



BEACH NEWS

Sept-Oct



2023



AMERICAN LEGION HUNTINGTON BEACH POST 133

**Next meetings are
September 13,
and October 11 at
7:00 PM
at Memorial Hall
1718 Orange Ave.**



Commander Jim Ghormley

Can you believe it? August 2023 is coming to a close! Of course, the big event of the month was Hilary. For us at the Ghormley home in Seal Beach, everything was pretty mild. We did get a few periods of heavy rain Saturday night. Winds were low and we sustained no damage.

Our Post 133 Second Annual Car Show was scheduled for Sunday, 20 August 2023. Due to the weather forecast on Friday, we had to cancel the show. The car show committee selected Sunday, 12 November 2023 as the makeup date. As of right now, the committee is still working on the venue. As you are all aware, the car show is one of our major fundraisers. Please contact Jim Rossman for more details. Volunteers to work the show are always welcome!

Tee it Up for the Troops did take place over Hilary weekend. The event golf tournament was cancelled, but the rest of the event went on as scheduled. The first reports indicate it had a very successful outcome. More details will follow as we receive them.

The main mission of American Legion Huntington Beach Post 133 is to provide resources to veterans and their families within our geography (Huntington Beach, Costa Mesa, and Fountain Valley). We do this both as individuals and as the Post. To be successful with this endeavor, we need support from all our members. Such support may include having a special talent; being able to volunteer; introducing a new member; recommending a contributing organization; attending meetings; or paying dues to remain in the active member roles.

Our primary vehicle at Post 133 for veteran support is our Veteran Resource Center (VRC). In FY 22-23, we helped 168 veterans, distributing \$66,772.00 in financial assistance. This year, we expect to exceed that figure. To continue and grow our veteran assistant requires annual income. All of us can contribute to fund raising as stated above. Come to the meetings and explore what you can do as an active member of Post 133!

Upcoming Events: Labor Day Picnic: Monday, 4 September 2023 and September 11, Patriot Day.

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Bill Jeffords

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David Biegel



UNIT 133 AUXILIARY NEWS Tina Bauer President



My article will be for a multi-month September – October 2023 Newsletter, as we transition from Summer to Fall with the variable Southern California weather – sunshine, rain, wind, and everything in between.

Our **END OF SUMMER CELEBRATION**

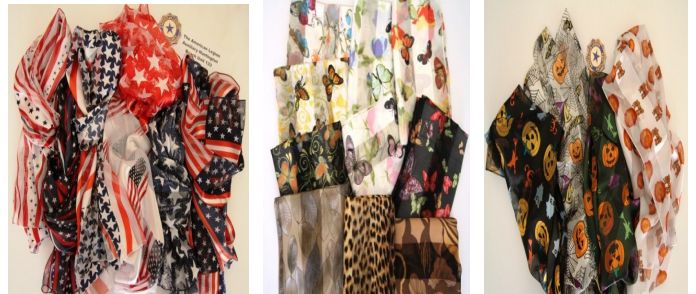
The American Legion Family Huntington Beach 133 will have their annual Labor Day Picnic this year, on Monday, September 4th, 2023 at Lake Park, from 11:30 am to 2:00 pm. We will be grilling hot dogs and hamburgers and have side dishes and desserts. Our 2023 Girl's State Delegates and our 2023 Boys State Delegates are joining us to share their experiences. It is a wonderful opportunity to meet and talk to these young women and men that our American Legion Auxiliary Unit 133 selected for the 2023 Girls State Session and the American Legion Post 133 selected for the 2023 Boys State Session. Please RSVP to Tina Bauer by August 31st; families are welcome.

Our 2024 membership renewals early in the process have been strong this year. Thank you for your promptness. To date we have 40 members who have submitted their membership dues out of 185 total members (22%) and we welcome 16 new members. **Our current membership year is July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024. Remember, if you card does not say 2024, it is time to submit your dues.** National will send renewal notices to your mailing address on record, mid-September. If you have your 2024 membership card, please ignore the reminder notice. You may pay online at the National American Legion Auxiliary website with a credit card. To pay by check, please make your check payable to **American Legion Auxiliary HB 133** and send your \$40.00 payment for Senior or \$5.00 payment for Junior members via mail today to American Legion Auxiliary HB Unit 133, P.O. Box 133, Huntington Beach, CA 92648. HB Unit 133 members if you need to submit prior years dues including for 2023 membership year, please contact me directly as it will be simple to bring your membership current through 2024.

One of the terms we reference with members and our community is the Huntington Beach American Legion Family. You may ask yourself who is involved? The HB American Legion Family is comprised of The American Legion Huntington Beach Post 133 (established in 1919); the American Legion Auxiliary Huntington Beach Unit 133 (re-established in 2002 with a new charter after disbanding in 1981 after more than 30 years in the community); the American Legion Riders Huntington Beach Chapter 133 (established in 2018) and The Sons of the American Legion Huntington Beach Squadron 133 (established in

2021). While members of The Huntington Beach American Legion Family are individually unique, collectively our membership is a powerhouse of caring advocates and volunteers dedicated to service.

Huntington Beach Unit 133 has many fundraisers throughout the year to support all our programs for Veterans, service men and women and their families, care packages for active duty and deployed personnel, our schools, children and youth, Girls State and our community. For the fall and winter our fundraisers are patriotic and holiday scarves for donations; each satin scarf is 14 x 60 and 100% polyester "silk feel"; and



the annual 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. If you would like to order something from the catalogue; we can email you a PDF; all items are for local delivery which you will pick up when they arrive, or you can have them mailed direct from the company 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 .



Please contact Tina Bauer if you would like more information about supporting HB Unit 133 fundraisers.

The next HB Unit 133 meetings will be held September 13th, 2023 and October 11th, 2023 at Memorial Hall located at the city of Huntington Beach 17th Street Park on Orange Avenue. Join us at 7:00 p.m. for our meeting; you will make new friends, learn about our activities, programs and volunteering.

Best wishes to all our members celebrating birthdays in September and October, and other special occasions Thank you for your continued support

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

WWII luncheon was held on August 14 at Mimi's, where Post 133 hosted our WWII veterans. Below are pictures.



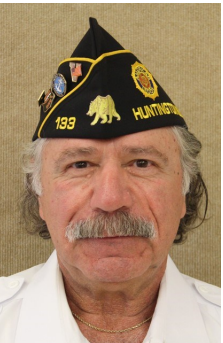
1st Vice Commander Elaine Parker



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 September 1 and 18; and October 15 at McDonald's, Goldenwest and Yorktown.

Brunch October 6 at Longboard restaurant downtown at 9 AM.

Lunch: September 27 at 11:30 at Buon Gusto Italian restaurant 4911 Warner Ave, Unit 109, Huntington Beach, 92649.

Sons of the American Legion (SAL):

I have the 2023-24 membership cards. Please note that July 1, 2023 is the beginning of the new membership year. Our dues remain at \$30.

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

Post 133 car show was postponed to November 12 due to Hurricane Hilary.

On July 29th we had our annual Chapter ride for visually impaired Veterans from the Tibor Rubin VA Blind Rehabilitation Center. There were 5 disabled Veterans who rode on the back of motorcycles along with an escort of a dozen other motorcycles. We rode from the VA to the Newport Beach Post 291, who hosted a luncheon. All 5 Veterans enjoyed the wind therapy and were all smiles! Our current Chapter Officers for 2023/2024 are Director - Gus Jauregui, Vice Director - Larry Stoll, and Sergeant-at-Arms - Roger Buffington. American Legion Riders Chapter 133 organizes local rides throughout the month. Please check our Facebook page for all our upcoming events www.facebook.com/alrchapter133. If you are interested in joining us on any rides, or becoming a member of the Riders please email ALRchapter133@gmail.com

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: September 12, 7:00 PM, Subject: How 211 works.

Veterans' Resource night October 10 at 7:00 PM in the central library, subject US Veterans.

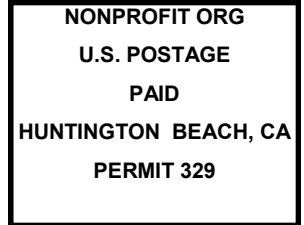


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Patriot Day ceremony September 11 at 6 PM at Huntington Beach Pier Plaza.

Presentation of Colors H B Police/Fire Department

Pledge of Allegiance

POW/MIA Chair Mike Ali American Legion Post 133

Invocation Chaplain Roger Wing

Striking of the Four Fives Huntington Beach Fire Department

City Welcome Mayor Tony Strickland

Main Speaker Fire Deputy Chief Eric McCoy

FIRST RESPONDER AWARDS PRESENTATION:

Huntington Beach Fire Department: Commander Jim Ghormley and Fire Chief Scott Haberle

Retrieving the POW/MIA cover Mike Ali American Legion Post 133

Three Volley Rifle Salute American Legion Post 133 Honor Guard

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