



# BEACH NEWS

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2021



## AMERICAN LEGION HUNTINGTON BEACH POST 133

September 8

Lake Park Clubhouse  
Lake and 12th Streets

October 13 meeting will  
be at Harbour View Club-  
house, 16600 Saybrook  
Ln, HB, south of Heil Ave



### Commander Russ Dohrmann

Have you ever found yourself with a saying or a song stuck in your head that keeps repeating itself? My current one is that “today is the first day of the rest of your life.” I think it’s one that’s worth remembering to help keep us focused on the important things, and here’s a few that affect our Post.

The biggest one is the health of our members, it’s always high on our list, and in current times it’s glaringly important. Let’s all do everything possible to stay healthy through these ever-changing phases of the pandemic, it may be the most important reminder that I can provide as your Commander! By the way I just saw that both Pfizer and Moderna vaccines have recently received full FDA approval.

One of our Post’s most successful efforts has been the work being done by our Veteran’s Resource Center under the leadership of Frank and Noella Passarelli. Together with their dedicated team of volunteers, the Central Library site has stayed engaged and busy, even when the library itself was closed due to the pandemic restrictions. The VRC has assisted over 500 Veterans and their families since it opened on December 4, 2018. Their success has created a need to expand the team of qualified volunteers, and if you can help for as little as two hours a week, they will provide the training and the friendly atmosphere! The VRC is open Monday through Thursday from 2:00PM till 6:00PM, and on Fridays from 9:00AM till 1:00PM.

Speaking of the library, they are hosting their annual “End of Summer” party on Tuesday August 31<sup>st</sup> from 5:00PM till 8:00PM. This event hosts “library-represented” and community organizations, like our VRC, so they can promote themselves to the public. There will also be a variety of food trucks and entertainment including a family friendly band. Our Post will have a booth at the event.

As you may have heard, or hopefully witnessed, we took another big step toward our goal of increasing the social aspects of our membership on August 11<sup>th</sup>. We met at the Lake Park Club House for a Boston Market catered meal that was followed by a live performance by a champion magician. Johnny Ace Palmer is the only close-up magician to win the overall “Grand Prix” from the International Federation of Magic Societies, which also earned him the title of “World Champion Magician.” He also happens to be my best friend, and the Best Man at my wedding! Johnny wowed the crowd with his unique blend of humor and slight of hand making playing cards and live critters like baby chicks, doves and a very well behaved bunny, appear right in front of our eyes.

Our most recent event was on August 14<sup>th</sup>, when we gathered at Marie Calendars to celebrate our WWII Veterans. During the luncheon each of the special guests were “given the mike” so they could tell stories about their service, and we all learned some things that we didn’t know about them. One had even personally attended the trial of Hideki Tojo. As they told their stories, we noticed that other guests at surrounding tables had stopped eating and started listening as well.

Thanks to all of you that continue to volunteer, set up and break down, clean up, plan and produce to make our Post’s activities successful and enjoyable!

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## UNIT 133 AUXILIARY NEWS Tina Bauer President



This year on August 21<sup>st</sup>, the American Legion Auxiliary District 29 held a Girls State Orientation Tea inviting all Orange County Girls State Delegates to participate. We had parents and their daughters, and Auxiliary members attend. The young ladies who were able to attend were eager to share their experiences and connect with their friends who they met during the Zoom ALA CAGS session this year. We are looking forward to talking with our 2021 Girl State participants, meeting their families, hearing about their experiences, and learning about future plans for college/careers.

**END OF SUMMER CELEBRATION** The American Legion Family Huntington Beach 133 will have their annual Labor Day Picnic this year, on Monday, September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021 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 2021 Girl's State Delegates and our 2021 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 2021 Girls State Session and the American Legion Post 133 selected for the 2021 Boys State Session. Please RSVP by September 2<sup>nd</sup>; families are welcome.

Our 2022 membership renewals early in the process have been strong this year. Thank you for your promptness. To date we have 42 members who have submitted their membership dues out of 139 total members (30%) and we welcome 8 new members. **Our current membership year is July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022. Remember, if you card does not say 2022, it is time to submit your dues.** National sent renewal notices via email to your email address on record, if you did not receive an e-mail renewal notice, please check your computer email SPAM folder. Renewal notices were also sent via mail to many members. 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 \$30.00 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. Your continued support is appreciated and helps us to maintain the much needed support for our Veterans and their families. Unit 133 members if you need to submit 2020 and/or 2021 past dues please contact me directly as it will be simple to bring your membership current through 2022.

**ATTENTION ALL POST 133 LEGIONNAIRES**, Auxiliary membership is open to all spouses (female or male) and relatives including, your daughter, sister, mother, grand-

mother, and granddaughter. Female Veterans are also eligible to join and have dual membership. Any Female Veteran who wishes to join Unit 133 for 2022, we will waive your membership fee for the first year. The National and Department American Legion Auxiliary are partners with us; if you would like a membership application or information about the Auxiliary please contact me.

Huntington Beach Unit 133 has many fundraisers throughout the year to support all our programs for Veterans and their families, care packages for our troops, education, 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. **Please contact Tina Bauer at 714-655-7333 if you would like more information about supporting HB Unit 133 fundraisers, items pictured:**



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; 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 and friends as another option. All wreaths are fresh and hand-made from a company in Minnesota who grows, assembles, and ships all the products.



Best wishes to all our members who are celebrating birthdays in September and October. Please contact me if you have any questions about our activities, membership for family and friends, or volunteering.

**Attention HB Unit 133 Members Please NOTE: Our September 8th, 2021 HB Unit 133 Meeting will be held at the Harbour View Clubhouse, 16600 Saybrook Lane, Huntington Beach, 92649 (part of Harbour View Park – cross street Heil Ave.; next to Harbour View Elementary School) there is plenty of parking in the lot as you enter from Tallisman Lane. Please join us for a meet and greet dessert social which at 6:45 p.m., our regular meeting begins at 7:00 p.m. **We are meeting at a different location than Post 133.** Please let me know if you need a ride to the meeting.**

Tina Bauer, e-mail: [alahuntingtonbeachunit133.com](mailto:alahuntingtonbeachunit133.com) or 714-655-7333.

The **Veterans Resource Center** is open. We are back in full swing, with hours of operation Monday – Thursday from 2pm – 6pm and Friday 9am – 1pm. We are in need of volunteers to fill shifts. If you're interested, please give Noella Passarelli a call at 714.756.0236.

Don't miss the **Post 133 Labor Day picnic** on September 6 at Lake Park BBQs and clubhouse.

Our Girls and Boys Staters will join us and talk about their experiences during this COVID-19 year.

There will be hotdogs, hamburgers and fish. Salads and deserts will be provided by our Auxiliary. Please RSVP to Tina Bauer at 714-655-7333.



Lunch at Old World restaurant ———>

## 1st Vice Commander Dave Badgett

### MEMBERSHIP:

209 have paid their dues thus far. Out of 500.

You can pay on-line with a credit card at [www.legion.org](http://www.legion.org), or mail your check for \$45.00 to American Legion Post 133, PO Box 133, Huntington Beach, CA 92648

Remember we are on a fiscal year, July 1, 2021- June 30, 2022.

## 2nd Vice Commander Ernie Deldado



### SOCIAL CALENDAR:

**Coffee:** September 3 & 20 at McDonald's, Goldenwest north of Yorktown.

**Lunch** September 22 at 11:30 AM at StoneFire Grill, 18727 Brookhurst, FV.

**Brunch** October 1 at 9:00 AM at Longboard, downtown.

Annual **Labor Day picnic** will be held at Lake Park clubhouse at 11:30 AM (Lake and 11th Streets).





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**PATRIOT DAY CEREMONY is September 11th at Pier Plaza at 6:00 PM. We will be honoring Huntington Beach first responders.**



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