

# AMERICAN LEGION POST 419 REVEILLE

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## Commander's Corner

It has been 2 ½ months since we had to stop all activities at the post. As expected, not much is happening with the exceptions of a little cleaning, answering mails, and paying the monthly bills. And thanks to the generous donations from our members and friends, we made weekly trips to the bank to make deposits. As of May 24, donations for the fundraiser has reached \$11,354. We appreciate all your support.

We are still meeting via ZOOM. At our last general meeting on May 6, Ralph W. Jacob Jr was elected to the position of Commander for fiscal year 2021. His tenure will start on June 25<sup>th</sup> for the July's executive meeting. If that name sounds familiar, that's because he was post commander in fiscal year '1994' and '2012'. Some of you supported him back then, maybe you could give him your support again. When we are open again, please drop in for the general meeting on the first Wednesday of the Month.

Jeff Driskell will remain as First Vice, Rich Peralez will take the position of Second Vice. The executive board members are Matt Belong, Stan Ferro, and Ken Pearson. Bob Turner will remain as Sargent-at-Arms. Other officers will be determined at a later date. If anyone is interest in being an officer or an assistance for fiscal year 2021 or want to know what is available, please let us know. It may just be something you want to do after being 'In Shelter' for so long.

I have been writing for the newsletter for 3 years. The first two years as the 1<sup>st</sup> vice and the last year as commander. This will be my final letter. I am sure there will be plenty of things for me to do at the post to help cut expenses. We will need to find new ways to conduct business. If you have any ideas and would like to share it, send us an email.

Al Wong  
Post Commander

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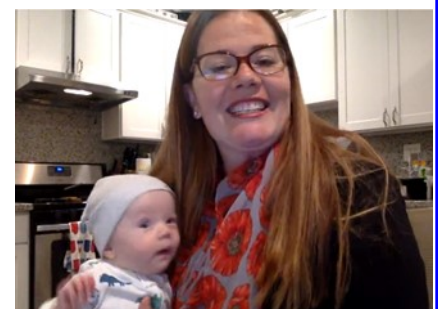


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### Auxiliary News June 2020

#### New Officers Elected

We are pleased to announce that Cheryl Rafferty is our new President effective July 1st. She is eligible through her father Gene Grundstrom and she works full time. Past President Maggie Taylor Aherne is staying on in a supportive role as 1<sup>st</sup> Vice. All other officers from last year were elected again: Secretary Brenda Manley, Treasurer Cindy Newman, Chaplain Linda McHaffie and Sgt-at-Arms Frances Borg (2<sup>nd</sup> Vice position is vacant). Congratulations to all officers! **Heartfelt thanks to President Maggie** for serving two years, working full time, and bringing a "spanking-new" S.A.L. member, Charlie, into the world last November. *Continued page 2*



## D13 President Visit

Also, thanks to *District 13* President Cece Harvey for making this meeting her official visitation. She commented on the amazing work Unit 419 does for our Veterans, Post & Community. The D13 officers have been asked by Department President to stay in place for another term due to complications of doing business under stay-at-home health orders. Members can attend the Auxiliary's *Department President Visit* when it is rescheduled.

## Poppy Letters

With masks and gloves on, Mary Rodriguez and Cindy Newman assembled and mailed the poppy letters with 2 poppies inside. This year, letters were mailed to all Auxiliary members as usual, and to those Legion Family members who donated in the past to reduce costs. Donations may be made payable to ALA 419 and mailed c/o Cindy Newman, 2430 Villa Nueva Way, Mtn. View 94040. If you are able, please also consider donating to Post 419 to help with their expenses due to Covid-19 loss of rental income.



## Make a Promise Now

After health orders are lifted and the Post re-opens, they need local members to volunteer an hour or more during the day to continue reducing expenses until we are truly back to normal. For example, Auxiliary members can help serve First Breakfast or do light clean up like wiping off tables. **Make the promise of an hour now if you are local** by contacting the Post at [americanlegionpost419@comcast.net](mailto:americanlegionpost419@comcast.net) or (408) 244-3050. Thanks to Aux member Chrissie Walters for making the promise after seeing it in the Poppy letter.

## Memorial Day

Although we were not able to gather for Memorial Day, you can still enjoy the ceremony, virtually. The Auxiliary created a flyer (next page) that was posted online and emailed in late May *with links to*: (1) local Virtual Memorial Ceremonies, (2) the flightpath of the 129<sup>th</sup> Air Rescue Wing Flyover, and (3) a stay-at-home Poppy Coloring Book for the kids *and bored adults*. Thanks to Mary Artibee for making that last suggestion at the last meeting!

## Membership E-Meeting from Home – May 13, 2020

Our next E-meeting is May 13<sup>th</sup> with social time at 6:30 p.m. and meeting start at 7 p.m. Join us by home phone, computer, smartphone, or tablet/ipad. There is no cost to you and no need to provide personal info, thanks to Maggie's employer Kickfire. The Zoom meeting details are below. Maggie & Cindy are tech support – see contacts below.

### Join Zoom Meeting:

By Phone: 1-408-638-0968

By Computer (click on link below): <https://kickfire.zoom.us/j/799421628?pwd=VStWQXY0LlFNRzI2RFdLdkZFVStUUT09>

**Meeting ID:** 799 421 628

**Password:** 4192020

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Cindy Newman  
Treasurer and Past President



# Memorial Day Virtual Ceremonies & Flyover May 25, 2020

MDAY IS OVER BUT FLYER HAS USEFUL LINKS TO WEBSITES AND VIRTUAL CEREMONIES

Due to coronavirus pandemic and health orders prohibiting gatherings, a few cemeteries and memorials are having **virtual** ceremonies.

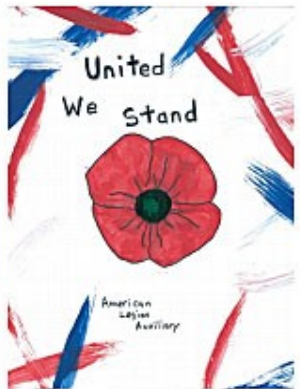
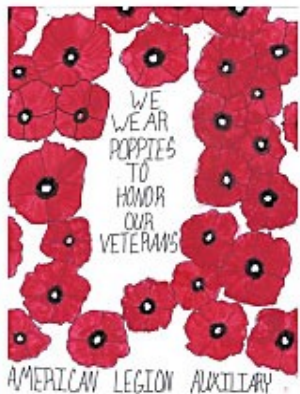
Oak Hill Memorial Park's virtual ceremony has already been filmed by local and national ABC News, with at-home tributes by County Supervisor Dave Cortese and others. The virtual ceremony will be posted online on [Oak Hill's website](#) and [Facebook page](#). ABC News will broadcast excerpts on Memorial Day.

On Memorial Day, the District 13 Honor Guard will render military honors at Oak Hill's shortened ceremony, but attendance is severely limited due to health orders. Los Gatos/Campbell and Mountain View are also having virtual, livestream ceremonies; and Milpitas is recording messages of remembrance to honor members of the Armed Services on its You Tube channel (see links below).

The 129th Air Rescue Wing C130 and Pave Hawk Helicopter will perform a Flyover of medical facilities throughout the Bay Area. Click on this [link](#) to see a map of the flyover and times, e.g. Kaiser Santa Clara is 12:53 p.m. **Residents should be able to see the flyover from the safety of home, and should maintain all shelter-in-place and social distancing guidelines during the flyover.**

We invite you to enjoy these virtual events from the comfort of your home. To keep the little ones busy or amuse bored adults, download the Auxiliary's Poppy Coloring Book. Stay safe, **stay home**, save lives.

*Flyer created by the Auxiliary to Support the Legion 419 Family. Images from past Poppy contest winners on National website.*



### Links:

- [129th Rescue Wing Flyover \(12:53 pm Kaiser Santa Clara\)](#)
- [OakHillFuneral.com \(Events for details\)](#)
- [Oak Hill Funeral Home & Memorial Park's Facebook \(Pre-recorded\)](#)
- [Mountain View Veterans Memorial Facebook \(Livestream 11:50 am\)](#)
- [MVBeteransMemorial.org](#)
- [Los Gatos Memorial Park \(Livestream 10 am\)](#)
- [Milpitas You Tube Messages of Remembrance & Honor U.S. Military](#)
- [American Legion Auxiliary Coloring Book](#)
- [American Legion Santa Clara #419](#)



American Legion Auxiliary  
Poppy Coloring Book





## Squadron 419 Report

Greetings Everyone,

Hoping that everyone is doing as best as can be expected.

So, since there have been no activities at the post, there is nothing to report as far as far as squadron participation.

As part of the Detachment of California, Sons of the American Legion, we do have monthly call-in meetings. So, on May 20<sup>th</sup>, we had our monthly meeting, following protocol meeting was started. Reports were called upon.

### Membership Report.

Total Detachment Numbers: New members joined is 1,645, Renewed is 9,075, Total is 10,720, The Goal is 11,463. Percentage is 93.52%. Our Standing is #17.

Per Capita increase discussed and on hold.

As for the squadron, 10 new members, 98 members renewed, Total is 108, our Goal is 84. Gives the squadron 128.57%

Finance Committee working with department to accurately account for monies.

Constitution & By Laws being worked on to complete and to forward to Legion Ways and Means: Helmets are out there, just need to get them filled.

### VA & R: No Report.

Convention: At this point in time the event has been cancelled. All officers will remain in place until further notice.

Steve Villegas  
Squadron Adjutant



## ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

### HONORING OUR MILITARY VETERANS WWII, KOREAN AND VIETNAM

#### Honor Flight Bay Area Foundation — 598 Veterans Honored with trip to Washington, D.C.



Honor Flight Bay Area Foundation is preparing for its 6<sup>th</sup> year of operation in 2020. Since organizing in 2014, we have flown 598 veterans to Washington, D.C. to visit their war memorials. This is an all-expense paid trip for the veteran and our way of thanking them for their service and sacrifice.

If you are a WWII, Korean or Vietnam war veteran who has not been to D.C. and seen your war memorial, you are invited, encouraged, to participate in this trip of a

lifetime. Applications are available at [www.honorflightbayarea.org](http://www.honorflightbayarea.org). Full details of the trip and information about Honor Flight Bay Area is available at our Web site.

#### **2020 Flight Schedule Update**

**Trip #25: — June 7-9 Cancelled**

Trip #26 now #24: Sept 13-15

Trip #27 now #25: Oct 18-20

New Trip #26: Nov 8-9

**ALERT — COVID-19.** The current public health situation requires the cancelling and rescheduling of flights. Trips planned for April 26-28 and June 7-9 are being rescheduled for a later date. Honor Flight Bay Area will continue to monitor this public health situation and make adjustments to our flight schedules and activities as warranted. The health and well-being of our veterans and all participants is critical to us.

Honor Flight Bay Area encourages everyone to follow the guidelines provided by the CDC and local public health officials in combating this virus.

**Note that we are continuing to accept applications during this situation and encourage all veterans interested in an Honor Flight to submit your application. Once this situation is behind us, our practice of reviewing applications and screening applicants will continue as in the past.**

As we have done in the past, prior to each flight we will conduct an orientation meeting for all participants. This gives you the opportunity to meet your fellow travelers and learn about the trip itinerary. A few weeks after each flight we hold a reunion where participants can share their experiences from the trip. All of this is a truly memorable experience... for the veteran, the guardian and our volunteers.

Many of our senior veterans are concerned with health issues and the ability to make this trip. Let us help you evaluate your situation before you disqualify yourself. Part of the application process involves a private conversation with an Honor Flight Bay Area health professional.

Guardians, escorts, are also needed to assist our veterans. If you are interested in volunteering as a guardian, you can obtain an application at [www.honorflightbayarea.org](http://www.honorflightbayarea.org). Or, if you just want to volunteer to help Honor Flight Bay Area with the logistics and work required to organize each flight, an application for volunteers is available at the Web site.

A huge thank you to Post 419 and to all of the members and volunteers who have helped to make our honor flights a success.

I look forward to everyone's continued support for our 2020 honor flights and to working together to safeguard our veterans and communities at large.

Don Newton

Co-Founder and Director, Honor Flight Bay Area Foundation

# 2020 Calendar of Events

Host	Event	Date
Legion	First Sunday Breakfast Father's Day	Sunday June 7, 2020 9 - 11am <b>Cancelled</b>
Legion	Annual Car Show	Saturday June 13, 2020 <b>Cancelled</b>
Legion	First Sunday Breakfast	Sunday July 5, 2020 9 - 11am
Legion	First Sunday Breakfast	Sunday Aug 2, 2020 9 - 11am
Legion	First Sunday Breakfast	Sept 6, 2020 9 - 11am
Legion	Surf City Dinner/Dance	Saturday Sept 26, 2020
SAL	First Sunday Breakfast	Sunday Oct 4, 2020 9 - 11am
Legion	Halloween Dinner/Dance	Sat Oct 31, 2020
Aux	First Sunday Breakfast	Nov 1, 2020 9 - 11am
Legion	Annual Craft Faire	Saturday Nov 7, 2020
Legion	Veterans Day	Wednesday, Nov 11, 2020
Legion Aux SAL	Thanks for Giving Dinner	Thursday Nov 19, 2020
SAL	First Sunday Breakfast	Sunday Dec 6, 2020 9 - 11am
Legion	Legion Family Christmas Dinner/Dance	Saturday Dec 12, 2020
Aux	New Years Eve Party	Thursday Dec 31, 2020

## Important Contact Information — Post 419, Squadron and Auxiliary

**GENERAL CONTACT NUMBER** — 408-244-3050 (You may leave messages here any time of the day or night.)

**Post Adjutant email contact** — [www.americanlegionpost419@comcast.net](mailto:www.americanlegionpost419@comcast.net) (excellent means for sending information and/or requests to Post officers).

