



BEACH NEWS

October—November



2025



AMERICAN LEGION HUNTINGTON BEACH POST 133

**Next meetings are
October 8 and
November 12
at 7:00 PM
at Memorial Hall
1718 Orange Ave.**



Commander Jim Rossman

We have had two wonderful speakers at our last two general meetings. One was from JPL and the other was a Captain from HBPD. Both were allotted a time to speak, both went way over their allotted time, and no one wanted them to stop. We had a great turnout for the meeting. We are planning additional speakers for future general meetings and hope you will join us. Meetings are the second Wednesday of the month.

Our annual Labor day lunch was a success. State Senator Tony Strickland attended and handed out the certificates for Boys and Girls State participation.

I want to make sure all members are aware of the Veterans Resource Center, located inside the HB Central Library. There, we can assist you in filing for compensation, getting records, and if qualified receive financial assistance, home health care, just to name a few.

If you served in Vietnam, or other combat locations, you might be eligible for the Pact Act. If you are interested in receiving benefits, go to va.gov and find out if your medical conditions you have will qualify.

If you have not registered with the Long Beach VA hospital you should sign up to learn more. You can possibly get help with eye glasses, hearing aids, and other medical services.

We look forward to seeing you at our next meetings.

**Join us for the Veterans Day Ceremony held on
November 11th at 11:00 AM
at the Huntington Beach Pier Plaza**

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UNIT 133 AUXILIARY NEWS Tina Bauer President



My article will be for a multi-month October 2025 - November 2025 Newsletter, as we transition from summer to Fall with the variable Southern California weather. Thank you to everyone who supported our **END OF SUMMER CELEBRATION**, The American Legion Family Huntington Beach 133 annual

Labor Day Picnic on September 1st at Lake Park. We had a great turnout with over 40 HB Legion Family members in attendance; our 2025 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 and certificate from HB Unit 133. In addition the Girls State and Boys State participants were provided individual certificates from the California State Senate and Assembly. HB Mayor Burns and Senator Strickland presented certificates in person.



On Sunday, October 5th we will have a Quartermania event fundraiser to support our youth programs from 1 pm – 5 pm at the Assistance League – Huntington Beach conference room (located upstairs). For reservations or more information please contact Noella Passarelli: email n.passarelli83@gmail.com or phone: (714) 756 – 0236.

Thank you to all our members, HB 133 Legion Family members and friends who are supporting our Holiday Wreath fundraiser for 2025, we appreciate your generosity. If anyone would like to place an order, please contact me before October 15, 2025 to place an order for local delivery/pickup or I will provide you the information for shipment via FED-EX. These funds help us support our Girls State program sending 6 delegates each year at no cost to the participants.

On Tuesday, 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, proceeds support our Veterans, their families, programs for our youth and community

LBVAMC ADOPT A FAMILY FOR THANKSGIVING – Beginning in 2008, every few months we have donated food, gas, and other gift cards to the Tibor Rubin VA Medical Center, Long Beach (LBVAMC) Post 9/11 Military2VA Case Management Program (Veterans Transition Center and Care Management Program), the VA Center for Development and Civic Engagement (Voluntary Services Department), and other programs on the Long Beach campus; for Case Managers, Social Workers and program specialists to give to veterans in need. Again this holiday season for Thanksgiving we will donate grocery store gift cards for a complete dinner for a veteran and their family, for single veterans to purchase a meal of their choice a grocery store, and food items for Thanksgiving care packages

The American Legion Auxiliary was founded in 1919 with a mission 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. We advocate for veterans, educate our citizens, mentor youth, and promote patriotism, good citizenship, peace and security. To learn about the many programs for Auxiliary members to participate and volunteer, visit the National website www.ALforVeterans.org - you can sign up on the website and read newsletters and other articles about the programs and activities of the American Legion Auxiliary. Take the free online orientation, "ALA 101", the first course in the ALA Academy; the online courses and videos provide members with excellent information. We are looking for volunteers to provide leadership and coordination for the HB Unit 133 programs and activities.

Huntington Beach Unit 133 has over 200 members; as a reminder our membership year is July 1st to June 30th and can create confusion as your new card will state **2026**, yet we are still in calendar year 2025, we are almost half-way though our membership year, let's make 100%. If you card states 2025 you will need to renew for 1 year (\$40.00); however if your card states 2024 you will need to renew for 2 years to stay current sending a check for \$68.00 which will cover your past dues to Department and National Auxiliary and your current year Unit 133 membership (2026) renewal. Other payment options are with a credit card or with Zelle, please contact me for information for these payment options. Please renew today!

The next HB Unit 133 meetings will be held Wednesday, October 8th, 2025 and November 12th, 2025 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. We will have our Holiday Scarves at this meeting. As a reminder, our Unit 133 does not meet in December.

Best wishes to all our members celebrating birthdays in October and November, and other special occasions. Please contact me 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.

Tina Bauer, e-mail: alahuntingtonbeachunit133.com or 714-655-7333.

Huntington Beach Public Library
Veterans Resource Center Presents:

Two special workshops for
 Veterans, family members and anyone seeking more
 information

Thursday, October 16, 2025
 6:00pm to 7:30pm
 Learn how CalVet supports Veterans.

Please register at www.hbpl.org or
<https://hbpl.libcal.com/event/15336247>



Thursday, January 15, 2026
 6:00pm to 7:30pm
 Join us for a presentation by Tom Boscamp
 on educational benefits for Veterans and their
 families.

Please register at www.hbpl.org
 or <https://hbpl.libcal.com/event/15336251>



For more information contact the VRC:
 (714) 375-5111 or
HBPLVetCenter@gmail.com



**1st Vice Commander
 Elaine Parker**



MEMBERSHIP:

The new membership year for Post 133 is here:
 July 1, 2025—June 30, 2026
 You can pay online at legion.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.
 198 paid so far, of the 388 members.
 Please contact me if you have questions about your membership status.

**2nd Vice Commander
 Frank Passarelli**



SOCIAL CALENDAR:

Coffee: October 3 & 20, and
 November 7 & 17 at
 McDonald's at 9 AM.

Lunch: October 22, at 11:30 AM, Fortune Cookies, 18774 Brookhurst Blvd, FV.

There will be no lunch scheduled for November as it falls the day before Thanksgiving.

Veterans Resource Center (VRC)

Hours are Monday—Thursday 2 to 6 PM, and Friday 9 AM to 1 PM.

We have a certified VSO representative on site the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month by appointment only. To schedule an appointment contact: Robert McClish at 562-201-0239.

We are continuing the **Veteran Resource Center workshops**. Join us October 16, 2025 from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm at the HB Central Library in the Talbert Room. Come learn how CalVet supports Veterans. For more information contact the VRC: (714) 375-5111

or HBPLVetCenter@gmail.com

Sons of the American Legion (SAL)

The Huntington Beach Squadron 133 2025-26 membership cards are here. Please note that July 1, 2025 is the beginning of the new membership year.. Dues remain at \$30. Send your check payable to American Legion Post 133 and mail to PO Box 133, Huntington Beach, CA 92648 with SAL noted on the memo line.

Contact Dennis Bauer with membership questions: 714-642-8846.



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9-11 Ceremony

Patriot Day Ceremony was held at Pier Plaza remembering the 9-11 tragedy. Post 133 honored Huntington Beach first responders.

