024 Girls State Session at California State University, Sacramento will be held end of June with our 6 HB Unit 133 Girls State delegates participating. You will be able to meet these remarkable young women and hear about their experiences at our Annual Labor Day Picnic when we provide them with a Girls State Stole from HB Unit 133. Mark your calendars for Monday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024 at Lake Park from 11:30 am – 2:00 pm to participate in this event; more details to follow in the next newsletter.

We are excited to participate at the VAMC, Long Beach monthly Bingo sessions for the veterans at the Community Living Center which will begin in July 2024. HB Unit 133 will be hosting Bingo at the Long Beach VAMC CLC (nursing home) on Sunday Sept 1, 2024. There are usually 30 – 35 veterans who participate and we help them play Bingo, provide gift bags, snacks and prizes for the games they play. We will need 6 volunteers to help, please contact me if you would like to volunteer.

As a reminder, our HB Unit 133 voted to go dark for July, August and December. Please remember that this applies to only Unit 133 meetings; Post 133 will meet during those months. The next Unit 133 meeting will be in September. Please watch future newsletters for details about events including: the monthly lunch social at 11:30 organized by Post 133 at various locations on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month, the annual car show, the annual picnic on Labor Day at Lake Park, ceremonies at HB Pier Plaza, and other American Legion HB 133 Family get-togethers..

Wishing all our members who have birthdays in July and August – a very happy and special day celebrating. Thank you for your continued support and please contact me if you have any questions about membership, our programs, or upcoming events. You can reach me at (714) 655-7333 or by e-mail at [alahuntingtonbeachunit133@gmail.com](mailto:alahuntingtonbeachunit133@gmail.com)

**July 4 Independence Day Parade**

Post 133 meets at Ralphs, Garfield and Goldenwest, in the back by the loading dock. Uniform is white meeting shirt, Legion cap and blue pants.

Be there by 8:00 AM. Departure is at 8:30 AM. Questions, call Dennis Bauer.



**1st Vice Commander  
Elaine Parker**



**MEMBERSHIP:**

National is raising dues July 1 by \$5, therefore Post 133 dues will go up to \$50. FY 2024 ended 30 June 2024. FY2025 starts on 1 July 2024 and due will now be \$50.00.

Please renew online at [www.legion.org/renew](http://www.legion.org/renew) or make a check payable to American Legion Post 133 and mail it to: American Legion Post 133, P.O. Box 133, Huntington Beach, CA 92648.

**2nd Vice Commander  
David Beigel**



**SOCIAL CALENDAR:**

**Brunch: July 6 at 9 AM** at Longboard restaurant downtown.

**Coffee:** 9 AM July 15 and August 2 & 19 at McDonald's, Goldenwest north of Yorktown.

**Lunch:** We meet the 4th Wednesday of the month at 11:30 for lunch. For location and updates, check the event calendar on our website: [www.hbpost133.com](http://www.hbpost133.com)

**Post 133 Car Show** August 11 from 9 AM to 2 PM at Goldenwest Plaza, Edinger and Goldenwest. Contact Jim Rossman for more information.

**WWII & Korean War Veterans Luncheon** on August 14 at 11:30 AM at Mario's at Five Points, Beach and Main. Contact Bud DeWees at 714-801-4452 for more information.

**Tee it up for the Troops** August 19 at 9 AM at The Huntington Club. They give us funds to financially support veterans. If you can volunteer, contact Frank Passarelli at 714-402-1923.

**Veterans Resource Center (VRC)**

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

We now have a certified VSO representative on site the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of each month by appointment only. To schedule an appointment please contact Frank Passarelli.



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On June 8, 2024, Post 133 members participated in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Surf City Salutes **National Flag Week and Women Veterans Day** at the HB Pier. Angel Force USA partnered with The City of Huntington Beach to educate and engage the community about resources to help Veterans dealing with mental health challenges, PTSD, and prevent veteran suicide. After the opening ceremony coordinated by Post 133 member Mike Ali; WWII Veterans were recognized, including Bob Laizure who will turn 100 in July, there was a free concert for all to enjoy.

