

# AMERICAN LEGION POST 419 REVEILLE

Veterans Helping Veterans & Serving the Community Since 1932

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958 Homestead Road, Santa Clara CA 95050

April 2023

Hope the Easter Bunny brings you sunny days and good health

Learned a few important things the past month. For more than 10 years I have been unable to donate blood due to my tour in Germany in the early 80s. The military purchased meat from England during the Mad Cow epidemic and those members were restricted from blood donations. That has been changed and the word never got out. Now you can donate so please contact your blood bank and give.

The Club room is now open Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday 2-7. Come on down and have a talk with your friends and meet new ones.

This month's breakfast is the 2nd, pancakes, French toast and all the other fixins. 9am to 11am. Come early and spend time meeting your neighbors.

The Sons are holding a Rib Feed this month. Also asking for sock donations, new ones, not the ones lost in the wash. Join in, more info later in this bulletin. Come and have a good time.

Don't be afraid to volunteer a few hours at the post. Honor Guard, Honor Flight, clipping the plants in the yard. Just volunteer.

This month we will elect delegates to Department (State) convention and District 13. Come to the meeting and get involved. Even if you are not planning on attending the convention you can be a voting delegate at any District 13 meeting.

Nominations for Post officers also continue this month. 3 Commander positions and Executive board. Richard Peralez has agreed to move up to Commander next year but we need others to fill Post position. Think about serving in an office or on the exec board. We need people to step up and learn even the appointed positions. Nominations and elections will be held in April and May keep an open mind.

Those that work the yard, kitchen, and club room I also want to thank you and ask for more help for you.

See you at the meeting 5 Apr at 7 pm. We will be welcoming new members and a surprise finish. Take an hour to join us.

Have a good month

Ralph Jacob, Commander

<https://www.alpost419ca.org>



# AMERICAN LEGION ADJUTANT

As you have seen on the schedule we have been busy this past month, with Honor Flight orientation and Honor Flights, District 13 meeting, Area II meeting. Post meetings, a few phone calls for Honor Guard and two Color Guards. All this and still process the membership and review By-Laws and Standing Rules for updates. Our 1<sup>st</sup> Vice's report show how we are doing with our membership. We have been getting a few transfers and I two new members this past month. There are still a couple of members whose paper work has not been completed at national so these numbers won't count for a couple of weeks.

Two of the Color Guards the post Color Guard took part in were to honor the Vietnam War Veterans. One service took place at Oak Hill Memorial Park and the other at the Vietnam War Memorial in downtown San Jose. There are a couple of photos below. I want to thank any and all of you who attended any of these services.



The Gold Star Mom's issued certificates fo appriciation and Vietnam service Pin to the Vietnam Veterans in attance at this outstanding service. The photo top right is Sunny Dosanjh, Key note speaker and the Chaplain and Service Officer of AL Post 419. Other receiving the awards are Marty McCormick, Gene Grundstrom and Mike Roosevelt. The bugler was Stan Ferro.

Post 419 in conjunction with Santa Clara Rotary held a blood drive for the American Red Cross on March 22, 2023. The attendance was over what was expected and the Red Cross was able to receive twenty five (25 units), which was the goal they had set for this drive. At this time we will be talking to the Red Cross and the Santa Clara Rotary about a future date this year. We will keep you informed when we have a firm date and information for you to register.



Easy as pie. You make an appointment or just drop by. Register and get screened by a Red Cross employee. If you are qualified to donate that day they hook you up and you just relax.

Just think by this simple act you probably saved a life.

# AMERICAN LEGION SONS

Well, as the month of March is leaving us slightly drenched, we glide into the month of April. So, as always membership is the focal point, if any of you run into a member who hasn't renewed, please have them reach out to us. We know that times have been hard on everyone, and it takes time to rebound. And we don't want any member to feel that they aren't welcome.

Our Socks for Vets dinner/dance is in gear and hopefully a huge success. Flyers have been made and tickets are available, hope to see you there. Prices are \$25.00 per individual. Music will be provided by the Island Wave Band, so it should be a lot of fun.

For squadron business, new officers are needed, so if interested please talk to us. Patrick Manley has stepped up for the position of squadron Commander, need a 1<sup>st</sup> Vice, a 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice, and so on. It's tough trying to run a squadron with only four individuals. So if you have the time, please step up. We, only meet once a month, 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday, time 7pm

Boys State, we have our delegates, 2 for the post and 2 for the squadron, this will be a great year for this program.

Not much more to talk about, other than in the future months as in May, Memorial Day for us to remember our fallen Fathers and grandfathers from the wars.

Submitted

Steve Villegas

Squadron Adjutant

<https://www.legion.org/sons>

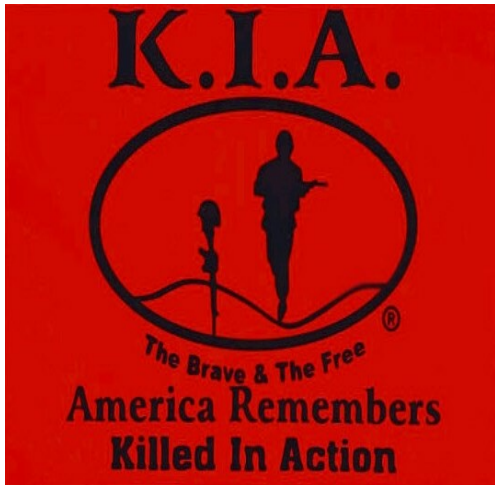


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# AMERICAN LEGION CHAPLAIN

Thank you to those who attended the National Vietnam War Veterans Day Service. It was an honor to share a few thoughts on how that era of Military Veterans helped pave the way for the majority of the new services in place today. Those who made the ultimate sacrifice, or were lost behind enemy lines and never returned HOME...



## HOME

Home is where one day...

I do not remember the way...

Does such a place, a country, or people exist?

## WELCOME HOME

I thank you for your kind words

I don't know what they mean

I left young...

## FINALLY HOME

The land seems familiar...the dust, the terrain, the storms...the sun, rain, wind & fire

The people ... there are good people

May I lie down and close my eyes for a while ... My Soul is returning to say, finally home



# AMERICAN LEGION SERVICE OFFICER

**Hello to April!** The rains have fell. The hills are alive. The flowers are starting to say hello.

Nature is saying hello, but I have to say that "Go Fly a Kite Day" on April 17 is of particular interest... especially with the weather improving and getting folks outside to enjoy our forthcoming Spring weather!

## Good People Here To Help You To

### Thrive



Transition  
Active Duty to  
Veteran Status

<https://www.benefits.va.gov/transition/tap.asp>

### Survive



Depression  
Anxiety  
Hopelessness

<https://988lifeline.org>

Internships  
Certifications  
Job Placements

<https://benefits.va.gov/transition/skillbridge.asp>

PTSD  
Complicated Grief  
Soul Injury

[https://www.va.gov/WHOLEHEALTHLIBRARY/tools/  
screening-for-complicated-grief.asp/](https://www.va.gov/WHOLEHEALTHLIBRARY/tools/screening-for-complicated-grief.asp/)

Financial Advice  
Legal Services  
Healthcare

<https://www.benefits.va.gov/fiduciary/index.asp>

Heal  
Recover  
Grow

<https://www.veterantraining.va.gov/recovery/index.asp>

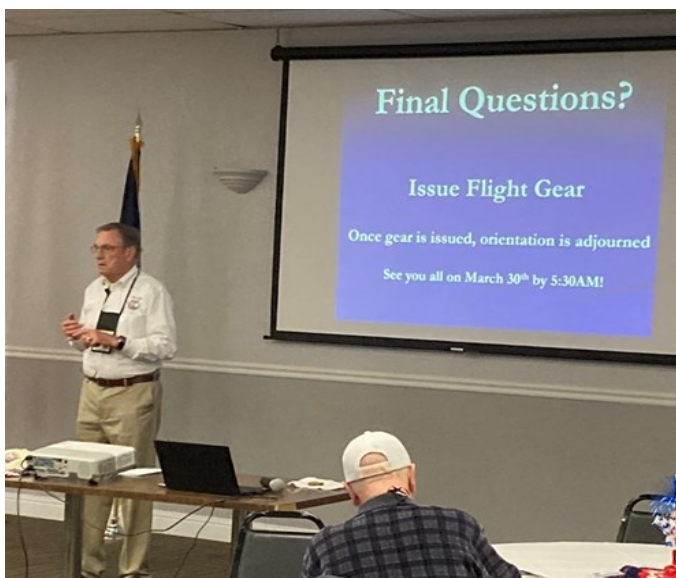
# *Saint Patrick's Day Dinner Dance*

*March 17, 2023*



# Honor Flight Bay Area #29 Orientation

March 19, 2023



The 'Young Men's Service League' of San Mateo Assisted in serving lunches to veterans, guardians and volunteers at the orientation

"We can't all be heroes. Some of us have to stand on the curb and clap as they go by."

- Will Rogers

[Honor Flight Bay Area](#)

# *Honor Flight Bay Area #29 Return to SFO from DC*

*April 1, 2023 10:58 PM*

Due to bad weather in Washington DC the scheduled flight was delayed take off by two + hours which made the arrival late by about three hours. Our usual attendance at the flight returns is between 75 and 150 people. Those I attendance was very slim on this trip. The flag line is "improvised". Every flight we have to ask spectators to help us man the flag line. When asked the most common response is 'I would be honored to'. This trip had two of our regular attendees, a pair of Naval Sea Cadets from the Monterey area and Six (6) San Francisco Police Officers from the SFO division. Thank you all for your assistance in making this a memory these veterans will not forget.



# Vet to Vet Café



## Vet to Vet Café

Every Thursday Morning

9 am - 10:30 am

Hostess: Karen Carter

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# Socks for Vets

## Dinner Dance

Date : **April 22, 2023**

*Donate a new pair of Socks for Veterans in need.*



*Squadron 419 Rib Feed Dinner with all the Fixins.*

*Cost \$25.00 Per Person*

*Entertainment will be supplied by DJ Ken*

*Opportunity Drawings*

*American Legion Post 419*

*958 Homestead Rd*

*Santa Clara, Ca*

*Tickets contact Frances Borg @ 408) 244-5832*

*Or Post 419 @ 408) 3050 Ext 5*

*Doors open at 4:30pm Dinner at 5:30pm Dancing 7:30-9:30pm*



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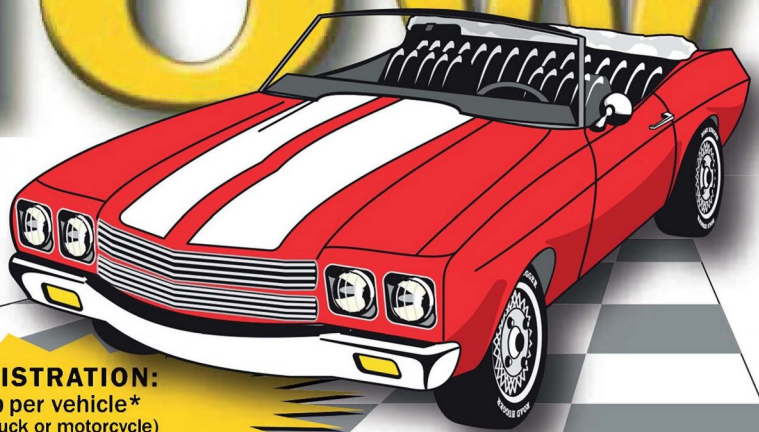
**Annual**

# CAR SHOW

**Saturday June 10, 2023  
10 am to 3 pm**

Come join us for a fun day of Music, BBQ,  
Drawings, and some terrific Vehicles  
Lunch: \$15

Call 408-244-3050



**REGISTRATION:**  
\$ 50 per vehicle\*  
(car, truck or motorcycle)



**NET PROCEEDS BENEFIT POST 419's  
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## REGISTRATION FORM

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP Year, \_\_\_\_\_  
 Make & Model of Vehicle : \_\_\_\_\_

\$ 50 donation per vehicle (includes 1 lunch) . :

Additional lunch tickets @ \$15 each. Number of lunches: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$15 = \_\_\_\_\_

**Make checks payable to: American Legion Post 419**

Total: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail registration form and checks to:  
 Legion Car Show, 958 Homestead Road, Santa Clara, CA 95050

**Check-in: 8 - 9:30 am**

I understand that by signing below, I am absolving The American Legion Post 419 of Santa Clara and it's members of any liability for injury and/or damages which may occur as a result of participating in, observing or transporting to and from, the event known as American Legion Post 419 Car Show.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

\* Pre-Registration cost per vehicle is \$50.00.

# 2023 Calendar of Events

HOST	EVENT	DATE	
Post	Membership Meeting	5-Apr-23	7 :00pm
SONS	Membership Meeting	6-Apr-23	7:00pm
Aux	Membership Meeting	12-Apr-23	7:00pm
SONS	Sock for Vets Rib Feed & Dance	15-Apr-23	5:00pm-10:00pm
Post	Executive Meeting	27-Apr-23	4:30pm
Post	Membership Meeting	3-May-23	7 :00pm
SONS	Membership Meeting	4- May 23	7:00pm
Post	1st Sunday/Mother's Day Breakfast	7-May-23	9:00am-11:00am
Aux	Membership Meeting	10-May-23	7:00pm
Post-Sons-Aux	Memorial Day Observance	29-May-23	10:am 5:00 pm
SONs	Membership Meeting	1-Jun-23	7:00 pm
Post	1st Sunday Breakfast	4-Jun-23	9:00am-11:00am
Post	Annual Car Show	10 June 23	10:00 am - 3:00 pm

## 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)