



BEACH NEWS

June



2024



AMERICAN LEGION HUNTINGTON BEACH POST 133

**June 12 at 6:00 PM
will be a catered
Installation Dinner
at Memorial Hall
1718 Orange Ave.
details on page 2**

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Bud DeWees

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Commander Jim Ghormley

My message this month covers two themes that bespeak the sacrifice and dedication of all who have served, are serving, or will serve in the Armed Forces of the United States of America:

MEMORIAL DAY and D-DAY

Memorial Day (The don'ts)

Don't wish anyone a "Happy Memorial Day." Memorial Day was not founded in joy with the promise of bringing happiness each year;

Don't thank the current service members;

Don't disregard its importance

Don't forget it exists

Don't let politics keep you from rendering respect.

Memorial Day (Remember)

Remember the 1,304,447 who gave their lives in all wars and conflicts involving the United States of America;

Remember them daily;

Remember we are a free people in a large part because of their sacrifice;

REMEMBER, FREEDOM IS NOT FREE!!!

D-Day

Involved 2 million troops from over 12 countries;

Almost ended after the first wave on Omaha Beach was nearly repelled;

Largest land, sea, air operation in history;

9414 allied casualties on D-Day; 226,000 allied casualties Battle of Normandy.



UNIT 133
AUXILIARY NEWS
Tina Bauer President



Thank you to all the Auxiliary and Legion members who helped to distribute over 3,000 Poppies during May. The poppies we distributed are hand made by veterans and others in California. You found

HB 133 Post, Rider, SALS 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 Tina and Dennis Bauer; Noella and Frank Passarelli; George Focht; Bud Dewees; Pete Goldade; Reggie Chun; Elaine and Bill Parker; Robert McClish; Bill Siddall; Jim Ghormley; Dale Swanson; Bob Laizure; Terry Schnitzer; Sonia Seiler; Carolee Focht; Joanne Sarria; Buffy Harris; Tom and Carol Welch; Linda Hahn; and students from the Edison HS Heroes Booster Club. Every year 100% of the donations collected 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 Sunday, April 21, 2024. We had parents 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. The 81st ALA CA Girls State Session will be held at Sacramento State University. We are looking forward to talking with our

2024 Girl State and Boys State participants, meeting their families, and hearing about their experiences at the Labor Day BBQ and picnic, Monday September 2, 2024 at the Lake Park Clubhouse.



On May 18th a Baby Shower was held for Women Veterans at the Tibor Rubin VAMC (Long Beach). Unit 133 members donated gift cards and items for the mom and baby. Each veteran received a gift bag filled with an assortment of things to help with a new baby; gas cards; and Target gift cards. The speakers were informative for those in attendance; there were some games with prizes and a table full of gift items to select to help as they welcome their new bundle of joy.



For those members unable to attend our May 2024 meeting, we elected our Unit 133 Officers for 2024 – 2025 and selected our Delegates and Alternates for the June 27 to June 30, 2024 American Legion Auxiliary Department Convention in Visalia, California. Thank you for your vote of confidence, I will continue as President, Noella Passarelli is 1st Vice President, Susan Lowe is 2nd Vice President, Harriett Price is Secretary; Carolee Focht is Treasurer; and Buffy Harris is Executive Committee Member.

Happy Birthday to all our members who are celebrating birthdays in June this year. Thank you for your continued support. Please contact me if you have any questions about our programs, upcoming events, membership for family and friends, or volunteering.

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

Mark your calendars; we will have a catered Dinner and Installation of Officers (Post 133 and Unit 133 together) on June 12, 2024 at 6:00 PM at Memorial Hall. The dinner will be \$25.00 per person. Please RSVP to Tina Bauer at 714-655-7333 by June 10th if you plan to attend the dinner.

BOYS STATE

2023 Boys State Delegate Samson Rakhshani, from Edison High won the Area 05 Oratorical contest held at the Riverside Post, a historical achievement capping 3 consecutive contest wins. He then competed in the State wide Oratorical contest. An oratorical contestant has to memorize 5 potential speeches and give them without notes or props. Samson competed and won last year's post Oratorical and took 2nd place at the District Oratorical last year.

Legionnaires Frank Passarelli, John Vasquez, & Reggie Chun attended the 2024 Boys & Girls State orientation dinner at Post 291, joining our three Boys State delegates, Elliot Y, George B, & Shayan A., from Cabrillo Point Academy, Marina, & Oceanview High Schools, and 200 high school junior delegates from District 29 along with their parents and other post legionnaires involved with the Boys & Girls State program. The program is a weeklong civics & leadership course held at California State University at Sacramento campus & its dorms for an elite group of 1050 selected high school juniors from all over California -- 1/3 of the delegates are female.

District 29 sends 1/4 of the statewide delegate numbers each year to Sacramento. Thanks to the Huntington Beach Elks who donated thousands of dollars over several years, the post & auxiliary can pay for all the program costs, dorm room & board & transportation for up to 5 Boys State and 6 Girls State delegates.

June 8, 2024

1:00 PM

Mike Ali, member of HB Legion Post 133, the City of Huntington Beach and Anne Dunsmore of Angel Force USA are sponsoring an event at HB Pier Plaza to raise awareness about Veteran suicide.

Please come and participate in the ceremony honoring WWII, Korea, Vietnam, and all Veterans.

**1st Vice Commander
Elaine Parker**



MEMBERSHIP:

FY 2024 ends 30 June 2024. FY2025 starts on 1 July 2024 and due will now be \$50.00. National is raising dues July 1 by \$5, therefore Post 133 dues will go up to \$50. We reached 83% of members paid for FY 2024.

Please renew online at 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
Frank Passarelli**



SOCIAL CALENDAR:

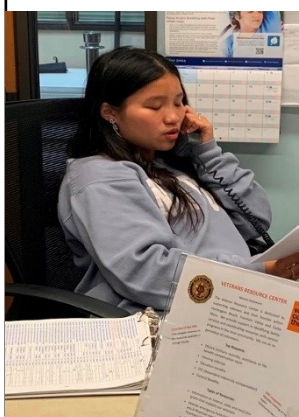
Coffee: 9 AM June 7 & 17, at McDonald's, Goldenwest north of Yorktown.

Veterans fish fry: June 6 at 11:30 AM at Zack's. This is free for all veterans.

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 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month by appointment only. To schedule an appointment please contact Robert McClish or Frank Passarelli Edison HS Helping



Heroes Club members making buddy check phone calls.





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