



BEACH NEWS

June



2022



AMERICAN LEGION HUNTINGTON BEACH POST 133

There is no regular meeting in June. We are having a dinner and installation of officers June 8 at 6:00 PM at Mario's Mexican restaurant located in five points shopping center, Main west of Beach.



Commander Russ Dohrmann

Amazingly, we're already coming to the end of the fiscal year, one that's been full challenge and success once again. I have been honored to be your Commander as we've faced those challenges and celebrated many successes together. A hallmark of our new fiscal year will be the installation of our new Post 133 board, so here's where I say a heartfelt thank you to the board members that will be stepping down and give a big welcome to our new board members. Your newly elected of-

ficers for the 2022-23 are: Commander Russ Dohrmann, First Vice Commander Elaine Parker, Second Vice Commander Frank Passarelli, Third Vice Commander Jim Rossman, Board members Bob Laizure and Bud DeWees. The other officers remain the same.

The official installation of your newly elected officers will take place on June 8, at 6pm. We will celebrate the occasion with dinner at Mario's Mexican restaurant, located in the Five Points Plaza just off Beach Blvd. Dinner will follow by a short official installation ceremony conducted by our District Commander John Minello.

On a personal note, I am very proud of our Post's many accomplishments during the last fiscal year. Many of our members have contributed their time, knowledge, and abilities to ensure that Post 133 continues to accomplish our goal of helping Veterans. That said, there's always room for more members to jump in and help us to reach new heights. One important way that you can help is to join us at our Veteran Resource Center where you can interact directly with Veterans in need and see what we do for our fellow Costa Mesa, Fountain Valley, and Huntington Beach Veterans. The center is located in the Huntington Beach Central library. We are always looking for volunteers to help with this endeavor, and like the famous poster says, Uncle Russ NEEDS YOU, OK so maybe I've modified that a bit. The shifts are only two hours long, and the hours of operation are: Monday -Thursday 2pm to 6pm, Friday, 9am to 1pm. If interested, contact Frank Passarelli. Since July 2021, we have expended \$73,673 dollars in support of local Veterans in need.

As mentioned in the past, our Post routinely supports needy Veterans by providing assistance with hotel vouchers, housing, car repairs, vehicle registration, utilities, gas cards, food cards, bus passes and more. Just two weeks ago, I received a call at the Veterans Resource center from a mom and dad that had recently lost their son in a tragic accident in Huntington Beach. He was a West Point graduate and a ranger that had left the military only a short time ago. That evening after working The VRC I had the opportunity to meet with the family at the crash site. I saw and felt their anguish and it made me very emotional. I offered to have our Honor Guard assist them, and we provided honors at the celebration of life ceremony for their son. The family was exceptionally grateful and donated one thousand dollars to help us assist other veterans.

POST 133 OFFICERS:

- Russ Dohrmann, Commander
949-510-4151
- Dave Badget, 1st Vice
714-469-3743
- Ernie Delgado, 2nd Vice
714-904-4330
- Elaine Parker, 3rd Vice
714-421-0860
- Dennis Bauer, Adjutant
714-536-3855
- George Focht, Finance Officer
714-842-2410
- Jim Seiler, Judge Advocate
714-910-8833
- Tom Welch, Chaplain
714-968-7732
- Frank Passarelli, Serv. Officer
714-402-1923
- Jim Seiler, Historian
714-910-8833
- John Jones, Sergeant-At-Arms
714-846-7208
- Norm Sumner, Asst. Sgt-At-Arms
714-848-5488

BOARD MEMBERS:

- Bill Jeffords
- Bob Laizure
- John Gontarz
- Bud DeWees



UNIT 133
AUXILIARY NEWS
Tina Bauer President



Thank you to all the Auxiliary and Legion members who helped to distribute over 4,000 Poppies during May. The poppies we distributed are hand made by veterans and others throughout California. You found Post, Rider, and Unit members at local markets and stores, talking to friends, family members and colleagues at work, speaking to community groups and at the HB Pier Plaza for the Memorial Day Ceremony. Participants included John Gontarz; Tina and Dennis Bauer; Noella and Frank Passarelli; Scotti and Bob Davis; John Jones; Norm Sumner; Bob Laizure; Susan Lowe; George Phipps; Bud Dewees; Divita Elliott-Meisinger; Jim Seiler; Bill Jeffords; Larry Stoll; Ernie Delgado; Pete Goldade; Bill Siddall; Harlan and Harriet Price; Elaine and Bill Parker; Robert McClish; Dave Badgett; Terry Schnitzer; Walt Woodworth; Buffy Harris; Jim Walker; Russ and Elaine Dohrmann; Richard Snyder; Tom and Carol Welch; Sheila Castillo and Flavio Dominguez.. Every year 100% of the donations support our outreach programs for rehabilitation of veterans, assistance to their families, and support for active-duty military with medical needs. Thank you to all the Unit 133 members who helped to distribute our patriotic scarves during May.

GIRLS STATE UPDATE The American Legion Auxiliary District 29 held the Girls State Orientation Tea for all Orange County Girls State Delegates on Saturday April 2nd. We had mothers and their daughters, and Auxiliary members attend. It was very informative for the young ladies eager to learn about the program they were selected to attend shortly after school closes in June, this year the 79th ALA CA Girls State Session will be held at Sacramento State University, a new location. We are looking forward to talking with our 2022 Girl State and Boys State participants, meeting their families, and hearing about their experiences at the Labor Day BBQ and picnic, Monday September 4th, 2022 at the Lake Park Clubhouse.

On May 7th, a drive through Baby Shower was held for Women Veterans at the Tibor Rubin VAMC (Long Beach). Unit 133 members participated donating items for the mom and baby to fill gift bags and working with HB Barnes & Noble to donate over 80 books for the new parents, a 5 year daily diary for the family, and story books.



For those members unable to attend our May 2022 meeting, we elected our Unit 133 Officers for 2022 – 2023 and selected our Delegates and Alternates for the June 23 to June 26, 2022 American Legion Auxiliary Department Convention in Visalia, California. Thank you for your vote of confidence, I will continue as President, Susan Lowe is 1st Vice President, Sheila Castillo is 2nd Vice President, Harriett Price is Secretary; Buffy Harris is Treasurer; and Carol Welch is Executive Committee Member.

Mark your calendars, Dinner and Installation of Officers (Post 133 and Unit 133 together) will be held on June 8, 2022, at the Mario's Mexican Food & Cantina at 6:00 PM. The restaurant is located at 18603 Main Street; the menu choices will be either (1) one item from the banquet menu for \$18.00/person or (2) two items from the banquet menu for \$21.00/person. All selections are served with rice & beans and include a soft drink, dessert, tax and tip. Please RSVP to Tina Bauer at 714-655-7333 by June 6th.

Happy Birthday wishes to HB Unit 133 members who are celebrating birthdays in June.

Please contact me if you have any questions about our programs, upcoming events, membership for family and friends, or volunteering.

Thank you for your continued support.

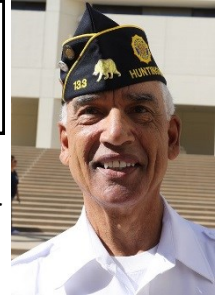
Tina Bauer, e-mail alahuntingtonbeachunit133@gmail.com or 714-655-7333



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**1st Vice Commander
Dave Badgett**



MEMBERSHIP:

I thank those of you who paid your dues. Please support the Post by paying your 2022 dues now.

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
Ernie Deldado**



SOCIAL CALENDAR:

Coffee: 9:00 AM June 3 & 20 at McDonald's, Goldenwest north of Yorktown.

Lunch: 11:30 AM June 1 at Mama's on 39, Adams and Beach,

Lunch: June 22 at HB Beer Co northwest corner of Main and Walnut up stairs.

Veterans' fish fry June 6 at 11:30 AM at Zack's, north of the pier. Free to vets and family.

News From The Veteran Resource Center

First, let me thank all of the men and women who have stepped up and volunteered. We Thank You. For those who would like to volunteer, we welcome you for two hours per week.

With the Veterans Resource Center in full swing we are helping our veterans in many different ways, such as shelter, food, car payments, home repairs, and most all applying for benefits and much more. Since our reopening in July of 2021, we have had interactions with 126 veterans or a family member, plus other veterans we receive from other organizations within Orange County.

We can help any veteran who lives within the boundaries of Huntington Beach, Fountain Valley or Costa Mesa. Anyone living outside of these boundaries can be referred to other organizations within Orange County. Stop in and visit with us.

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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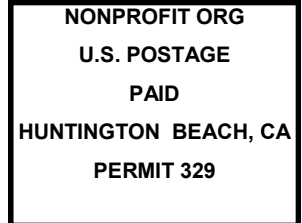


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American Legion Huntington Beach Post 133 helps homeless veterans. Since December 2019 Post 133 has been helping veterans in Huntington Beach with their financial needs. In some cases, it is a car battery for a veteran's truck, so he can go to work. In other cases a homeless veteran needs housing, or he doesn't have the funds to pay for his car license. Many times they need food, so Post 133 provides food gift cards. Another may need gas for his vehicle so he can get to his medical appointment. Just recently a female veteran and her 11 year old son were living in their car. Post 133 provided them with housing. Then we found out that they have not eaten in two days. Post 133 provided food gift cards so they could buy food to eat. Unfortunately, there are many veterans with financial needs. Post 133 is doing its best to help and also find resources to sustain them. In the past post 133 has received funding from Tee it up for the Troops, and the Nelson Foundation. This year Post 133 is holding a car show August 13 at the Huntington Beach Sports Complex. These funds will be used to financially assist veterans in need. Huntington Beach Post 133 has only had the financial resources to do this since our 100 year birthday gala. Post 133 has also received donations from Huntington Beach businesses and members of our Post. Thank you to all who assist us in our efforts serving our community.