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December 2021

Let me be the first to wish one and all a “Merry and Joyful Christmas”.

It is that time of year when we think of all the good things that have happened to us and regret the loss of friends and family. May you have more of the former and less of the latter.

If you are taking trips this season please take it easy. Have your shots and don't drink if driving. Let us all be together for a better New Year. I will be traveling to Tennessee to see my daughter who moved in September.

We will have a booth at the Battaglia Tree Farm again this year. Friday, Sat, Sun after Thanksgiving and the first weekend in December. Any donations at the post will be matched up to \$300. Help a young soldier have a better holiday. Stop by if you are looking for a tree and say hello.

Dec 7 we remember the start of our participation in WWII. Pearl Harbor Day. 80 years ago. At our Christmas Party, 11 Dec, we will have a special memorial service for all the members the Legion family we have lost this year and a special remembrance for WWII veterans living and deceased.

Paid your dues this year?? You get a free breakfast at the first Sunday breakfast 5 Dec. I'll make you a deal, pay your dues that day and you get a free breakfast too. Try and make Jeff Driskell, 1st Vice Commander, happy.

Hope you have a great start of the Holiday season and take care and stay well.

As you get ready to make your New Years resolutions, one should be to become more active in Post 419 activities. Start with attending a few Membership meetings. See you at this months members meeting on Dec 1, 7PM.

Ralph Jacob

Commander



American Legion Post 419 – Unit 419 – Squadron 419 let's celebrate the Holiday's. Post 419 has planned a dinner for the 419 families to celebrate. Many of you have not been to the Post 419 for many years, so this will be an ideal time to meet and greet your fellow family members.

Tickets will be available in the Members lounge and at the door.

One request. we must verify your membership in your specific organization, so please bring your membership cards with you. Members include your immediately family. If your membership is not current, we will be able to take renewals at this event. Remember we are renewing for the Legion calendar year 2022.

Gene Grundstrom

Adjutant Post 419

**American Legion
Post 419 – Unit 419 – SONS 419
Family Christmas Party**



Saturday, Dec. 11, 2021

Ribs - Oven Baked Chicken

Or Baked Ham

No Host Cocktails

Doors Open: 4:00pm

Dinner: 6:00pm – 7:00pm

Cost: \$10.00

Tickets At the door:

Post 419 @ 408-244-3050

BRING PROOF OF MEMBERSHIP

*Please consider donating a new unwrapped toy for
Toys for TOTS which will be distributed by Christmas.*

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Sons of the American Legion: Squadron Adjutant's Report

Well, here we are getting ready to go into the last month of the year! It's been tough on all of us, we have tried a couple of events other than the 1st Sunday breakfasts, and it seems we learned a few things.

We will see how our upcoming events play out with a few tweaks.

So, our focal point is still membership, you may have received notifications from National as to pay dues to them. It's better to have you pay your dues to us, otherwise, we don't get a portion of the dues for the squadron. So please send in your dues.

We will be filling out the newest By-Laws and Constitution forms which we received. Every couple of years we go through this exercise and it's to keep us current with National.

If any of you would be interested in joining the Honor Guard Team, please contact us. New members are always welcome

Activities for us presently is the Toys for Tots Drive, last drop day for toys to the Navy/Marine Corp center is the 10th of December.

I would like to thank those of you who have dropped toys off for the donation. Without you this doesn't happen. Attached are some photos taken. One at the drop off center, our first trip, five boxes were filled up. The following photos of some of the toys for this week's drop off.

Again, Thank You all, Post Members, Auxiliary, and Sons for your contributions.

Steve Villegas

Squadron 419 Adjutant



American Legion Auxiliary: President's Report

Season's Greetings to All from the Members of the Auxiliary!

As we close out the year, we must always stand strong in the knowledge that we are all still together standing side by side. The members of the auxiliary want to thank each and every one who attended our amazing Halloween diner dance.

With the help of our outstanding ticket seller, all the helping hands and all of you who bought tickets it was a wonderful event. Such a nice way to come back from the last year.

Now we want to follow up with another event that will be the New Year's Eve Day dinner dance. What a way to finish out the year, with food from our wonderful Chef Brenda. It will be from 12-5 so you will still have time to have even more fun or just go home and watch things in your jammies.

Sending you all hugs and best wishes for the upcoming holidays and always be thankful for all we have and those we love.

For service and not self

Thankfully yours,

Cheryl Rafferty

President Unit 419 Auxiliary



American Legion: Chaplain & Service Officer

Hello All, I had the honor of delivering the Invocation at stage 3 at the San Jose Veterans Day Parade... I hope that the same spirit of the message can be shared in December.

Lord

We Thank You for **Your Love**

Thank you for **Your Love** that Guides us on our Life's Journey
Thank you for **Your Love** that protects us from harm's way
And Thank you for **Your Love** that allows us to be here today
Amongst our Loved Ones, Family Members, Friends and People
From all over our Community to observe Veterans Day

Lord

We Thank You for **Your Blessings** on this Veterans Day

Thank you for **Your Blessings** bestowed upon those Men and Women
Who have taken the Oath of Military Service
And Thank you for **Your Blessings** towards all our Military Veterans
Who are Alive To Witness the Light of this Day

Lord

We Thank You for **Your Grace** that is ever present in our Lives

Thank you for **Your Grace** that heals Veterans who still suffer or are isolated from Society

And Thank you for **Your Grace** that lets us Veterans know
That We Do Not Walk Alone

So, on this Veterans Day, May we as Americans
Stand Together, Walk Together and Together
Honor Those who have served Our Great Nation

With **Your Love, Your Blessings** and **Your Amazing Grace**

Amen



Thursday, November 4, 2021

*A little get together for Don Newton's moving to Sacramento Area
'Happy Moving and Best Wishes'*



Waiting for the Veterans Day Parade November 11, 2021 to start. This is an annual event for Santa Clara Post 419. As with all parade it is a lot of hurry up and wait, but us veterans got use to this during our time in the service.



Wreaths Across America Service

Saturday, December 18th

10:00 am at Veterans Section Flagpole

Oak Hill Cemetery, 300 Curtner Avenue, San Jose

VOLUNTEER!

TO PLACE UP TO 1000 WREATHS



Sunny Dosanjh, Service Officer / Chaplain



American Legion Auxiliary Santa Clara Unit 419

New Year's Eve



Daytime Party



FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31st

12-5 PM

*Countdown
to*
2022

Ring in the New Year
with a champagne toast
and a salute to our troops
around the world!

American Legion Post 419
958 Homestead Road, Santa Clara, CA

TICKET \$45 | DOORS OPEN @ NOON

Featuring music by the Island Wave Band

Dinner by Brenda Manley

Tickets: Frances Borg @408-243-5832 or
alaunit419santaclara@gmail.com



**Vet to Vet Café meeting every
Thursday mornings**

Except Dec 23 & 30, 2021

9 am – 10:30 am

**American Legion Post 419
958 Homestead Rd. Santa Clara
Stop by for Donuts and Coffee and
Conversation**

Hostess, Karen Carter

408 560-6691

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2021 Calendar of Events

HOST	EVENT	DATE
Legion	First Sunday Breakfast	5 Dec-21 9-11 am
Legion	Legion Family Christmas Dinner	11-Dec-21 4 - 7 pm
Legion	Wreaths Across America Oak Hill Cemetery San Jose Gate of Heaven Cemetery Los Altos Los Gatos Memorial Cemetery San Jose	18-Dec-21 10am
AUX	New Years Eve Party Dinner /Dance	31-Dec-21 12 - 5pm
Legion	First Sunday Breakfast	2-Jan-22 9-11 am

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)