



BEACH NEWS

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AMERICAN LEGION HUNTINGTON BEACH POST 133

May 11

Meetings will be at
Lake park
Clubhouse,
Lake and 12th St, HB.
Officers meeting is
the Monday before
the Post meeting.



Commander Russ Dohrmann

Wow! A lot has happened since our last newsletter but before I get into the nitty-gritty I wanted to say happy belated April Fool's Day. Have you ever wondered how the concept of a "fool's day" came into existence? Although the exact origin is unknown, one of the most mentioned potential sources is this one. In the year 1582 Pope Gregorian the XIII introduced a new calendar, the Gregorian calendar, and ordered all Christian countries to use it instead of the prior Julian calendar. The new

calendar started the New Year on the 1st of January, but back then information took time to spread. Remember, there was no internet or phone back then! For a long time, many people didn't know about the change and many others simply refused to accept the new calendar. So, they continued to celebrate New Year's Day on the 1st of April. The people who had accepted the new calendar started making fun of the uninformed and non-believers, calling them April Fools, and those "fools" became the regular object of ridicule and pranks! Eventually the new calendar was accepted by everyone worldwide, but the pranks and the connection to the date have remained. That's your trivia for the day!

Our Veterans Resource Center – Since the beginning of our current fiscal year, July 2021, we have expended forty-thousand 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. Our ability to assist these Veterans is enhanced through the generosity of our donors. Examples of recent significant donor generosity are a ten-thousand-dollar grant from the Nelson Foundation and a thirty-thousand-dollar donation from Tee It Up for the Troops. Other notable and appreciated donations came from Huntington Beach Elks Lodge #1959, Pacific Western Bank, American Legion Post #291 and many others who have supported us.

Upcoming special events: The American Legion Car show and fund raiser, August 13th at Central Park. This event is the brainchild of Walter (Woody) Woodworth, a member of our post, who is a car enthusiasts and friend. We met with the city to coordinate the event and Woody did an excellent job of presenting the concept, so we now have the City of Huntington Beach on board. Thank you, Woody.

As I look into my crystal ball, I'm excited to say that we are *scheduled* to move into our refurbished building on March 23, 2023. The "new" building is located on the same lot that the Rodgers Center had shared. Keep your fingers crossed...

**MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY MAY 30 AT 11:00 am
AT PIER PLAZA.**

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UNIT 133
AUXILIARY NEWS
Tina Bauer President



We are asking for our American Legion Family Huntington Beach (Unit 133, Post 133, Chapter 133 and Squadron 133) members to help distribute poppies for donations. We have over 5,000 pop-



Our Southern California Spring/Summer is trying to arrive, depending on the day of the week, bringing growth spurts for our plant/trees/flowers, colder weather, fog, and beautiful sunsets. This time of year can provide us moments and time to reflect as we recharge and put our own energy to good use – taking care of ourselves and family, helping others as we are able, and supporting our veterans, their families and the HB community.

Wear a Poppy with Pride Throughout the Month of MAY, designated as Poppy Month. Remember, honor, and support our nation, state, and community veteran heroes on National Poppy Day® May 27, 2022 and on Memorial Day May 30, 2022. 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.



At this time of year we seek donations in exchange for poppies, the memorial flower of The American Legion and the 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 this little red flower it helps to keep alive the kind of patriotism so necessary in this great country of ours. This red-crepe paper memorial poppy of the American Legion Auxiliary is hand-made made by veterans and others in California.



Symbolism of the Poppy: The red petals stand for the vast outpouring of blood; the yellow and black center, the mud and desolation of all battlefields. The green of the stem is symbolic of the forests, meadows and fields where generations of Americans have perished to make this land free. The stem represents the courage and determination of our fallen warriors.

We distribute poppies throughout the community in May with emphasis near Memorial Day in exchange for donations, and 100% of all donations received are used exclusively for rehabilitation of veterans, assistance to their families, and support for active-duty military with medical needs.

pies to distribute this year. If you are able to help, we will be organizing teams to get out in our community weekends in May including Memorial Day Weekend. Volunteers are needed; please contact me to help by volunteering for a morning or afternoon shift to help distribute poppies for donations. Our Memorial Day Ceremony, May 30th at the pier is a great place to show our poppies and collect donations. Please think about joining us between 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM to help with poppy distribution to raise donations for our veterans. If you have an event for poppies or would like to distribute poppies to neighbors, businesses or other groups for donations; contact me and I will provide you with poppy information and materials. If you are unable to join us in person 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.

NOMINATIONS – At our April 13th meeting we discussed out Unit 133 positions for officers for 2021 – 2022. The elected officer positions are President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Secretary, and Executive Committee. At the May 11th meeting we will have additional discussions, nominations and then we will vote. We also are voting for delegates to attend the American Legion Auxiliary 2022 Department Convention (June 23 – 26, 2022) in Visalia, California. Appointments for Chaplain, Sergeant-at-Arms and our committee chairpersons will be made at a later date by the Unit President. Please contact me if you have an interest in serving in any position with our Unit. All members are encouraged to get involved. Our Unit achievements are a direct result of the continued commitment and participation of all members. Your time and effort is appreciated.



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.

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

Our HB Unit 133 May 11th Meeting will be at 6:45 PM at the Murdy Community Center, 7000 Norma Drive, HB, 92647

Please contact me if you have any questions about our activities, membership for family and friends, or volunteering. Thank you for your continued support of our programs.

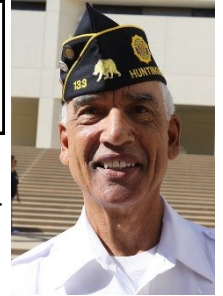
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1st Vice Commander Dave Badgett



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 May 6 & 23 at McDonald's, Gold-enwest north of Yorktown.

Lunch: 11:30 AM May 25 at Bread Crumb Ohana Cafe, 19079 Beach Blvd

Veterans' fish fry June 6 at 11:00 AM at Zack's, north of the pier.

Sons of the American Legion

We are meeting with the American Legion Post 133 May 11 at 7:00 PM at Lake Park clubhouse, Lake and 12th Streets.

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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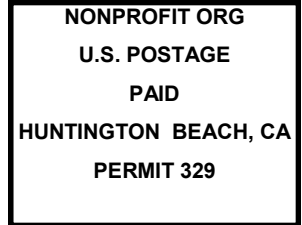


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AMERICAN LEGION BOYS STATE

This year at Cal. State Univ. Sacramento, from June 17- 25, 2022, Boys State delegates will live in the dorm and will learn the rights, privileges, and responsibilities of franchised citizens. The training is objective and centers on the structure of city, county, and state governments. The delegates hold elections to various offices and perform legislative & judicial functions. Boys State activities include legislative sessions, court proceedings, assemblies, and recreational programs. The 2022 Girls State program will also take place at Cal. State Sacramento from June 27 to July 2, 2022.

After much outreach efforts, five high school juniors were interviewed for four delegate spots in the 2022 Calif. Boys State weeklong program. Legionnaire Judges, Adjutant Dennis Bauer, Cmdr. Russ Dohrmann, Finance Officer George Focht, 3rd Vice Elaine Parker, & Reggie Chun selected the four delegates: M. Nematalla & A. Ballard from Oceanview HS, L. Kaylani from Edison HS, and L. Pham from Hunt. Beach HS. Declan Patch from Edison HS was selected as the alternate delegate. Every year, Post 133 has paid for the registration, room and board & transportation for 4 delegates.

Here are two grateful 2021 delegates' experiences: BT from Fountain Valley High stated: "This is a great reminder that the American Legion is a great place for young people to get help and wisdom from and extends to other groups and people in our community as a whole. Boys' State was a wonderful experience that gave me a whole host of skills and resources to use in the future. The prestigious reputation of the program was warranted, and it was quite an honor and privilege to attend."

"I had a great time at Boys' State. I campaigned aggressively, acquiring the funds and signatures that I needed for the governorship. The election experience taught me a lot about persuading other people, and my own leadership style. I learned that I love to engage with people. First, I would provide my basic pitch or take on an issue, then listen to a constituent's opinion, and then I would follow-up. It is what I still do today in group work or in club board positions. Throughout the session, I interacted with many different people all across the state, with different perspectives and backgrounds. I enjoyed every minute of it, and it reminded me to be versatile and compromising in order to overcome obstacles and achieve great things.

KN from Marina HS said: "It was a unique year. I've learned things that I wouldn't have learned if I didn't go to boy's state. To knowing what county supervisors, do to knowing what happens in courts, I'm grateful to have learned the things I've learned. It was great being a county supervisor and getting in depth with what they do in their day to day lives. It was also great to see how a group of teenagers can replicate the government of California. Even with differing opinions, people at Boys State still came together, which makes me optimistic about the future of America."