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AMERICAN LEGION HUNTINGTON BEACH POST 133

November 10

**Meeting will be at
Harbour View
Clubhouse,**

**16600 Saybrook Ln,
Huntington Beach,
south of Heil Ave.**



Commander Russ Dohrmann

Greetings! As you know, our post was chartered in December of 1919, so it is time for our 102nd birthday luncheon. We are in the process of selecting a location for this year's event and plan to celebrate it on December 18th at 11:30am. Get you reservation in early since we expect to only have seating for about sixty people. This should be another enjoyable time for all. You can reserve your spot by sending an email to Second Vice Commander Ernie Delgado at nani4660@yahoo.com or to Commander Russ Dohrmann at Huntingtonbeachpost133@gmail.com, or by phone at 949-510-4151.

VETERANS RESOURCE CENTER Three years ago our post opened the Veterans Resource Center in Central Park library. To date we have helped over five hundred Veterans to obtain resources for housing, vouchers for gas, groceries and more. All this is made possible through the generosity of our community donors. As an example, our post recently helped a Veteran in need of substantial repairs to their mobile home. The foundation was leaning, the roof, gutters and most of the siding had to be replaced and the back porch needed structural repairs. In addition, their home's heater needed repair. Thanks to the willingness, skills and overall efforts of Post 133 members and funding from the Post, these repairs are almost complete. A special thanks also goes to Home Depot for donating the lumber and needed supplies, the 3/1 Marines Association for painting and to the many volunteers that helped make this special project happen. When you wonder how Post 133 uses it money and its relationships with other organizations and vendors like Home Depot, think about this example. If you would like to contribute funds to our post to help us accomplish even more, please check our website at www.hbpost133.com. Your generosity really helps your post to assist other veterans and those veterans appreciate your support.

VETERANS DAY CELEBRATION – This year's ceremony will be held on November 11th at 11 AM on the steps of City Hall. Please come early to get a good seat. I will be speaking, our honor guard will be performing and the Huntington Beach High School band will provide the music. Please wear your American Legion shirts and covers.

POST 132 CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION On October 16th, I represented Post 133 at Post 132's Centennial Celebration. Post 132 was organized in 1919 and met for a decade in Orange City Hall's basement. Post 132 is now located in the Historical District of Orange, Southwest of the Orange Plaza. Their post building was built in 1928 and it was once the home of the Orange National Guard Armory. The Armory closed in the 1940's.

In closing I would also like to congratulate Reggie Chun once again for his outstanding effort to orchestrate this year's Oratorical, Boy's State and Legion Baseball programs. Reggie received a Certificate of Appreciation at our last general meeting.

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UNIT 133
AUXILIARY NEWS
Tina Bauer President



Happy Fall to Everyone, please remember before you go to bed on November 6th to set your clock back one hour, as day-light savings ends at 2:00 a.m. Credit for Daylight Saving Time belongs to Benjamin Franklin, who first suggested the idea in 1784.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! On November 10th at 6:15 p.m., we will be hosting a Thanksgiving Dinner, prior to the HB Post 133 and Unit 133 general meetings at Harbour View Clubhouse. Note: the Harbour View Clubhouse, is located at 16600 Saybrook Lane, Huntington Beach, 92649 (part of Harbour View Park – cross street Heil Ave.; next to Harbour View Elementary School) there is plenty of parking in the lot as you enter from Tallisman Lane. Each year our Unit organizes dinners to help support our many activities and your participation is appreciated. This year our Thanksgiving dinner is being catered by Boston Market. The menu consists of turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy, steamed vegetables, stuffing, pies - all for \$15 per person.

Reservations should be made by November 8th to Tina Bauer at 714-655-7333 or email alahuntingtonbeachunit133@gmail.com

Our 2022 membership renewals early in the process have been strong this year. Thank you for your promptness. To date we have 83 members who have submitted their membership dues out of 139 total members (60%). **Our current membership year is July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022. Remember, if you card does not say 2022, it is time to submit your dues.** National sent renewal notices via mail to your address on record, if you did not receive a renewal notice by mail, please contact me to ensure we have the correct information. You may pay online at the National American Legion Auxiliary website with a credit card or pay by check. Please bring your \$30.00 payment for Senior members and \$5.00 payment for Junior members to our next meeting or place it in the mail today to American Legion Auxiliary Unit 133, P.O. Box 133, Huntington Beach, CA 92648. If you pay by check, please make your check payable to **American Legion Auxiliary HB 133** Your continued support is appreciated and helps us to maintain the much needed support for our Veterans and their families and the community.

Thank you to all our members, HB 133 Legion Family members and friends who supported our Holiday Wreath fundraiser for 2021, during these challenging times we appreciate your generosity. These funds, recent member donations, and support from Post 133 have provided HB Unit 133 needed funds to help us support Veterans and their families during September, October and November working with LBVAMC program staff, HUDVASH, and Voluntary services - distributing gas cards, grocery cards, new clothes, baby items, gift cards for stores and Thanksgiving Dinners.



On Thursday, November 11th there will be a Veteran's Day Ceremony at the Huntington Beach City Hall at 11:00 a.m. If any Unit members can arrive early, at 10:30 a.m., we will be distributing patriotic scarves as our fundraiser. They are only \$10.00 and the proceeds support our Veterans, their families, programs benefitting our youth (Girls State) and our community.

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."

Best wishes to all our members celebrating birthdays in November. Please contact me if you have any questions about our activities or membership for family and friends, or volunteering. Also please let me know if you need a ride to the Thanksgiving Dinner and meeting.

Thank you for your continued support.

Tina Bauer

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ANNOUNCEMENT

Our Post is conducting our annual oratorical speech contest in January 2022 to spread Americanism and love of country to our young people.

The purpose of The American Legion's National High School Oratorical Contest is to develop a deeper knowledge and appreciation of the Constitution of the United States on the part of high school students. Other objectives of the contest include the development of leadership qualities, the ability to think and speak clearly and intelligently, and the preparation for acceptance of the duties and responsibilities, the rights and privileges of American citizenship.

We need your help to make this event a success. We were able to get two community non-legionnaire Judges from our community and three legionnaire judges. Also, there are six other volunteer categories where your help and presence is needed to make the event successful.

Oratorical Volunteer Timekeeper

Oratorical Volunteer Escort

Oratorical Volunteer Usher

Oratorical Volunteer Assigned Topic Prep Room Monitor

Oratorical Volunteer Holding Room Monitor

Oratorical Volunteer Tabulator

Oratorical Volunteer Judge

As soon as possible, Please sign up by emailing me or the Commander, and advising us which of the seven jobs including Judging, for which you are volunteering. Also, there are alternate position in the event those jobs are filled. If we get enough volunteers we can break up the shifts for non critical jobs.

If you haven't volunteered before, you may look at this webpage for rules and responsibilities: <https://www.legion.org/oratorical/rules>

& <https://www.legion.org/oratorical/resources>

Thank you very much. Reggie Chun,

uhkane13@gmail.com

1st Vice Commander Dave Badgett

MEMBERSHIP:

Please pay your dues. There will be no more reminders from National.

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

Remember we are on a fiscal year, July 1, 2021-June 30, 2022.

2nd Vice Commander Ernie Deldado



SOCIAL CALENDAR:

Coffee: November 5 & 15 at McDonald's, Goldenwest north of Yorktown.

No Lunch in November.

Thanksgiving Dinner: November 10 Post 133 meeting at Harbour View clubhouse will have a dinner at 6:15 PM. Donation of \$15 per person. RSVP to Tina Bauer by November 8th.

The **Veterans Resource Center** is open. We are back in full swing, with hours of operation Monday – Thursday from 2pm – 6pm and Friday 9am – 1pm. We are in need of volunteers to fill shifts. If you're interested, please give Noella Passarelli a call at 714-756-0236.



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