



BEACH NEWS

June



2021



AMERICAN LEGION HUNTINGTON BEACH POST 133

NEXT MEETING:

June 9

Lake Park Clubhouse
Lake and 12th Streets
www.hbpost133.com



Commander Robert McClish

Summer is upon us and exciting times are ahead of us. It's been a very challenging time with Covid-19 hovering over our heads, regardless American Legion Post 133 has endured and thrived. Our post has engaged in all our youth programs this year. Oratorical, Boys State and American Legion Baseball. We have provided over \$23,000 in financial support to our veterans in our community and \$5,000 to our Auxiliary to support the VA and women veterans.

Installation of new officers will occur this June 9th, 2021 at Lake Park Club house at 7 p.m. please feel free to join us and welcome our new officers. I want to thank all the officers and board members for their time and support over the last two years. Without their commitment to ensure that our initiatives and post activities remain intact, I honestly believe we would have lost momentum.

We have some special events coming up: Monday, May 31st Memorial Day our post will be honoring and mourning our military personnel at city hall at 11 a.m. June 4th we are having brunch at Longboards in downtown Huntington Beach at 9 a.m. Special thanks to Dave Lautner and Longboards for hosting our veterans. June 6th we are having our annual fish fry to pay tribute to our veterans in recognition of D-Day at 11:30 at Zacks located next to Pier Plaza. Thank you, Mike Ali, for hosting our event and Bill Siddall for the wonderful tasting fish.

June 10th our first game for American Legion Baseball will start at 4 p.m. at Edison H.S. which is the high school we are sponsoring. A grateful and special thank you to Jeffrey (Beagle) Siegel for sponsoring the season for Edison H.S. and the American Legion Huntington Beach Post 133. If you want to attend one of the baseball games, go to our website, HBPOST133.COM, to see the schedule. July 4th there will be a parade in Huntington Beach we are collecting names for those who want to ride in the trucks. The invitation goes out to the Huntington Beach legion family this year. Auxiliary, Sons of the Legion, Riders and of course our legionnaires please contact Dennis Bauer for a reservation.

The Central Library will be opening to the public this coming June and hopefully we will be able to open our Veterans Resource Center five days a week. A special thank you to Pacific Western Bank for their generous \$5,000 donation to help our veterans assistance efforts. The check was presented to us by Deborah Lovenburg on May 7th at Longboards as well as the announcement that Pacific Western Bank will be providing veterans with free checking accounts with no minimum balance.

On a personal note, it has been an honor for me to work along side our legion family. It's been nice knowing that in one way or another we make a difference. As our nation's motto states, "E Pluribus Unum" a Latin phrase meaning "One from many," All that we have accomplished could not have been done without the support of all of you. Hence, thank you and enjoy the summer.

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UNIT 133
AUXILIARY NEWS
Tina Bauer President



Remember, honor, and support our nation, state, and community veteran heroes on National Poppy Day® May 28, 2021 and on Memorial Day May 31, 2021 MAY is also designated as POPPY Month to HONOR AMERICA'S VETERANS



The red poppy is a nationally recognized symbol of sacrifice worn by Americans since World War I to honor those who served and died for our country in all wars. It reminds Americans of the sacrifices made by our veterans while

protecting our freedoms. We wear a poppy to honor those who have worn our nation's uniform. The American Legion Auxiliary Poppy Program connects the visual image of the poppy with the sacrifice of service made by our veterans since the program's inception in 1921.

Although we cannot be together as a group this year, please contact me if you would like some poppies and they will be mailed directly to you; so you can wear a Poppy with Pride.

The red crepe paper poppies we distribute throughout the community, in exchange for donations, continues to directly support disabled and hospitalized veterans in our communities; please be assured 100% of funds goes to this program and any donations would be appreciated this year to continue support of our program to help veterans, military, and their families.

We distribute throughout the community in May with emphasis near Memorial Day and all donations received are used exclusively for rehabilitation of veterans and assistance to their families. Since 2005, HB Unit 133 has provided \$3,000.00 to \$7,000.00 each to support veterans and their families in need identified through the Tibor Rubin VA Medical Center Programs and in partnership with our American Legion Huntington Beach Family.



American Legion Auxiliary

This memorial poppy is not only a personal tribute to those who gave their lives for our country, but it honors our living veterans. When you wear the red crepe paper poppy we distribute, which is hand-made by our hospitalized veterans and others in California, it helps to keep alive patriotism in our nation. The Poppy red petals symbolize the vast outpouring of blood; the green and black center, the mud and desolation of all battlefields. The green of the stem is symbolic of the for-

ests, meadows and fields where generations of Americans have perished to make this land free; and stem represents the courage and determination of our fallen warriors.



Each year HB Unit 133 distributes Patriotic Scarves for donations to support our programs. We also have spring pattern scarves available. Let me know if you would like one of the scarves and we can make arrangements.

At our May 13th virtual meeting we did elect our Unit 133 officers for 2020 – 2021. The elected officers are President (Tina Bauer); 1st Vice President (Susan Lowe); 2nd Vice President (Elaine Dohrmann); Secretary (Harriett Price); Treasurer (Buffy Harris); and Executive Committee (Noella Passarelli). We also selected delegates to attend the American Legion Auxiliary 2021 Virtual Department Convention (June 24 – 27, 2021).

Thank you to Carolee Focht and members of the Unit 133 GS team who selected delegates and alternates for the 2021 GS Program from Edison HS, Fountain Valley HS, Huntington Beach HS, Marina HS, and Ocean View HS. Girls State will be a virtual event this year and some of our Unit 133 members will participate as Girls State City Moms. To recognize our 2020 Unit 133 GS delegates and their accomplishments, we sent them a graduation card and package including a girls state stole, asking them to stay connected as they go to college in the fall.



Wishing all our members who have birthdays in May and June - a very happy and special day celebrating.

UPDATE: Our next meeting will be a dinner meeting and installation of officers on Wednesday, June 9th 2021, location in HB to be arranged. Additional information will be available next week. Please let me know your interest in attending via email or phone. We can also help members who want to attend but will need transportation assistance.

As a reminder we still have some members who have not renewed for the current year, please contact me if you have questions or need assistance with your membership dues. For those who are current your 2021-2022 dues will not be due until July 1st.

Please contact me if you have any questions about our activities, membership for family and friends, or volunteering. Our Unit achievements are a direct result of the continued commitment and participation of all members. Your time and effort is appreciated.

Thank you for your continued support of our programs.

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

AMERICAN LEGION BOYS STATE

After outreach to our local high schools, Post Commander Robert McClish, Adjutant Dennis Bauer, First Vice Cmdr. Russ Dohrmann and Reggie Chun interviewed 7 high school students. As the students were enthusiastic and motivated, 5 delegates were selected: Matthew Bees, FVHS, Doan Le, Marina HS, Kenneth Nguyen, Marina HS, Jonathan Radcliffe, HB High, Brandon Tran, Fountain Valley HS. Post 266 Commander Robin Hoyle agreed to sponsor our 6th delegate John Klug, Fountain Valley HS. Marina HS student Mervin Nguyen is our alternate delegate.

The 2021 American Legion California Boys State Program will be conducted on a Virtual Platform from June 19 to 25, 2021. Program Directors Gary Leach and Richard Shick, and Chief Counselor Tim Aboudara, Sr. predict another successful program. Steps have been taken to replicate, virtually, every possible aspect of the “in person” Program. The only three major aspects of the Program that will not be conducted are the athletic program, the Boys State Band and the in-person visit to the Capitol.

The Boys State Session “days” will typically run from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. While there will be some daily general assemblies, the overwhelming part of each day’s schedule will have Delegates interacting with each other. The Program will contain the establishment of all three branches of government: legislative, judicial, and executive. This all will take place, over the course of the week at the City, County and State levels. Delegates wishing to “practice” law and/or run for a judicial branch office (e.g., City Attorney, Superior Court Judge, District Attorney, Justice of the Court of Appeals, Public Defender, Attorney General, Supreme Court Justice, etc.) will have to pass the Bar Exam on Saturday. For more info see website:

<https://boysstatecalifornia.org/>.

1st Vice Commander Russ Dohrmann



MEMBERSHIP: So far this year 507 of our members have paid their dues for 2021. It is now time to pay the 2020-2021 dues of \$45. Pay your dues online at www.legion.org/renew. This is easy and you can use your credit card or mail a check to American Legion Huntington Beach, P.O. Box 133, Huntington Beach, CA. 92648. If you know of any Veterans that might want to become a member of our post, please have them contact me. I would be happy to discuss with them the benefits of membership to our post and most importantly the American Legion Family.

2nd Vice Commander Ernie Deldado



SOCIAL CALENDAR:

Brunch June 4 9:00 AM at Longboard, downtown.

Lunch May 26 at Boudin, 11:30 AM (Beach and Ellis). Wear a face mask, we social distance!

Veterans fish fry June 6 at 11:30 AM at Zack’s on the beach, north of the pier.

MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY

The Huntington Beach City Manager’s report of May 14 includes the following:

“The Huntington Beach American Legion Post 133 will host a small Memorial Day recognition event at the Civic Center on Monday, May 31 at 11 a.m. Post 133 and the City’s public safety departments will be represented, along with comments from special guest speakers.”

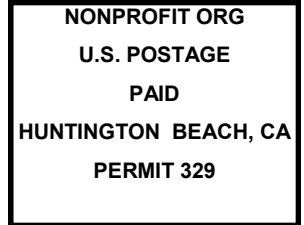


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INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE

Once again Post 133 will be in the Huntington Beach Fourth of July caravan. Dress is white shirt and Legion cap.

Members will meet on July 4 at 8:00 AM at the Ralph's located at Golden West and Garfield, in the back at the loading dock. There we will board the three trucks that will take us to the line-up.

After the parade, the truck will return us to Ralph's.

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