



BEACH NEWS

June



2025



AMERICAN LEGION HUNTINGTON BEACH POST 133

**Next meeting is
Installation of officers
and dinner
June 11
at 6:00 PM
at Memorial Hall
1718 Orange Ave.**



Commander Jim Ghormley

Another fiscal year (FY) is rapidly coming to a close. The American Legion FY is from 1 July to 30 June each year. The most significant action to take place at the end of each FY is elections for leadership positions and board member positions. There are eight elected positions. Nominees for these positions are elected to the board by American Legion Huntington Beach Post 133 (Post 133)

membership. In addition, there are seven appointed positions to the board. Nominations begin at the April regular Post 133 meeting and end with elections at the May meeting. Installation of new officers then takes place at the June meeting with a special dinner and ceremony. All Post 133 members are invited to attend.

I have been privileged to be your Post 133 Commander for the past two years. The experience has been one of the highlights of my life. I was humbled to be asked to accept nomination for a third year, but must step aside for personal reasons.

In my time as commander, I was supported by an incredible board made up of amazing individuals whose only American Legion goals were to ensure the health of Post 133 and provide support to the 10,000 plus veterans in Post 133 area of responsibility which includes Huntington Beach, Costa Mesa, and Fountain Valley. Many board members are members of other community nonprofit groups, giving Post 133 additional community exposure and support.

Besides being shored up by the fantastic members of my board, I was supported by the wonderful members of Unit 133 Auxiliary. This group of very dedicated individuals continues the American Legion mission by providing direct support to veterans, community organizations, city initiatives, and other nonprofits. They provide very specific and detailed support to all Post 133 functions and initiatives. Many Auxiliary members are affiliated with other community support organizations further enhancing the fine reputation of Post 133.

As I have experienced, it takes an entire American Legion Post, Auxiliary, volunteers, and community leaders to raise a post commander. I have been raised by the best.

From the bottom of my heart, thank you so very much for all your support and training to me as your American Legion Huntington Beach Post 133 Commander.

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Jim Ghormley, Commander
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Elaine Parker, 1st Vice
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David Biegel, 2nd Vice
714-421-6077

Jim Rossman, 3rd Vice
714-267-7094

Dennis Bauer, Adjutant
714-536-3855

George Focht, Finance Officer
760-401-4645

Tom Welch, Chaplain
714-968-7732

Frank Passarelli, Serv. Officer
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Norm Sumner, Sgt-At-Arms
714-848-5488

John Gontarz, Asst. Sgt-At-Arms
714-884-5327

BOARD MEMBERS:

Bud DeWees

Gary Robles



UNIT 133
AUXILIARY NEWS
Tina Bauer President



Thank you to all the Auxiliary and Legion members who helped to distribute over 2,000 Poppies during May. The poppies we distributed are hand made by veterans and others in California. You found HB 133 Unit, Post, Rider, and SALS 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; Jim Walker; Reggie Chun; John Vasquez; Devonne Aguilera; Richard Snyder; Larry and Sharon Stoll; Pete Goldade; Elaine and Bill Parker; Bill Siddall; Jim and Barbara Ghormley; David Beigel; Tom and Carol Welch; Linda Hahn; and students from the Edison HS Helping 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.



On May 17th a Baby Shower was held for Women Veterans at the Tibor Rubin VAMC (Long Beach). Unit 133 members donated hand-made cards, baby toys 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 Walmart/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 2025 meeting, we elected our Unit 133 Officers for 2025 – 2026 and selected our Delegates and Alternates for the June 26 to June 29, 2025 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, Kathy De Pledge is 2nd Vice President, Harriett Price is Secretary; Carolee Focht is Treasurer; and Buffy Harris is Executive Committee Member. Thank you Unit 133 members who agreed to continue in appointed positions Judy Deaton is Chaplain and Dee Azzara is Sergeant at Arms. We are looking for volunteers to chair/co-chair the Unit 133 Girls State Program and other programs which we discuss at our monthly meetings.

To learn about the many programs for Auxiliary members to participate and volunteer, visit the National website www.ALAforVeterans.org - as a Unit 133 member you can sign up on the website and receive your newsletters and read other articles about the programs and activities of the American Legion Auxiliary: spend some time and take the free online courses in the ALA Academy; the first course, "ALA 101", is an orientation and will provide excellent information.

Wishing all our members who have birthdays in June this year – a very happy and special day celebrating.

In closing let us all reflect on the mission of The American Legion Auxiliary, founded in 1919, we are one of the world's largest women's patriotic service organizations with over 9,000 units and 800,000 members.

"In the spirit of service, not self, the mission of the American Legion Auxiliary is to support The American Legion and to honor the sacrifice of those who serve by enhancing the lives of our veterans, military, and their families, both at home and abroad. For God and Country, we advocate for veterans, educate our citizens, mentor youth, and promote patriotism, good citizenship, peace and security."

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 (6:00 PM) and Installation of Officers (7:00 PM) for Post 133 and Unit 133 together on June 11, 2025 at Memorial Hall. The dinner will be \$30.00 per person. Please RSVP to Tina Bauer at 714-655-7333 by June 6th if you plan to attend the dinner.



**1st Vice Commander
Elaine Parker**



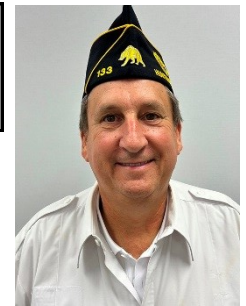
MEMBERSHIP:

Thanks to all who paid their FY 2025 dues. We made it to 82% paid - congrats.

Let's do better in FY 2026.

You can pay online at mylegion.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.

**2nd Vice Commander
David Beigel**

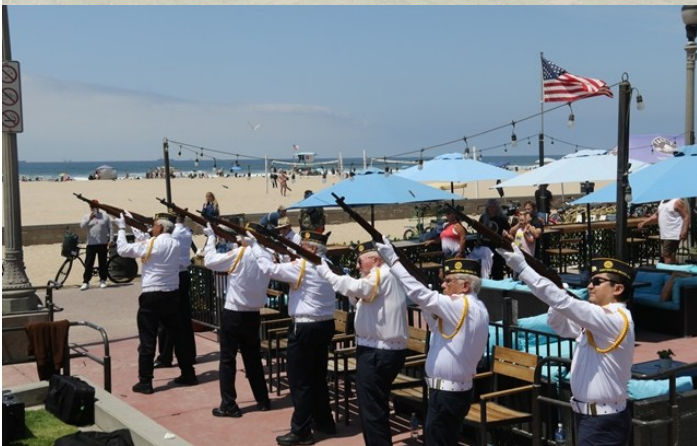


SOCIAL CALENDAR:

Coffee: June 6, & 23 at McDonalds at 9 AM.

Lunch: June 25 at Kung Pao Bowl 6840 Edinger Ave, HB, at 11:30 AM.

Veterans' Fish Fry June 6 at 11:30 AM at Zack's next to the pier.



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 at 562-201-0239.



August 10, 2025

9am - 2pm

GoldenWest Plaza

7012 - 7232 Edinger Avenue, HB CA 92647

Live Music, Opportunity Drawings and more...

Proceeds Benefiting Veterans

For more info:
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