

# REVEILLE

AMERICAN LEGION POST 419

Veterans Helping Veterans & Serving the Community Since 1932

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## COMMANDERS ARTICLE FOR APR 22

There are many plans for the Post as we continue to move from the problems of the past 2 years to a free and safe future. Come to a meeting, whether you are a Legion, Auxiliary, or Son's member, changes are in the works.

The Post will undergo a change to the carpeting this month. I want to thank Home Depot and Stan Ferro in advance. Home Depot continues to help with building improvements and Stan has worked over and around the covid problems to get the carpeting done.

At this month's meeting the Post will vote on the delegates to represent us at Department convention and Dist. 13 for the coming year. Also on the agenda will be the nominations of Officers for the 2022 - 2023 legion year. Come and let your voices be heard. Step up, take part, become a leader in YOUR American Legion Post.

May the Easter Bunny of Happiness spend time at your house this month and the rest of the year.

Have you paid your 2022 dues? Please pay now if your card reads 2021. Check with your neighbors to see if they are eligible. Anyone who has served in the military since 1942 is eligible, combat or not.

May God keep you well and keep your sprits high.

Ralph Jacob

Commander



# AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

Happy spring everyone. It is so great to be through the dark days of winter and all the adversities we have all stayed strong through. As always, the auxiliary has stayed together and did what we needed to do to keep our support of the Veterans, post and all our members going. However, we want to encourage all of our members that are able to attend meetings to please join us.

Our meetings are held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at Post 419. At 6:30pm, we have some social time and the meeting begins at 7:00pm. This is a great place to meet and make friends who share the same love for the Veterans, people, and programs that we support. Who knows you might just discover a passion you never thought of as being yours!

Please join us for our next meeting on April 13. We will be having a quick meeting and then we will be stuffing poppy letters to send to our members for donations. (Note: May 27th is National Poppy Day so be sure to get a poppy to wear!)

Looking to give back or donate? We are always in need of other items that help other programs such as, stuffed animals for our children and youth programs or jewelry donations that can be used to help fund many other programs. So, if you're cleaning out a closet or finding treasures that you no longer need, the auxiliary is always here to accept donations for the help of our Veterans and their families.

Last, I just want to acknowledge with a picture, the gift bags donated by our Unit 419 to the Menlo Park VA. Lucille and Patricia helped collect donation items and our unit also purchased items via fundraisers. Those two amazing ladies also delivered them in person to the VA so our Veterans could have a great gift before the holidays!



As always with love and support as the auxiliary states "for service and not self",

Cheryl Rafferty

ALA president unit 419



# AMERICAN LEGION SONS

Greeting Again to All

The month of March is just around the corner.

Membership is still the main focus for us and we need to get everyone back into squadron mode.

Looking for at least 10 volunteers to do a Rib feed during the month of May. We, haven't done any activities for the Squadron. Please let us know if you are interested.

Sunday breakfasts are looking better and better now that the county has eased up.

Our Helmets for Hero's program is still pushing ahead, its an on going project, We have an opportunity to have a drawing for a Helmets for Hero's pocket knife. More info to follow.

I keep bringing up the Flying Flags for Hero's program, our National commander for the Son's is working this program. While in Santa Maria for the D.E.C., we had the opportunity to visit the local cemetery and we placed 1,000 flags on the graves of Veterans buried there. We were informed that the cemetery had no idea as to how many Veterans were buried there. These flags have been left an will be used for the cemetery personnel to categorize and register who is buried there. There were about 30 of us and it took about an hour and a half to find and place a flag for each Veteran.

Car Show will be in early June, so we will be looking for volunteers to help that day. Lots of cars, Opportunity drawings and fun. Please help in supporting the post.

Steve Villegas

Squadron Adjutant 419





CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE— 2021–2022 REGULAR SESSION

**ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 1623**

**Introduced by Assembly Member Ramos**

**January 10, 2022**

An act to add and repeal Sections 17132.9 and 17132.10 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, relating to taxation, to take effect immediately,

**LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST**

An act to add and repeal Sections 17132.9 and 17132.10 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, relating to taxation, to take effect immediately, tax levy.

**LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST**

AB 1623, as introduced, Ramos. Personal income taxes: exclusion: uniformed services retirement pay: survivor benefit plan payments.

The Personal Income Tax Law imposes a tax on individual taxpayers measured by the taxpayer's taxable income for the taxable year, but excludes certain items of income from the computation of tax, including an exclusion for combat-related special compensation.

This bill, for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2023, and before January 1, 2033, would exclude from gross income retirement pay received by a taxpayer from the federal government for service performed in the uniformed services, as defined, during the taxable year. The bill, for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2023, and before January 1, 2023, would also exclude from gross income annuity payments received by a qualified taxpayer, as defined, pursuant to a United States Department of Defense Survivor Benefit Plan during the taxable year. The bill would make related findings and declarations.

Existing law requires any bill authorizing a new tax expenditure to contain, among other things, specific goals, purposes, and objectives that the tax expenditure will achieve, detailed performance indicators, and data collection requirements.

This bill also would include additional information required for any bill authorizing a new tax expenditure. The bill would require the Franchise Tax Board and the Department of Veterans Affairs to provide any data requested by the Legislative Analyst to write the report, and would make taxpayer information received by the Legislative Analyst subject to limitation on the collection and use of that information. By expanding the scope of a crime, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

SEE = California assemble bill AB-1623 for complete bill

# VET TO VET CAFE

## Coffee and Donuts

Thursday Mornings from 9:00 am to 10:30 am

New faces every week, drop in, bring a friend! Find out what is happening at the Post, Community, & the World



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MEMORIAL

# AMERICAN LEGION HONOR GUARD

On Tuesday, March 29th, the District 13 Honor Guard, which is primarily made up of Post 419 members, provided Color Guard and Honor Guard service's at Oak Hill Memorial Park in San Jose celebrating the

## National Vietnam War Veterans Day 2022

The Honor Guard Team continues to provide military honors for the families of our fallen comrades.

On July 4th, we will provide a Color Guard Team to post colors at the Santa Clara All-City Picnic at Central Park.

Lastly, we would also like to invite more Legionnaires to join our Honor Guard Team.

We are here for the deceased Veterans and their families.

*"Military Honors - It was earned and it's owed"*

Rick Gundo

Coordinator

American Legion District 13

Honor Guard



# AMERICAN LEGION CHAPLAIN

Hello all, I hope that this newsletter finds you and your loved ones well. I trust that the warmth of a *Sunny Spring Day* can bring a smile upon your face. If that smile is brought forth by a remembrance for those that have gone before, may it also give you pause to reflect upon your own journey as well as those whom you remember. On Tuesday, March 29th, 2022, Our Nation took a Pause...**To Remember, Reflect & Honor The National Vietnam War Veterans Day**

We remember both those who lost their lives and those who returned to a home that they did not recognize. We recognize the Vietnam War Veterans who, through an ever changing country, still found a way to embark upon a career, marry, raise a family, buy a house, send kids to college, serve the community and overall live up to those words of *Duty, Honor & Sacrifice*. It's also not lost on us the many challenges faced by the returning Servicemen & Servicewomen. The hardships with [Post Traumatic Stress Disorder](#), [Persistent Complex Bereavement Disorder](#), or the hidden [Soul Injury](#) all leading to self-destruction. We as California Veterans also recognize our fellow Californians who never made it back...either Killed in Action, became a Prisoner of War, or is still Missing in Action. Forever honored as part of the 58,318 names on the Vietnam War Veterans Memorial in Washington D.C.

California suffered the most Casualties: **5,575** California, **4,119** New York, **3,415** Texas, **3,147** Pennsylvania

It was my humblest and deepest Honor in representing Post 419 at the Oak Hill Funeral Home Event in recognition of the day. To lead in the singing of our National Anthem, God Bless America and sharing my thoughts on the day moved me to echo the words etched into the wall in the Field of Honor...

***Call Out Our Names, As The Years Go By  
Remember Us, And We Will Never Die***



# AMERICAN LEGION SERVICE OFFICER

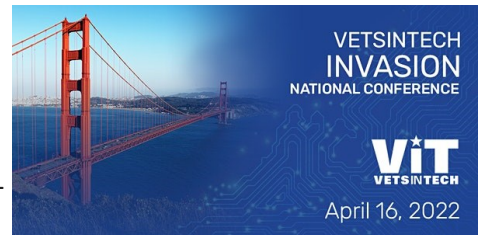
I received a call from a Soldier.

His voice sounded disheveled and he started to ramble on about nothing in particular. Although, I was able to make out that he was at wits end and needed help. He said he's an Army Veteran who had received help from the VA and VSO but now was stuck with additional medical help that he required.

On the surface, it appeared it could be a number of things, so I asked if he wanted to meet for coffee or lunch and I could determine if I could assist him. It's been a while since I've met Veterans face-to-face outside of our normal American Legion functions. In he came to the meeting spot, mid-twenties and the battle scars told their own story...we talked, ate, shook hands and departed ways. We are now connected.

As your American Legion Service Officer, I can assist you with guidance to numerous services that the VA offers and this month, I'll highlight the following:

- Veterans "[Road Map](#)" for navigating the VA
- [San Jose Vet Center](#) Confidential help for Combat Veterans
- [Vets In Tech](#) National Conference April 16th, 2022: Education, Employment & Entrepreneurship
- [Homeless Vets](#): VA to Award millions in grants to improve transitional housing facilities



If you come across a Veteran who needs help, anyone who is isolated, in solitude, no family or friends and needs to get in touch with an outreach program, please email or call me at:

sunny@dosanjhusa.com | 408.209.2142

My personal experience is what has allowed me to understand the many challenges with navigating the VA system but I can let you know, there are "Friendlies" on our side. Good people who sincerely care about Veterans, our families and our country.

So if you happen to come across someone who has wintered many a storm, perhaps silver in hair, and a stature that resembles the strength of youth and wisdom of the ages...perhaps they are a Veteran...possibly a Vietnam War Veteran. If you do find yourself, face to face, with such a person...I would do the following: Smile, Thank them for their Service and say...



Sunny Dosanjh

Chaplain, Service Officer

# 2022 Calendar of Events

HOST	EVENT	DATE
Legion	First Sunday Breakfast	3-Apr-22 9-11 am
Legion	First Sunday Breakfast	1-May-22 9-11 am
Legion	First Sunday Breakfast	5-Jun-22 9-11 am
Legion	Car Show	11-Jun-22 10 am - 3 pm

Honor Flight has restarted their flight schedules. Below is the flight activities for 2022.

Anyone wishing to attend the departures or returns needs to go online to the honor flight website and sign up for a gate pass.

[www.honorflightbayarea.org](http://www.honorflightbayarea.org) Then select the tab TOUR Scroll to "Get a gate pass" and complete the form for a gate pass. This is used to get you through TSA at SFO.

Parking is validated. Park in section D on any floor except the top floor. Go to level 5 and take the walk over. Bring your parking receipt with you and give it to Leann at the end of the Alaska counter where you pick your gate pass. (on the departure floor to the right of the walkover.)

The Scheduled orientation and reunions are lunch programs, which are prepared by Post 419 members. We are looking for members to step up and prepare and serve these lunches. Contact Gene Grundstrom or Rick Gundo if you would like to take on this task.

Santa Clara Post 419 Santa Clara, California											
Flt #	Orentations	Start Time		Trip Dates				Reunion @ Santa Clara		Start Time	Notes
				Depart		Return					
24	3/20/22	12:00 PM	Sunday	31-Mar	Thur	2-Apr	Sat	5/7/21		12:00 PM	Saturday reunion
25	4/10/22	12:00 PM	Sunday	22-Apr	Fri	24-Apr	Sun	5/15/22		12:00 PM	Sunday - Reunion date is same week as Flt# 26
26	5/1/22	1:00 PM	Sunday	19-May	Thur	21-May	Sat	6/12/22		12:00 PM	Sunday
27	9/11/22	12:00 PM	Sunday	22-Sep	Thur	24-Sep	Sat	10/16/22		12:00 PM	Sunday - Reunion date is same week as Flt# 28
28	10/2/22	1:00 PM	Sunday	20-Oct	Thur	22-Oct	Sat	11/13/22		12:00 PM	Sunday