



BEACH NEWS

November



2023



AMERICAN LEGION HUNTINGTON BEACH POST 133

**Next meeting is
November 8 at
7:00 PM
at Memorial Hall
1718 Orange Ave.**



Commander Jim Ghormley

Happy fall y'all! The first day of fall was Saturday, 23 September 2023 – same day as the autumn equinox in the Northern Hemisphere. For me fall is always a special time of year. New colors, pumpkin flavored everything (especially pie and ice cream), harvest, and fresh smells and temperatures, and of course football. Have a fun fall!

As all of you know, a major part of our mission is helping veterans. Because of the wonderful work and dedication of a small veteran cadre of Post 133 Legionnaires, we are well known within the Orange County veteran community as a resource that responds to veterans' needs immediately. To sustain such a reputation requires a continuous cash flow!

Our cash flow comes from three main sources: donations, fund raisers, and membership dues. All of us can have a positive influence on each of these. For donations, we might contact businesses we frequent or ask people and organizations we know. We need volunteers for our fund raisers; we need members to advertise our fund-raising events by handing out flyers and/or by word of mouth to family, friends, and neighbors. As members of Post 133, we can all easily participate in our third cash flow source: membership dues. Our current Post 133 membership consists of 488 Legionnaires. If each of us paid our dues we would add over \$14,000.00 to our operating funds! To date, 183 Post 133 members have paid their dues for FY 23/24. If you receive a reminder to pay your dues, please take a few moments to accomplish that small and easy task! You will be helping to serve veterans in need!

We advised earlier that we had to cancel our 2nd Annual Car Show due to weather warnings regarding hurricane Hilary. Good news! We have rescheduled the car show for Sunday, 12 November 2023! Location is Goldenwest Plaza, corner Edinger and Goldenwest, Huntington Beach. Hours are 9:00 am to 2:00 pm.

We received a very generous donation of \$3,000.00 from Pacific Western Bank, Huntington Beach. On Wednesday, 11 October, Legionnaire Robert McClish accepted the check from the bank on behalf of Post 133. Thank you, Pacific Western Bank!

Thank you very much to all of you for your continued support of American Legion Huntington Beach Post 133!!

Upcoming events: Veterans Day, 11 November 2023, 11:00 at Pier Plaza; Car Show, 12 November 2023, 9:00 am to 2:00 pm, Goldenwest Plaza

POST 133 OFFICERS:

Jim Ghormley, Commander
562-355-7223

Elaine Parker, 1st Vice
714-421-0860

Frank Passarelli, 2nd Vice
714-402-1923

Jim Rossman, 3rd Vice
714-267-7094

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

Norm Sumner, Sgt-At-Arms
714-848-5488

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

BOARD MEMBERS:

Bud DeWees

Bob Laizure

Gary Robles

David Biegel



UNIT 133
AUXILIARY NEWS
Tina Bauer President



Happy Fall to everyone, please remember daylight savings ends early morning November 5th, setting our clocks back one hour. Credit for Daylight Saving Time belongs to Benjamin Franklin, who first suggested the idea in 1784.

Our members were busy in September attending many activities. Thank you to everyone who supported our Labor Day Picnic on September 4th at Lake Park. We had a great turnout with over 65 HB Legion Family Members in attendance; our 2023 Girls State and Boys State delegates and their families. Unit 133 members provided side dishes, desserts, and beverages to augment the hamburger, hot dogs and fish main course donated and grilled by Post 133 members. Besides the food, the highlight of this event is always meeting our Girls State and Boys State delegates who share their experiences, and goals for college. Each Girls State delegate was presented a stole from HB Unit 133 and each Boys State delegate was provided a medallion from Post 133.



Thank you to all our members, HB 133 Legion Family members and friends who supported our Holiday Wreath fundraiser for 2023, we appreciate your generosity. If anyone would like to place an order, please contact me and I can provide you the information to order directly for shipment via FED-EX. These funds have provided HB Unit 133 the ability to give Veterans and their families working with LBVAMC program staff, HUDVASH, and Voluntary services - gas cards, grocery cards, new clothes, baby items, gift cards for stores and Thanksgiving Dinners, and also provide support for our Girls State program, the community and all HB Unit 133 activities .

The next HB Unit 133 meeting will be held Wednesday, November 8th, 2023 at Memorial Hall located at the city of Huntington Beach 17th Street Park on Orange Avenue. Join us at 6:30 p.m. for a social and 7:00 p.m. for our meeting; you will make new friends, learn about our activities, programs and volunteering.

On Saturday, November 11th there will be a Veteran's Day Ceremony at the Huntington Beach Pier Plaza at 11:00 a.m. If any Unit members can arrive early, at 10:00 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 community

Best wishes to all our members celebrating birthdays and other special occasions in November. Please contact me (e-mail: alahuntingtonbeachunit133.com or 714-655-7333) if you have any questions about our fundraisers, activities, membership for family and friends, or volunteering. Thank you for your continued support of our Unit.



On Oct. 17, past Post Cmdr. Russ Dohrmann, Auxiliary President Tina Bauer, Girls State Chair Noella Passarelli and Boys State Chair Reggie Chun were dinner guests at the HB Elks Lodge 1959 to thank them for their financial support of our 2023 Boys and Girls State program. Russ hosted the dinner for the Girls State delegates and their families: from Edison HS: Isabella R.; HB High: Lauren F.; Marina HS: Amelie R., Fountain Vally HS; Beth A.; Oceanview HS: Abigail B.; the 4 Boys State delegates and their families: from Edison High: Dylan D., Drew L., & Samson R.; and from HB High: Mr. Kai P. The Boys & Girls State program is designed for our high school junior students to learn civic leadership in a democracy, and by actively participating in the lobbying and election of local and state legislators and officials. They also propose and vote for prospective laws to better society.

During dinner, we had conversation with all the delegates, and we were affirmed again that we had selected the best of our area youth who aspire to be budding leaders. Many of the delegates are going to apply to prestigious universities and several are applying to military academies. After dinner, our group made a presentation and the 2023 delegates each shared their experiences thanking Post 133, Unit 133, and HB Elks Lodge for giving them the unique and valuable opportunity to learn about government and leadership. Some stated they met great kids from all over California and made lasting friendships. Taking photos in front of the Lodge mascot, a giant Elk, the parents thanked the Legion and Auxiliary for providing a life-changing opportunity. Post 133 is always looking for members each year to interview Boy State candidates and judge the Oratorical contest in January, please contact Reggie to volunteer.



American Legion HB Post 133
2nd Annual
Car Show

GOLDENWEST PLAZA
NEW DATE! November 12, 2023
 9am - 2pm

Golden West Plaza
7012 - 7232 Edinger Avenue, HB CA 92647

Live Music, Food, Opportunity Drawings and more...

For more info:
 Woody Woodworth
 Phone: 714-726-5854
 Email: support@carshowhb.com

Proceeds Benefiting Veterans



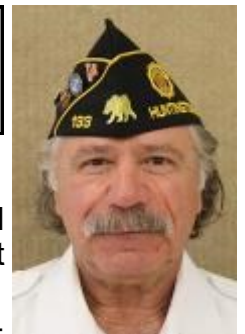
**1st Vice Commander
 Elaine Parker**



MEMBERSHIP:

New year begins July 1. Legion will bill you \$45 for 2023-24 membership dues. You may renew online at www.legion.org/renew or by check. Make your check payable to American Legion POST 133 and mail to: American Legion Post 133, P.O. Box 133, Huntington Beach, CA 92648.

**2nd Vice Commander
 Frank Passarelli**



SOCIAL CALENDAR:

Coffee: 9 AM November 3 and 20 at McDonald's, Goldenwest and Yorktown.

Lunch: 11:30 AM, November 15 at Stonefire Grill, Fountain Valley,



Post 133 October meeting was attended by Mayor Tony Strickland.

Here he is speaking to our Post and Auxiliary members.



Pacific Western Bank donates \$3,000 to Post 133 to assist veterans in our community.

Sons of the American Legion (SAL):

The 2023-2024 membership cards are here. Please note that July 1, 2023 is the beginning of the new membership year. Our dues remain at \$30. Contact Dennis Bauer with membership questions: 714-642-8846.

Veterans Resource Center (VRC)

Hours are Monday-Thursday 2:00 PM—6:00 PM, and Friday 9:00 AM—1:00 PM.

Veteran Resource Night: November 14, 2023



American Legion Post 133
P.O. Box 133
Huntington Beach, CA 92648



Serving Surf City Since 1919

www.hbpost133.com

NONPROFIT ORG
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
HUNTINGTON BEACH, CA
PERMIT 329

Pictures from the Patriot Day ceremony

