



# BEACH NEWS

Oct-Nov



2022



## AMERICAN LEGION HUNTINGTON BEACH POST 133

**Next meeting is  
October 12th  
6:30 PM social,  
7:00 PM meeting,  
at the Lake Park  
Clubhouse  
Lake and 12th  
Street**



### Commander Russ Dohrmann

Wow! Can you believe it, we're into our last quarter of the year and as we approach the holidays I want to say once more how blessed and honored I feel to be your commander.

I've mentioned our Veteran Resource Center, VRC, in several past articles, and complimented the HB Library for their assistance and our members who keep it running, but did you know that we have one of the only VRCs in the area? Because of this, the word is getting out to a wider group of Veterans and it's getting busier each month. As you may recall, our VRC routinely supports needy Veterans by providing assistance with housing, car repairs, vehicle registration, utilities, gas cards, food cards and more. However, there is an area where we were lacking, and that was providing the additional capability of having a State certified Veteran Service Officer, VSO, immediately available at our VRC. A certified VSO can work directly with the VA as a legal intermediary for the Veteran to ensure that benefits or services can be accessed effectively. For various reasons, there are significant backlogs for this service at existing VSO locations and your Board has been searching for a solution. I am very pleased to say that we have recently identified one way to reduce that backlog. Beginning soon we will provide a certified VSO at our VRC on a monthly basis (schedule to be determined). Our new VSO is John Castillo, and he has sixteen years of experience as a certified VSO. John's services will be funded by our Post and therefore there will be no cost to the Veterans he helps. I will provide additional details about our improved VRC in future articles.

#### **REMINDERS:**

##### **Long Boards Restaurant:**

October 7<sup>th</sup>, 9am. This is a great spot for our post to meet, have coffee and some delicious food for only \$10.00. We usually get twenty-five members in attendance but let's make it thirty or more this time!

##### **Veterans Day Ceremony:**

Once again will be held on November 11 at 11:00 AM at HB pier plaza.

##### **November/December meeting schedule:**

There will be no general meeting in November and December so we can have more time to celebrate the holidays with our families. However, there will be a Thanksgiving dinner on November 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm at the Lake Park Clubhouse.

##### **Our posts 103<sup>rd</sup> birthday and Christmas:**

We'll have an awesome luncheon. The details are to be determined, and information will be forthcoming in future emails.

##### **In the Rearview Mirror:**

August was a busy time for our post, we had our 1<sup>st</sup> annual Post 133 car show, and once again participated in the Tee it Up for the Troops event. The car show, led by Woody, was a success with one hundred vintage cars on display.

Tee it Up for the Troops was another big success story under the leadership of Robert McClish. these events will directly support the operation of our VRC.

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## UNIT 133 AUXILIARY NEWS Tina Bauer President



My article will be for a multi-month October – November 2022 Newsletter. It is season transition time Spring to Fall, not sure we can notice with the variable weather we are having, sunshine, rain, wind, and everything in between. Remember before you go to bed on November 6<sup>th</sup> 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 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 5<sup>th</sup> at Lake Park. Even with the heat we had a great turnout with over 55 HB Legion Family Members in attendance; our 2022 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 grilled by Post 133 members. Thank you Mike Ali and Bill Siddall for their donations, Noella and Frank Passarelli for the fan to help with air flow in the building, George Focht for the microphone to hear the presentations, and everyone who helped with set-up and teardown. 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 to wear when they graduate HS. Pictured are the 4 Boys State delegates and 4 Girls State delegates, and a special GS guest who was selected to attend Girls Nation.

It is time to remind everyone about our Holiday Wreath Fundraiser. We realize this is early to think about holiday wreaths, we will need to place orders mid-October for delivery after Thanksgiving. **Please contact Noella Passarelli at 714-756-0236 or Tina Bauer at 714-655-7333** if you would like to order something from the catalogue; we can email you a PDF; there are items for local delivery which you will pick up when they arrive from us or you can have them mailed throughout the United States to family, friends and colleagues as another option. All wreaths are fresh and hand-made from a company in Minnesota who grows, assembles, and ships all the products.



The American Legion Auxiliary's official birthdate is November 10, 1919, and each year they continue to celebrate their birthday. The history of our Unit 133 actually began sometime in the 1920's; unfortunately we do not have our early Unit history, except for a few newspaper articles and a scrapbook in the HB Historical Archives at city hall. We always worked with The American Legion Huntington Beach Post 133 for many years surrendering our charter in 1982 because there were not enough members to continue Unit 133. Huntington Beach Unit 133 was re-born April 10, 2003 when our charter was signed by the Department of California. Today we are over 160 members strong, although many members have not renewed. Our membership year is July 1<sup>st</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup> and can create confusion as your **NEW** card will state **2023**, yet we are still in calendar year 2022, we realize that many of you have not received your renewal notice from National as of mid-September, you may still renew now with your check payable to **American Legion Auxiliary HB 133** or pay with a credit card on-line at the American Legion Auxiliary National website, let's make 100%. **NOTE:** If your card states 2022 you will need to renew for 1 year (\$30.00); however if your card states 2021 you will need to renew for 2 years to stay current and send a check for \$52.00 which will cover your 2021-2022 past dues to Department and National Auxiliary and your current year Unit 133 membership (2023) renewal. If your membership card has an earlier year stated and you would like to re-join or re-new your HB Unit 133 membership, please contact me to discuss renewal options. Please renew today!

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!** On November 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m., we will be hosting a Thanksgiving Dinner for HB American Legion Family members at the Lark Park Clubhouse; there will be no meeting. Each year our Unit organizes dinners to help support our many activities and your participation is appreciated. The traditional Thanksgiving dinner will be catered; the menu consists of turkey, mashed potatoes, stuffing, gravy, vegetables, and dessert. **Reservations should be made by November 5<sup>th</sup> to Tina Bauer via email or phone.**

On Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup> 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 who have birthdays in October and November - a very happy and special day celebrating. The HB Unit 133 October 12, 2022 meeting will be at the Murdy Park Community Center, 7000 Norma Drive, HB beginning at 6:45 PM.

Please contact me at by phone at 714-655-733 or e-mail: [alahuntingtonbeachunit133.com](mailto:alahuntingtonbeachunit133.com) if you have any questions about our activities, membership for family and friends, or volunteering.

Thank you for your continued support of our Unit.

**VETERANS IN THE CLASSROOM**

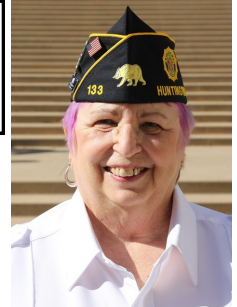
Every year around Veterans Day The American Legion Huntington Beach Post 133 sends their members into the classrooms of Huntington Beach.

These veterans present to the children what Veterans Day is and what it stands for. They demonstrate the proper way to display the US flag. They also talk about their personal experiences during their war era. After the presentation, the children are given an opportunity to ask these veterans questions.

Many of these veterans bring along pictures and memorabilia from their service and war era.

Most of these children have no understanding or concept of war, except what they see on television or video games. The veterans attempt to educate them about military service, especially that most service men and women are not involved in direct combat. The teachers expressed thanks for these visits, and hopefully the children leave with a better understanding of Veterans Day, the military, and veterans. After all, Veterans Day is to celebrate and honor those who gave of their time to serve our country.

**1st Vice Commander  
Elaine Parker**

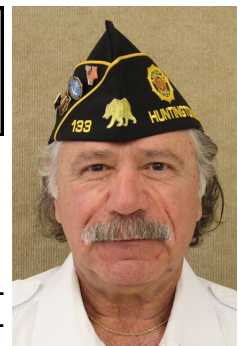


**MEMBERSHIP:**

2023 membership dues of \$45 (July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023) is now due. You may renew online at [www.legion.org/renew](http://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.

NOTE: National has put member since 2022 on all dues notices! Please disregard.

**2nd Vice Commander  
Frank Passarelli**



**SOCIAL CALENDAR:**

**Brunch at Longboard downtown  
October 7 at 9 AM.**

**Coffee:** 9:00 AM October 17, November 4, November 21 at McDonald's, Goldenwest and Yorktown.

**Lunch:** 11:30 AM October 26, at Kathy May's in Central park. November 30 location to be determined. Check website for details [www.hbpost133.com](http://www.hbpost133.com)

**Veterans Resource Center Special Events:**

Tuesday October 11 and November 8, 2022  
6:00pm - 7:00pm at the HB Central Library - Talbert Room

**Sons of the American Legion (SAL) Squadron 133**

Squadron 133 has received their 2023 membership cards. It is time to pay your dues, make your check payable to American Legion Post 133, with SAL in memo. Squadron 133 is welcome to attend Post 133 meetings and social events. See social calendar above.

**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](mailto:ALRchapter133@gmail.com) or call (714) 393-1904 [www.alrchapter133.com](http://www.alrchapter133.com)



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**Pictures from 2022  
 9-11 ceremony.**

