



# BEACH NEWS

September-October



2024



## AMERICAN LEGION HUNTINGTON BEACH POST 133

Next meetings are

**September 9**

and

**October 9**

**at 7:00 PM**

**at Memorial Hall**

**1718 Orange Ave.**



### Commander Jim Ghormley

Happy continued Endless Summer! Hope all of you are enjoying our fantastic weather! One treat for the summer was the Summer 2024 Olympic Games, if one ignores the horrible tragedy of the Last Supper display during the opening ceremony. Team USA prevailed in the total medal count. France was a real surprise.

Barbara and I had an overwhelming surprise with the visit of our three grandchildren and two daughters all at one time over the first two weeks of July. What a wonderful time we had.

Your Annual HB Post 133 Car Show was held on Sunday, 11 August 2024. The show was a resounding success. There were over 70 entrants, each displaying beautiful renditions of restored and customized cars, some from bygone eras. Early estimates indicate some \$13,000.00 was raised from the Car Show proceeds to support HB Post 133 Veterans Resource Center. Such a significant event does not happen on its own. A special thank you goes to Jim Rossman, Car Show Chair and his committee of Robert McClish, Head Planner/Doer; Noella Passarelli, Silent Auction, Opportunity Drawing; Frank Passarelli, HB-133 VRC Representative (on-site all day); Ray Walls, Car Show Expert; Diveta Elliotte-Mesinger, Computer Data Processing Guru (Husband member of HB 133 Riders); and invaluable assistance from Bill Morehouse and Vic Galic, fantastic volunteers from outside the American Legion. Without the time, talent, treasure, and dedication of individuals such as these, there would be no car show. THANK YOU!

On Wednesday, 14 August 2024, your Post 133 hosted the Post annual World War II veteran luncheon. What a great time we had! There was a total of 40 people in attendance including our WW II veterans. The venue was Mario's on Main in Huntington Beach. Food and service were fantastic.

Your HB Post 133 leadership and board of directors continues to search for ways to bring all of you into active participation as American Legion members. While we are limited with what we can do at Memorial Hall, we will continue to use Memorial Hall as our meeting and social venue for the foreseeable future. We are researching other locations and look forward to being able to expand the offerings we can make at a new location. In the meantime, join us for a regular meeting the second Wednesday of every month at Memorial Hall.

Your VRC continues to serve veterans in our geography, sometimes around the clock. If you have not visited the VRC, I challenge you to do so. Who knows, there may be something you need with regard to veteran benefits that you can access at the VRC. You can be very proud of the work being done for veterans through the VRC.

The next meeting of your HB Post 133 will be on Monday, 9 September 2024. The second Wednesday in September is 11 September, Patriot's Day. Your Post Legionnaires will be hosting the city Patriots Day commemoration at Pier Plaza. Time of event is 1800. We look forward to seeing you there.

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**Bob Laizure**

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**David Biegel**



## UNIT 133 AUXILIARY NEWS Tina Bauer President



My article will be for a multi-month September – October 2024 Newsletter, as we transition from summer to Fall with the variable Southern California weather. Our **END OF SUMMER CELEBRATION** The American Legion Family Huntington Beach 133 will have their annual Labor Day Picnic this year, on Monday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024 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 2024 Girl's State Delegates and our 2024 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 2024 Girls State Session and the American Legion Post 133 selected for the 2024 Boys State Session. Please RSVP to Tina Bauer by August 30<sup>th</sup>; families are welcome.

Our 2025 membership renewals early in the process have been strong this year. Thank you for your promptness. To date we have 47 members who have submitted their membership dues out of 230 total members (20%) and we welcome 9 new and transfer members. **Our current membership year is July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025. Remember, if you card does not say 2025, it is time to submit your dues.** National will send renewal notices to your mailing address on record, very soon. If you have your 2025 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 members or \$5.00 payment for our Junior members via mail today to American Legion Auxiliary HB Unit 133, P.O. Box 133, Huntington Beach, CA 92648. We also are accepting payments via Zelle, established with our Auxiliary Bank, BMO; if you would like to send the membership amount using that payment method, we use our email address [alahuntingtonbeachunit133@gmail.com](mailto:alahuntingtonbeachunit133@gmail.com) as the link. To any HB Unit 133 member if you need to submit dues for prior years including the 2024 membership year, please contact me directly as it will be simple to bring your membership current through 2025.

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



This year we are organizing our first Quartermania local event for Sunday, October 13, 2024 from 11 am – 3 pm at the Assistance League – Huntington Beach conference room (located upstairs). All proceeds will support American Legion HB Post 133 Boys State and American Legion Auxiliary HB Unit 133 Girls State Programs and Transportation. We will provide more details at our upcoming meetings and via email.

The next HB Unit 133 meetings will be held September 9th, 2024 (NOTE CHANGE TO MONDAY) and October 9th, 2024 (Wednesday) at Memorial Hall located at the city of Huntington Beach 17<sup>th</sup> Street Park on Orange Avenue. Join us at 6:30 p.m. for refreshment social and 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

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### Car Show August 11



Thank you Jim Rossman for the car show.

### WWII and Korean war veterans luncheon



Thank you Bud DeWees for this luncheon.

### 1st Vice Commander Elaine Parker



#### MEMBERSHIP:

National increased dues on July 1 by \$5, therefore Post 133 dues have increased to \$50.00 FY 2024 ended 30 June 2024. FY2025 started on 1 July 2024 and dues are now \$50.00. Please make a check payable to American Legion Post 133 and mail it to: American Legion Post 133, P.O. Box 133, Huntington Beach, CA 92648. Also, Please inform the post of any legionnaire's death.

### 2nd Vice Commander David Beigel



#### SOCIAL CALENDAR:

**Coffee:** 9 AM September 6 & 16 and October 4 & 21 at McDonald's, Goldenwest north of Yorktown.

**Lunch:** September 25 at 11:30 AM at Kung Pao Bowl, 6840 Edinger Ave, HB. October 23 at 11:30 AM at Mama's on 39, Beach and Atlanta.

### Veterans Resource Center (VRC)

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

We now have a certified VSO representative on site the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of each month by appointment only. To schedule an appointment please contact Frank Passarelli.



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**9-11 ceremony will be held on  
September 11 at 6 PM at  
Huntington Beach Pier Plaza.**

