

## Commanders Report

### Comrades

Thanks to KD Poynter and the city of Santa Clara arborist, on 19 March the historical ASH tree in our parking lot was trimmed. The tree had many dead branches and needed to be shaped. So at 0800 the work began. The crew from West Coast Arborists worked until 1400 cutting and cleaning.



It was a long day. Some of the dead branches were 8 inches in diameter. There was a large amount of growth that needed to be cut back. We were able to get some branches and Gene Grundstrom plans on making a gavel from them.

The parking lot will be repaired by the city and state later this year, so we will have a safe place to park.

Again, thanks go to KD and the city arborist for bringing this job to conclusion.

Have a great month. See you at Breakfast or Lunch and stay safe.

Ralph



## Squadron Adjutant

Greetings to all

Here we are again and now the month of March is almost over for us.

So, attended the Area 2 meeting in Salinas, and, we were able to have about 15 minutes for a report from the Area 2 S.A.L. Commander, presentation of Ribbons for 100% membership for 2020. District 13 received 3 Ribbons, Squadron 99 419 and 564 achieved 100%. Including 1 for the District So congratulations to Squadron 419. The district also received a Ribbon for our accomplishment.

We still have some time to achieve this if members who haven't renewed their membership turn in their dues.

The Children and Youth Committee had a online meeting earlier this week.

Idea's for squadrons to work the program came from ideas from the east coast.

- **Laps of Love:** Walking either a course or a building, get individuals to sponsor a son for say \$5.00 a lap. Walk the course 5 times and collect \$25.00. Get 5 people to sponsor you and that would be \$125.00.
- **Push Ups for Veterans Suicide prevention**, the same concept
- **Dinners to go**, another idea, something like Bratwurst meal.
- **A picnic for disabled children**, just another idea.

If any of the members have ideas let us know, We have got to step up our game and participation.

Boys State is going to happen and it will be a virtual program. This year it appears that both Nevada and Arizona, will be joining California's students this year.

As many of you know, the county is starting to open up. Let's hope that we don't fall back.

Steve Villegas

Squadron Adjutant

Effective Feb 23, 2021 we rolled out a new website for Post 419. <[www.alpost419ca.org](http://www.alpost419ca.org)> , it is the same domain name as before, but it has a very different look. Check it our if you have any suggestions on how to improve it let me know. Please remember it is a work in progress with only the basics already installed

Post 419 is still serving lunches from 11:30—2:00 Wednesday—Saturday. Stop by eat in/out side or take home one for dinner. The portations are generous and only \$10.00

The post will again hold a birthday celebration this month during the lunch program hours with cake and coffee for any members of the Post 419 Legion, Auxiliary and SON's who has a birthday that month. Stop by for your cake and maybe buy a lunch. Birthday party days will be posted on April 8th.

Gene Grundstrom

Adjutant

# Happy March 2021 Birthdays!



Mocha Cake and Icing



March 12, 2021

11:30 AM



Earl and Linda



Don Brown



Mary



Bob Legette



Manny



James



KD



Rich



Patrick



Bob and Katherine



Jeff

COMING SOON  
APRIL BIRTHDAYS



April 8, 2021

11:30am to 2:00pm

# ***How about a Cup of Coffee with a Veteran?***

Vet to Vet Café is just for YOU!



**Monday, April 5, 2021** kick off  
for weekly complimentary coffee, tea, and goodies

Every **Monday morning at 9 am**  
No agenda, just visiting, chat, and story sharing  
9 am - 10:30 am - please wear a mask

**American Legion Post 419**  
958 Homestead Rd. Santa Clara  
Contact Karen Carter for more information  
408 560-6691

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MEMORIAL

# *American Legion Auxiliary*

Hello all,

So happy we are still going strong. So happy that spring has sprung and the light and warmth has returned. The auxiliary is happy to let all our ladies know that we will finally be meeting in person for our April meeting in 4/17/2021.

The meeting time will be at 7pm, masks required. During the meeting we will also have the option for zoom. I recently sent out an email with the zoom link so please join us.

During the meeting we will be stuffing our poppy letters for mailing. I so look forward to seeing as many ladies as possible. We also will be starting our elections for our leadership roles.

We also need volunteers to help with the post Sunday breakfast which will be on the 2nd Sunday of April.

Thank you all and we all look forward to seeing you soon

[Cheryl Rafferty](#)

[ALA Santa Clara Unit 419 President](#)

## **SAVE LIVES Act allows VA to soon provide COVID-19 vaccinations to all Veterans, their spouses and caregivers**

All Veterans, their spouses and caregivers can soon get COVID-19 vaccinations from VA under the SAVE LIVES Act signed into law March 24.

Covered individuals can receive a vaccine from VA due to the ongoing COVID-19 public health emergency. Under the bill, covered individuals are: Veterans who are not eligible to enroll in the VA health care system; specified Veterans who are eligible for hospital care, medical services, and nursing home care abroad; family caregivers approved as providers of personal care services for Veterans under the VA's Program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers; caregivers of Veterans participating in the VA's Program of General Caregiver Support Services; and caregivers of Veterans participating in the VA's Medical Foster Home Program, Bowel and Bladder Program, Home Based Primary Care Program, or Veteran Directed Care Program. Civilian Health and Medical Programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs recipients.

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## Chaplain & Service Officer Report

Hello all,

I hope this newsletter finds you and yours healthy and safe. We have two fellow Veterans who passed away last month...

### Frank Diaz Jr.

Persian Gulf War Veteran  
28 year member of the American Legion  
Passed away in March, 2021

### James Ash

Korea War Veteran  
American Legion Member for 45 years  
Post 419 Post Commander, 1980 & 81  
Passed away in March, 2021



The military branch of service is unknown for both Frank and James, however we're all one family when it comes to serving our country. As we start the new month and for those who recognize and observe Good Friday and Easter Sunday...may you have time to reflect and may your moments be full of grace.

The following [link](#) connects to the VA Benefits Newsletter, April 2021.

<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USVAVBA/bulletins/2c9a7d0>

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# 2021 Calendar of Events

| HOST   | EVENT                  | DATE                           |
|--------|------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Legion | First Sunday Breakfast | <b>April 11th, 2021 9-11am</b> |
| Legion | First Sunday Breakfast | May 2nd, 2021 9-11am           |
| Legion | First Sunday Breakfast | June 6th, 2021 9-11am          |

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

**General Contact Number:** 408.244.3050 (You may leave message here any time of the day or night)

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Veteran spouses.

VA must prioritize the vaccination of (1) Veterans enrolled in the VA health care system, (2) Veterans who fail to enroll but receive hospital care and medical services for specified disabilities in their first 12 months of separation from service, and (3) caregivers accompanying such prioritized Veterans. Additionally, vaccines furnished abroad are authorized to be furnished in a geographic location other than a state regardless of whether vaccines are needed for the treatment of Veterans with a service-connected disability. This includes those participating in a VA rehabilitation program.

More information

To learn how to get COVID-19 vaccine from VA, visit <https://blogs.va.gov/VAntage/84404/veterans-designated-caregivers-can-get-covid-19-vaccine-va/>.

Find answers to general VA COVID-19 vaccine questions at <https://www.va.gov/health-care/covid-19-vaccine/>.

To receive ongoing updates about VA's COVID-19 vaccine efforts and to indicate your interest in getting the vaccine once you're eligible, visit <https://www.va.gov/health-care/covid-19-vaccine/stay-informed>.