



BEACH NEWS

July



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AMERICAN LEGION HUNTINGTON BEACH POST 133

**Next meeting is
7:00 PM, July 13 at
Lake Park Club-
house, Lake and
12th Streets.**



Commander Russ Dohrmann

I've recently been thinking about why people like you and I volunteer, I've done a bit of research and found that the experts have a lot to say about the subject. The studies say that volunteering provides us with an enhanced sense of community and purpose, helps us meet new friends and improves our social skills and self-esteem. However, my favorite is that it expands our sense of family through our volunteer group and that's how I feel about you, Post 133, my American Legion Family! Our Post has stayed

strong throughout a challenging fiscal year, and we've been able to assist many Veterans in need because of your efforts and those of our many supporters. Although we provide help in many ways, I especially want to thank Frank and Noella Passarelli for handling the operations of the Veterans Resource Center. In many ways the VRC is the face of our Veteran's outreach program. Remember that you're always welcome to drop by to visit and personally see what the VRC does for our Veteran community. Maybe you can even become one of our volunteers, the commitment is only two hours per week and we'd love to have you.

Speaking of our Post 133 teams, a joint installation of Post and Auxiliary Officers for fiscal year 2022-23 was held at Mario's restaurant at 5 Points on June 8th. A special thanks to District Commander John Minella for conducting the formal installation of Post Officers and to ALA District 29 leadership Cyndi Mayfield for conducting the installation of Auxiliary Officers. Please give a warm welcome to your newly elected Post 133 Officers: Commander Russ Dohrmann, 1ST Vice: Elaine Parker, 2ND Vice and Service Officer: Frank Passarelli, 3RD Vice: Jim Rossman. BOARD MEMBERS: John Gontarz, Bill Jeffords, Bud Dewees, Bib Laizure. APPOINTED OFFICERS: Adjutant: Dennis Bauer, Finance Officer: George Focht, Judge Advocate and Historian: Jim Seiler, Chaplain: Tom Welch, Sgt-at-Arms: John Jones, Asst. Sgt-Arms: Norm Sumner.

Once again, our Post will continue to host or participate in a range of events throughout the year, here are just a few of the recent ones and some that are on the horizon. The annual D-day commemorative fish fry was held at Zack's at the pier on June 6th. A big thanks to Mike Ali for his on-going support to our Veterans and our Post for hosting this annual event at no cost for veterans. An equally big thanks to our own Post 133-star fisherman, Bill Siddall for continuing to supply the yellowfin tuna.

Here's a few of the other larger events and fundraisers that are just around the corner. First is the celebration of our Nation's birthday at the Huntington Beach 4th of July parade, we're participating again so mark your calendars and shine your marching shoes! We also have won the raffle to have a fireworks booth again this year. This is a major fundraiser for our Post and we're looking for more volunteers to staff the booth. Please contact Dennis Bauer at 714-642-8846 if you can help out for a few hours. We're also having our 1st annual American Legion car show on August 13th at the sports complex near the library, followed closely by Tee it Up for the Troops on August 19th. Volunteers are needed to assist at Tee it Up too, so please step up to help out.

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Jim Rossman, 3rd Vice
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Frank Passarelli, Serv. Officer
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Jim Seiler, Historian
714-910-8833

John Jones, Sergeant-At-Arms
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Norm Sumner, Asst. Sgt-At-Arms
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BOARD MEMBERS:

Bill Jeffords

Bob Laizure

John Gontarz

Bud DeWees



UNIT 133 AUXILIARY NEWS Tina Bauer President



Independence Day in Huntington Beach is the ultimate kick-off to summer! The 118th Huntington Beach 4th of July parade theme is "Hometown Tradition", 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 4th of July parade west of the Mississippi. Even with over 150,000 people in attendance, there is still a small hometown feel of our beautiful Main Street Parade 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 with our unrivaled zest for Life, our passion for Liberty, and our gusto in the Pursuit of Happiness!

Hoorah!! Post 133 was awarded a firework stand for 2022. The location will be at the 5 Points Shopping Center parking lot (Main St. and Florida St.), selling TNT Fireworks July 1st through 4th. We are looking for volunteers to help with all shifts which are 2 or 3 hour shifts depending on the time of day. Please contact me if you are interested in helping. SPREAD THE WORD TO YOUR NEIGHBORS AND FRIENDS to support this fundraiser.

Remember we have our Patriotic Scarves available for a \$10.00 donation; we now have many new patterns; and an assortment of scarf rings, pins, and bracelets with a red/white/blue theme. The proceeds support our Veterans and their families, those currently serving, and programs benefitting our youth (Girls State) and our community.



This year Post 133 and Unit 133 officers for 2022 – 2023 were installed at the June 8, 2022 dinner meeting. It was well attended and provided the HB Legion Family members and guests an opportunity to share in both installations and then enjoy dinner conversations making new friends.

Our Unit 133 Installation was led by Cindy Mayfield, from ALA District 29 Leadership, with participation from all our Unit officers and members in attendance. Your new officers for this year are: Tina Bauer, President; Susan Lowe, 1st Vice President; Sheila Castillo, 2nd Vice President; Harriett Price, Secretary; Buffy Harris, Treasurer; and Carol Welch as Executive Committee Representative.

Summer weather is here and July is the beginning of our new membership year. Our 2022 - 2023 membership renewal notices should be arriving shortly from National. If you wish to renew early (prior to receiving your notice), the Unit 133 renewal for senior members is **\$30.00** and for junior members it is \$5.00. You may only renew early with a payment by check - **Make your check payable to American Legion Auxiliary HB 133**, and send to P.O. Box 133, Huntington Beach, CA 92648. If you prefer to pay with a credit card you need to wait until late July – early August; 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. To set up your account - your username is the membership number which is located on your current card, then 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. 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. Your continued support is important to the success of our Unit. Your generosity helps us to maintain the much needed support for our Veterans and their families.

If you know others eligible to join encourage them to become involved. Welcome to our first new HB Unit 133 members for the 2023 year. We are looking forward to an active year working on our programs to benefit our Veterans, service men and women and their families, children and youth, our schools and our community.

ATTENTION 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.

Happy Birthday wishes to all our members who are celebrating their special day in July.

As a reminder, our Unit voted to go dark for July, August and December. Please remember that this applies to only our Unit 133 meetings; Post 133 will meet during those months. The next Unit 133 meeting will be September 14, 2022. 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 and the annual picnic on Labor Day at Lake Park.

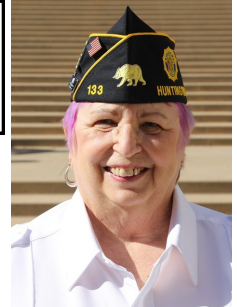
Thank you for your continued support and please contact me if you have any questions about membership, our programs, or upcoming events.

You can reach me at 714-655-7333 or by e-mail at alahuntingtonbeachunit133@gmail.com

FIREWORKS SALES: American Legion Huntington Beach Post 133 was awarded a firework stand for 2022. The event continues to come together with meetings with officials from TNT fireworks and the City. The location will be at 5 Points Shopping Center parking lot (Main St. and Florida St.). We will sell July 1st through 4th. Hours of operation are noon-10 PM July 1st - 3rd and 10 AM to 9 PM on July 4th. We hope for a successful sale which will allow us the ability to make an impact in our efforts for veterans' relief and community service. We need volunteers from the HB Legion Family (Post, Auxiliary, Riders, & Sons), to staff the booth, help with set-up, and tear-down. If you would like to volunteer for a 3 hour day shift or 2 hour evening shift please contact Dennis Bauer at 714-642-8846.

FOURTH OF JULY PARADE: Once again we will be marching and riding in the Huntington Beach Fourth of July parade. The parade begins at 10 AM; however, we meet at Ralphs (Goldenwest and Garfield) at 8 AM. We load the military trucks and leave Ralphs at 8:30 AM for the parade check in. You can park in back of Ralphs by the loading dock. If you use a wheel chair or walker, it might be easier to enter Ralphs from the front and go to the loading dock. This way there will be no steps. Any questions, call Dennis Bauer at 714-642-8846

**1st Vice Commander
Elaine Parker**

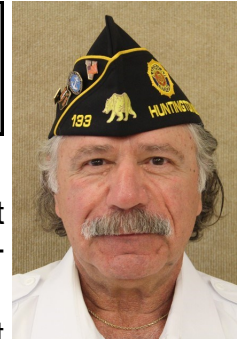


MEMBERSHIP:

It is a new dues year
July 1, 2022 –June 30, 2023.

You should be receiving a dues notice soon. 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.

**2nd Vice Commander
Frank Passarelli**



SOCIAL CALENDAR:

Brunch: 9:00 AM July 1 at Longboard restaurant downtown.

Coffee: 9:00 AM July 18 at McDonald's, Goldenwest north of Yorktown.

Lunch: 11:30 AM July 27 at Corner Bakery, 18315 Brookhurst St, FV.

VETERANS RESOURCE CENTER

Number of veteran interactions from July 2021 to April 2022 was 126. Number of volunteer hours was 144.

Hours of operation: Monday thru Thursday 2:00pm until 6:00pm Fridays from 9:00am until 2:00pm.

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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