



BEACH NEWS

July-August



2025



AMERICAN LEGION HUNTINGTON BEACH POST 133

**Next meetings are
July 9 and
August 13
at 7:00 PM
at Memorial Hall
1718 Orange Ave.**



Commander Jim Rossman

It is a honor to be selected as Commander of the post.

I was a MP, serving at Edgewood Arsenal in Maryland. After a number of months I was sent to Vietnam. My first assignment in Vietnam I was stationed in Vung Tau (a town that was the 3 day in-country R&R location). I spent some time as the Sergeant in charge of escorting convoys in V 100's. Our responsibilities were to escort the convoys from Vung Tau North and back. My next assignment was serving in Da Nang as a Desk Sergeant and Patrol Sergeant when they started the armed forces combined forces MP unit.

I spent 20 years in the post south of us. Then I discovered Post 133 in Huntington Beach. I found out how active this post is in helping Veterans and never looked back.

I have been active in the car shows where we have raised over \$35,000. during the first 3 years. These funds have been used for the Veterans Resource Center located at the Huntington Beach Library. This is the location where we help veterans in need.

My goal for this year is to encourage our members to be more active. We will have more speakers at the general meeting which is held monthly on the second Wednesday of each month at Memorial Hall (located at 1718 Orange Avenue, Huntington Beach) at 7:00PM. The speaker for the meeting in August will be John McCann, a NASA engineer who will talk about the NASA Mars rovers.

We want to assist our post members (over 400) with information about VA benefits. Members who served in Vietnam and other combat locations may qualify for the Pact Act and other services offered by the Long Beach VA.

In the following months, we will let you know more about what benefits you can obtain from the VA

Sincerely,
Jim Rossman, Commander
Vietnam Veteran

"It's not the price you pay to be a member. It's the price you paid to be a member".

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BOARD MEMBERS:

Reggie Chun

Bud DeWees

Gary Robles

John Vasquez



UNIT 133 AUXILIARY NEWS Tina Bauer President



Enjoy the July 2025–August 2025 newsletter edition as we begin our new HB Unit 133 year. Independence Day in Huntington Beach is the ultimate kick-off to summer! The 121st Huntington Beach 4th of July parade theme is “Legacy of Bravery”, come join us as we watch and cheer the members of the American Legion 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 4th of July parade west of the Mississippi; with large crowds in attendance, there is still a hometown feel of our beautiful Main Street Parade, weekend festivities and the evening fireworks from the pier! The Red, White, and Blue patriotic colors are so abundant! What a wonderful way to celebrate the birthday of America.

This year Post 133 and Unit 133 officers for 2025 – 2026 were installed on June 11, 2025 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, desserts and served those in the buffet line. 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 is here and July is the beginning of our new membership year; the July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026 membership renewal statement will be sent from ALA National late summer. If you wish to renew 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 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 as the link instead of a phone number.

If you prefer to pay with a credit card you need to wait until mid July; when the ALA National website has been updated - www.ALAforVeterans.org – to set-up your on-line account access you will see a link that states Renew. 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 need help setting up your on-line access to renew your membership.

Thank you to our members who have already renewed for the 2026 membership year, the date that will be reflected on your membership card. Welcome to our first new HB Unit 133 members for the 2026 year. If you know others eligible to join encourage them to become involved. **TO ALL POST 133 MEMBERS** - Please consider sharing information about our Auxiliary with your spouses, daughters, sisters, mothers, grandmothers and grand-daughters 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 2025 Girls State Session at California State University, Sacramento was held mid-June this year 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 1st, 2025 at Lake Park from 11:30 am – 2:00 pm to participate in this event; more details to follow in the next newsletter.

Thank you Noella Passarelli for providing the coordination and leadership to our HB Unit 133 Girls State Program for the last few years, following in the footsteps of Carolee Focht and Scotti Davis whom coordinated our program beginning with Edison and Huntington Beach HS Juniors in 2004. As we begin our new year, we are looking for members to coordinate and volunteer for our many programs, including being a chair or co-chair for our Unit 133 Girls State Program; please contact me if you would like to become more involved.

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 4th 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

The Installation Ceremony for new Post 133 Officers for 2025-2026 fiscal year was held on June 11, 2025 at Memorial Hall; Jim Rossman, Commander; Elaine Parker, First Vice Commander; Frank Passarelli, Second Vice Commander; Robert McClish Third Vice Commander; Reggie Chun, Board Member; John Vasquez, Board Member.



**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 (\$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.

**2nd Vice Commander
Frank Passarelli**



SOCIAL CALENDAR:

Coffee: July 21st and August 1st & 18th at McDonald's at 9 AM.

Lunch: July 23rd at Board & Brew in Newland Center Beach Blvd and Adams. at 11:30 AM, and August 27th at Zubies Dry Dock, Adams and Magnolia at 11:30 AM.

Veterans Resource Center (VRC)
Hours are Monday—Thursday 2 to 6 PM, and Friday 9 AM to 1 PM.
We have a certified VSO representative on site the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month by appointment only. To schedule an appointment please contact:
Robert McClish at 562-201-0239.

Sons of the American Legion (SAL)
The Huntington Beach Squadron 133 new membership year begins July 1, 2025. Dues remain at \$30. Send your check payable to American Legion Post 133 and mail to the PO Box. Contact Dennis Bauer with membership questions: 714-642-8846.



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July 4 Independence Day Parade

Post 133 members meet at Ralphs, Garfield and Goldenwest, in the back by the loading dock. Uniform is white meeting shirt, Legion cap and blue pants. You will need to be there by 8:00 AM . Departure is at 8:30 AM. Questions, contact Dennis Bauer.



POST 133 HONOR/COLOR GUARD URGENTLY SEEKING VOLUNTEERS

The Post 133 Honot/Color Guard renders Military Honors at veterans' services and presents Colors at civic events. We'll teach you everything you need to know and assist with uniform accoutrements. Contact George Focht at 760-401-4645 or georgea.focht@verizon.net for more information.