



BEACH NEWS

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AMERICAN LEGION HUNTINGTON BEACH POST 133

**Next meeting is
September 10
at 7:00 PM
at Memorial Hall
1718 Orange Ave.**



Commander Jim Rossman

We just completed our 4th annual fundraising car show on August 10. It was a success, we raised a lot of money for the Veterans Resource Center.

At our general meeting we had a guest speaker from JPL. He was a hit, he spoke about the Mars mission, going back to the Moon, the vehicles, how they were designed for each mission, about the work they do with NASA on missions. He had 15 minutes to talk, however he spoke for about 40 minutes and no one wanted him to stop. This meeting was the most attended meeting in a long time. Next month we will have a Captain from the HB Police department as our guest speaker

Speaking about the Veterans Resource Center we are here to help all Veterans, with such items as benefits, help with filing for compensation, burial, simple things like getting a DD214, help with such items if qualified are lodging, food and gas cards, auto repair, to name a few. We are located inside the Huntington Beach Central Library. Our hours are Monday-Thursday from 2pm to 6pm, and on Friday from 09:00-1:00pm. There is a VS0 officer scheduled the 2nd and 4th Saturday to help with more complicated issues.

I will be sending emails in the coming months from the Commander's Corner to let you know about what and how the VA can do to help you, along with upcoming events.

We hope to see you at our next General meeting.

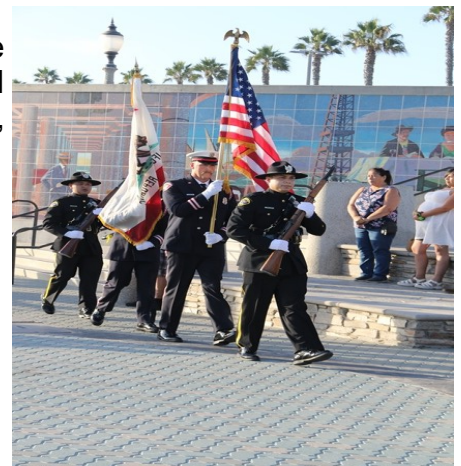
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BOARD MEMBERS:

- Reggie Chun
- Bud DeWees
- Gary Robles
- John Vasquez

PATRIOT DAY CEREMONY

September 11th Ceremony will be held at Pier Plaza at 6 PM. We will honor the Huntington Beach police, fire and marine safety officers.





UNIT 133 AUXILIARY NEWS Tina Bauer President



Our **END OF SUMMER CELEBRATION** The American Legion Family Huntington Beach 133 will have our annual Labor Day Picnic on Monday, September 1st, 2025 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 2025 Girl's State Delegates and our 2025 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 2025 Girls State Session and the American Legion Post 133 selected for the 2025 Boys State Session. Please RSVP to Tina Bauer by August 29th; families are welcome.

Our 2026 membership renewals early in the process have been strong this year. Thank you for your promptness. To date we have 60 members who have submitted their membership dues out of 250 total members (24%) and we welcome 3 new members. **Our current membership year is July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026. Remember, if you card does not say 2026, it is time to submit your dues.** National will send renewal notices to your mailing address on record, very soon. 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 as the link. To any HB Unit 133 member if you need to submit dues for prior years including the 2025 membership year, please contact me directly as it will be simple to bring your membership current through 2026.

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, our schools, children and youth, Girls State and our community. The patriotic and holiday satin scarves, are 14 x 60 and 100% polyester "silk feel"; and we have assorted bracelets for donations, please contact me if you are interested in the scarves or bracelets



The Holiday Wreath Fundraiser begins in September. We 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 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



Last year we had two very successful Quartermania events to help support our HB Unit 133 Girls State Program. We pay all fees including transportation for our 6 delegates we select and send to the program in California every June. We will provide more details at our upcoming meetings and via email when the next Quartermania fundraisers are scheduled.

The next HB Unit 133 meeting will be held September 10th, 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 refreshment social and 7:00 p.m. for our meeting; you will make new friends, learn about our activities, programs and volunteering.

Wishing all our members who have September birthdays a happy celebration day. You can reach me by email at alahuntingtonbeachunit133.com or phone at 714-655-7333.

Veterans' Car Show pictures



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: September 5 and 15
McDonald's at 9 AM.

Lunch: September 24, at 11:30 AM, Eat at Joe's. 7120 Edinger Ave. HB 92647 (corner of Goldenwest & Edinger)

Labor Day Picnic at Lake Park, September 1st. Set up at 11 AM, starts at 11:30 AM

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 please contact:

Robert McClish at 562-201-0239.

Sons of the American Legion (SAL)

The Huntington Beach Squadron 133 new membership year begins July 1, 2025. Dues remain at \$30. Send your check payable to American Legion Post 133 and mail to the PO Box. Contact Dennis Bauer with membership questions: 714-642-8846.



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July 4 2025 Independence Day Parade

Every year, Post 133 members participate in the parade walking and riding in military vehicles. This year our member, Mike Ali was honored as Community Volunteer Member.

