

REVEILLE

AMERICAN LEGION POST 419



Veterans Helping Veterans & Serving the Community Since 1932

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958 Homestead Road, Santa Clara CA 95050

August 2023

Hope everyone is healthy and made it through the hot weather. Where did the month of July go. Looking back, Post 419 had a great month. Our 4th of July picnic was a great success. People, I spoke with, were thrilled and ask for more Post events like this. Stay tuned to the monthly Reveille for updates and doings at the Post.

Another blood drive was held at the Post. It was very convenient to have it at the Post, there was plenty of room, and it was well-advertised.

First Sunday breakfast had a great turn out. Thank you to all the volunteers. Without them, the monthly gathering wouldn't be possible.

Post had its annual Event planning meeting, and I'm pleased with the outcomes. The Legion, Sons of the American Legion, and Auxiliary Unit were well represented. There's a mixture the old and new events. Here again stay tuned to the monthly Reveille.

On Friday July 28 is the 25th Annual Yountville Home, American Legion Golf Tournament. Come join us at the next general meeting, the attendance numbers are growing! August is on the horizon, schools are starting to open, so please be mindful of young ones coming and going to schools.



Much appreciated,
Richard Peralez Commander
<https://www.alpost419ca.org>

Post 419 Officers 2023 -2024

Commander	Richard Peralez	1st Vice Commander	Isaac Jantzen
2nd Vice Commander	Jeff Driskell	Adjutant	Gene Grundstrom
Service Officer	Sunny Dosanjh	Chaplain	Sunny Dosanjh
Judge Advocate	Jeff Driskell	Junior past Commander	Ralph Jacob

Executive Committee Members at Large

Kathleen Hall - Mike Roosevelt - Todd White

AMERICAN LEGION ADJUTANT

This has been an exciting month for me. I received the membership cards from the convention and began my yearly task of verifying them. There were some surprises in the packet. The computer listing did not list all the members but I found a work around that, a week later there was a MyLegion update and I was able to get a complete list. I want to thank all of you who have expedited your renewal. This makes our Post look good to the higher ups. Remember there are two ways you can renew. Return the renewal notice which the National sent out or go online to your MyLegion account. I will try my best to process your renewal within a couple of weeks of receiving it. Another way is the Paid Up for Life (PUFL). A one time payment which is good for the rest of your life. In most cases it is not inexpensive, but once it is paid you do not have any annual dues from then on, no matter how much our dues may go up.

As the Commander mentioned we held our annual planning meeting and set dates for the events for each group. The website event calendar has been updated to reflect these dates.

We did the second Blood Drive with the Red Cross and Santa Clare Rotary this last month and it came up a little short in donation but they were close and the Red Cross was happy with the results and wants to do it again when we have the opportunity.



At the close of our July meeting the Commander asked the Sgt-at-arms to bring legionnaire KD Poynter to the front of the assembly.

Joining the Commander, the Jr Past Commander addressed the membership; there is a gentleman here tonight who has done a hell of a lot for this post. He has gone through a lot of medical problems in the last couple of years but KD has done a lot for us even in this situation. He has just completed a project of updating our Patio area and perimeter of the parking lot with a donated project from Home Depot which he arranged. This was just one of several projects he has worked on to improve our facility and membership.

Commander Richard Peralez and Jr Past Commander Ralph Jacob presented him with a certificate of appreciation from Post 419 for all he has done to improve this post and his drive to increase its membership.

KD spoke about how if he sees something that needs to be done he does it and this has not always been accepted by all but things usually work out. I want to thank you for all of you who have supported me and this post.

Gene Grundstrom

AMERICAN LEGION JUNIOR PAST

Junior Past Commanders Report July 2023

Hope you are enjoying the summer so far. Heat comes this week so take care. Make sure you drink a lot of water or other non-alcoholic drinks.

I want to thank all who have worked with me during the past 3 years. We have accomplished much coming out of the covid cloud. Still there is much to do and we need to support Commander Richard.

Richard has done a fine job with everything he has been asked to do since he became 2nd Vice Commander. He can be proud of his accomplishments especially this years car show.

As I constantly say don't be afraid to volunteer a few hours at the post. Honor Guard especially need more help.

Come to the 4th of July picnic. The Marine Corp League showed us how to have a family BBQ, now it is the posts turn.

11am to 1 pm.

Breakfast is Sunday June 2. I think it is with waffles so I can have an easy time in the kitchen.

See you at the meeting 5 July at 7 pm. We will be welcoming new members and a surprise finish. Take an hour to join us. Let's start Richard's year with a good crowd.

Have a good month

Ralph Jacob

JR PAST Commander



AMERICAN LEGION SONS

Well, as the Detachment year 2022 /23 has come to an end, we now step into the next chapter.

Our new squadron commander Patrick Manley has been our Squadron Chaplain as well as 1st Vice Commander and was willing to step up. We encourage our members to at least come to the meetings and provide us with input to have a successful year and more in the future.

The years events for the squadron have been almost the same as previous with maybe the name changes. This shows that we are listening to our members to encourage others to speak up and give us their opinions, we always need input, for the future of the squadron.

Membership is still the strength of the squadron, again as well as participation. New cards should be arriving soon as the American Legion Convention just ended on Sunday 6/24/2023. Therefore as soon as those cards are delivered we will start sending out notices, and our dues are still \$25.00 a year. There is no plan on increasing the dues prices.

Our new Detachment Commander is Shawn Braydon from Southern California, not twenty-one yet, but very committed to the organization. One of the detachment's plans started 2 years ago to help eliminate the long hours which we have had in the past is to have 2 monthly zoom meetings. This does help in getting things addressed soon than later. The first meeting is devoted to membership from all squadrons within the state, and usually lasts 30 minutes. Our 2nd meeting will last a little bit longer than an hour, but then there is a lot to discuss. Here the Area 2 and District Commanders are encouraged to submit written reports, leaving the rest of the time for commission and committee reports. This is an insight into how the detachment works and try to keep everyone informed. Also, our consolidated report for each squadron is utilized as to our community service, by having all members keep track of their hours and mileage. I will be sending out simple forms for which all you need to do monthly is just write them down and then turn them in. If you are a member in any other orgs, you can add that time in as well. Many of us do belong to a few different organizations and serve the community.

Now, our squadron meetings are still on the 1st Thursday of each month, our time has been moved up by 30 minutes. So, the meeting is now at 6:30pm. The location is still A.L. Post 419, 958 Homestead Rd, Santa Clara. Meeting s will be held in the main hall unless rented, then in the clubroom.

Steve Villegas

Squadron Adjutant



AMERICAN LEGION CHAPLAIN



The chaplaincy has many purposes.

One of its major purposes is to help persons grow in their relationship with God and one another. Also, we serve as a reminder of the transcendent and seek to develop an environment within which Legionnaires are encouraged in their personal and collective moral and spiritual growth.

We are to remind all Americans that God is the source of all rights and privileges.

The American Legion is comprehensive in nature embracing all religions, faiths, and denomina-



AMERICAN LEGION SERVICE OFFICER



Your Membership Matters

Active military service since Dec. 7, 1941 with an honorable discharge or current active duty make you eligible for membership in The American Legion.

[JOIN US](#)

TODAY'S HEADLINES

- Five Things to Know, July 31, 2023
- 64-team field set for 2023 American Legion Baseball regionals
- The hidden depths of Coast Guard trivia
- Boys Nation 2023 comes to a close
- Top 5: PACT Act timelines, registration deadline, Be the One with ShipThrifty

[VIEW CALENDAR](#) [MORE HEADLINES](#)

Update on US Marine Ronald Bannister from his brother, Larry Bannister...

“I am writing on behalf of my brother, Ronald Bannister. He wanted me to convey his sincere thanks for providing him that bus ticket from San Jose, CA. He visited me for about a week and then took the train eastward. Currently, he is in Covington, Georgia, living in a shelter and looking for a more stable situation for himself. Your help was invaluable to him. My thanks go to you as well. I pray that your work, and the work of the American Legion, continues and is blessed with much fruit.”

I Am My Brothers Keeper



Sunny Dosanjh, Chaplain & Service Officer sun-



National Call Center
for Homeless Veterans
877-424-3838
va.gov/homeless





This cups for YOU!

Vet to Vet Café every Thursday

Coffee and Donuts

9 am - 11 am

for all Military and Veterans

NO agenda just conversation

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Held at the America Legion Hall

958 Homestead, Santa Clara

Hostess, Karen Carter 408 560-6691

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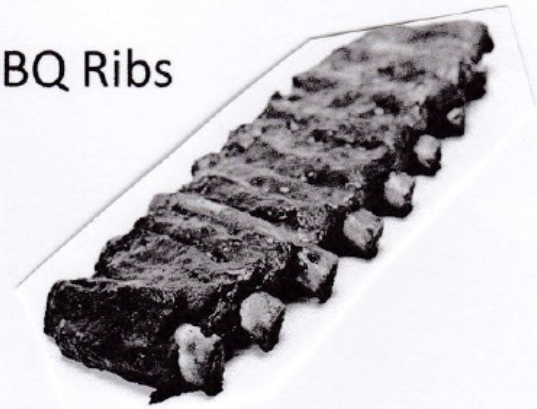
958 Homestead Rd., Santa Clara, Ca

SURF CITY DINNER DANCE

September 22, 2023



Chicken or BBQ Ribs



\$25 per person with fixins

(Make checks payable to S.A.L Squadron 419)

Music by DJ.Ken

Doors open 5 pm, Dinner at 6 pm.

Dancing 7—9 pm

Reservations ONLY-Post #408-244-3050 ext. 5 or contact
Steve Villegas at 408* 3099158 (No walk-ins).



FABRIC IS THE SPICE OF LIFE

TO A SEAMSTRESS.

Stop by our yard sale
August 12 and 13, 2023
10:00 AM to 5:00 PM
1044 Hollenbeck Ave
Sunnyvale, Ca



Lots of other items



2023 Calendar of Events

HOST	EVENT	DATE
Legion	1st Sunday Breakfast	Sun Aug 6, 2023 9 to 11 am
Aux	Membership meeting	Wed Aug 9, 2023 7:00 pm
Legion	Exec Committee Meeting	Cancelled
Legion	1st Sunday Breakfast	Sun Sept 3, 2023 9 to 11 am
Legion	Exec Committee Meeting	Thur Sept 28, 2023 5:30 pm
SONs	Surf City Dinner/Dance	Fri Sept 29, 2023 5 to 9 pm
Legion	1st Sunday Breakfast	Sun Oct 1, 2023 9 to 11 am
Legion	Exec Committee Meeting	Thur Oct 26, 2023 5:30 pm
Aux	Halloween Dinner/Dance	Sat Oct 28, 2023 5 to 9 pm
Legion	Craft Fair 2023	Sat Nov 4, 2023 10 am to 3 pm
Legion	1st Sunday Breakfast	Sun Nov 5, 2023 9 to 11 am
SONs	Thanks for Giving	Thur Nov 16, 2023 5 to 9 pm
Legion	Exec Committee Meeting	Wed Nov 30, 2023 5:30 pm

Important Contact Information - Post 419, Squadron and Auxiliary

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Legion	1st Sunday Breakfast	Sun Dec 3, 2023 9 to 11 am
Legion	Membership Meeting	Wed Dec 6, 2023 7:00 pm
Legion	Post-SONs-Aux 419 Christmas Party	Sat Dec 16, 2023 5 to 9 pm
Legion	Executive Committee Meeting	Thur Dec 28, 2023 5:30 pm
Aux	New Year's Eve Day Party	Sun Dec 31, 2023 12 to 5 pm

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Honor Flight Bay Area Foundation

Honor Flight Bay Area Foundation, an authorized affiliate of The Honor Flight Network. If you are a WWII, Korean War or Vietnam War veteran who has NOT had the opportunity to visit your national memorial in Washington, D.C., please contact us. This is an all expense paid trip for WWII, Korean War and Vietnam War veterans.

Remaining 2023 Flight Dates:

<u>Flt #</u>	<u>Orientation Date</u>	<u>Trip Date</u>	<u>Reunion Date</u>
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Trip Leaders (TBD)

31	9/10*,	9/12 - 9/21-23	10/15
32	10/8*,	10/10 - 10/19-21	11/12

If you haven't submitted an application, please do not hesitate to do so. We are accepting applications for our 2019 travel year. Details are available on our Web site or by calling or emailing us. Don't hesitate to participate in this trip of a life time.

2024 Calendar of Events

HOST	EVENT	DATE	
Legion	1st Sunday Breakfast	Sun Jan 7, 2024	9 to 11 am
Legion	Crab Feed (Subject to Season and Price)	Sat Jan 27, 2024	5 to 9 pm
Legion	1st Sunday Breakfast	Sun Feb 4, 2024	9 to 11 am
Aux	Valentine Dinner / Dance	Sat Feb 10, 2024	5 to 9 pm
Legion	1st Sunday Breakfast	Sun Mar 3, 2024	9 to 11 am
Leigion	St Patrick Day Dinner/Dance	Sat Mar 16, 2024	5 to 9 pm
Legion	1st Sunday Breakfast	Sun Apr7, 2024	9 to 11 am
SONs	Sock for Vets Dinner/Dance	Sat Apr 20, 2024	5 to 9 pm
SONs	May the 4th Be With You Dinner/Dance	Sat May 4, 2024	5 to 9 pm
Legion	Annual Car Show	Sat June 8, 2024	10 am to 3 pm

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