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Commanders Report

Comrades

Hope your New Year 2021 has started out well.

If you are eligible for a Covid -19 vaccination go to [County of Santa Clara COVID-19 Vaccine Information for the Public - Novel Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) - County of Santa Clara \(sccgov.org\)](https://www.sccgov.org/public-health/covid-19/vaccine-information-for-the-public) It was very easy once I picked the correct section of the chart. I used the SCC Med center and had an appointment within 5 minutes. Two weeks out but on the list.

With the stay at home orders gone Brenda and the post are ready to have outdoor service. If we can get the weather to assist it will probably going by the time you read this bulletin. The meals have changed so keep checking. You can still enjoy a great TAKE OUT meal so please continue to support the post.

As a post we have tried to keep helping our veterans and neighbors. We have served as 13th District Honor Guards when allowed at services for veterans, thankfully most not post members. If you would like to join the Honor Guard please contact the post. Rick Gundo has been serving as Team Captain for the 13th District and all support is welcomed.

Join us for the next General Meeting on Zoom, Feb 3. You should get an e-mail with the info. If not contact Adjutant Gene Grundstrom.

The Department has a new Adjutant Barbara Lombrano, meet her in The Legionnaire on line and at CA Legion.org. Many things are hopefully going to be happening this year. Stay in tune with what is happening in California and the nation for and about Veterans and our activities.

Again My prayers go out to all who have suffered the many ravages of this past year. A New Year always brings hope, none greater than this year. Hopefully soon we can get together again, lets make Post 419 even better.

Breakfast may be starting soon so expect an email on that. We are having an Executive meeting after this is being written. Notes may be later in this bulletin but definitely at the Post meeting.

See you on the Zoom. Keep all Service Members and Veterans in your prayers. You all will be in mine that we can get back together soon.

Ralph

Squadron Adjutant

Greetings to all

Well here we are again, another month ending and really not too much to report from the squadron.

For those few of us who have been active, we have recorded our hours and mileage so to have information for our midyear CPR Report. Due to the fact that we didn't have a convention it was deemed to submit a half year report, which we did.

Membership is still ongoing, and we have quite a few individuals who haven't renewed as of yet.

If anyone is interested in any committees, VE & E meets monthly via call in

This month the information given out pertained to Education and the G.I. Bill, the other topic addressed employment in the VA

3rd Wednesday of the month 8:00pm EST- 605-303-5111 Pin # 893821

The yearly Western Rendezvous scheduled for this weekend was cancelled due to Covid-19

American Legion Boys State is happening this year, of course it will be across Zoom. Hopefully we will have 4 students representing the Post Family.

Child Welfare Program is another program we as the Sons should be involved in. If anyone is interested contact me for information.

Remember that you are a voice in the Sons of the American Legion.. Step up and make a difference

For those of you who have been supporting the post by buying lunches, it's still going on and you know that you can't beat the \$10.00 price for a good meal. Lunch menus are posted on Facebook and down at the post

Finally, working on Zoom so that we can start having meetings on a monthly schedule

Steve Villegas

Squadron Adjutant

Post 419 Adjutant

Special Note:

Due to the State and County having lifted the stay-at-home orders, we have opened outdoor dining again. Even though we can do outdoor eating the executive committee has agreed to NOT hold First Sunday Breakfast scheduled for February 7, 2021 due to possible bad/cold weather. Unless the state mandates change back again, we are planning to do the First Sunday Breakfast on March 7, 2021

We are all praying that things get better soon so we can come back together again in a social get together at the Post. I will send out notification at the earliest when we get the 'all clear' signal. In the meantime, stay safe and healthy.

Hopefully sometime in February we are planning to roll out a new and improved Website. As for now we are planning on using the same login name and only the format of the web pages will change. Let us know if there is anything you would like to see as a regular item of interest posted on the website. Contact Gene Grundstrom at 'americanlegionpost419@comcast.net.

We are looking for a couple of good people who can volunteer there time a few hours a week/month to do administration type jobs.

1. Finance Officer: Need to understand accounting practices and able to use QuickBooks accounting system.
2. Assistant Adjutant: Some duties will include taking minutes from Post meetings, do some Facebook posting, Website updating, and Newsletter editing.

Hope to see you soon.

Gene Grundstrom

Auxiliary Report

Hello everyone,

As we come to the end of another month of the new year, in the uncertain times the ladies of the auxiliary are sending our love and support to all who this newsletter reaches. Sadly due to the changes in our world but we have not been able to hold our normal events. However with the support of our home post 419 the ladies of the auxiliary are still working together for the growth of our organization.

We would encourage all members of the auxiliary to please join us in our zoom meeting on the 2nd Wednesday of every month. In addition we would please ask that if you know of or have any members that need support or are having any issue to please reach out to the auxiliary, as we are here to offer our love and support to our family and community.

With all our love and support.

Cheryl Rafferty

ALA President Unit 419 Santa Clara

Chaplain & Service Officer Report

Hello all,

I hope this newsletter finds you and yours healthy and safe. As I look back at the sacrifices of the Men and Women who wore the “uniform” to serve our great nation, I’m reminded of the courage, selflessness and bravery of the Four Chaplains. On February 3, 1943 the U.S.A.T Dorchester was sunk in the Atlantic carrying 902 service men, merchant seamen and civilian workers.

According to those present, the Four Chaplains

“Brought hope in despair and light in darkness.”

February 3rd, 2021 at 7pm EST, there will be a virtual event to remember : [Weblink](#)

[Rabbi Alexander D. Goode](#) (Jewish)

[Reverend George L. Fox](#) (Methodist)

[Reverend Clark V. Poling](#) (Dutch Reformed)

[Father John P. Washington](#) (Roman Catholic)



I was also informed that one of our fellow Legionnaires passed away last year. US Marine Douglas D. Allen served during the Korean War...may he Rest in Peace.

The following link provides information from the VA regarding the Top Vet Resources of 2020. This bulletin was posted on December 30th, 2020 and is a weekly newsletter for Veterans, their families, caregivers and survivors.

<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USVA/bulletins/2b37d21>

VA is here for you.

[1-800-MyVA411](#) ([800-698-2411](#)) is always the right number

[Veterans Crisis Line: 1-800-273-8255](#) and press 1, [Chat](#), or Text 838255

[Homeless Veteran Resources: 1-877-424-3838](#) or [Chat](#)

[White House VA Hotline: 1-855-948-2311](#)

Sunny Dosanjh, Chaplain & Service Officer



2021 Calendar of Events

HOST	EVENT	DATE
Legion	First Sunday Breakfast	March 7th, 2021 9-11am
Legion	First Sunday Breakfast	April 4th, 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)

Post Adjutant Email Contact: americanlegionpost419@comcast.net

American Legion Post 419 OUTDOOR/TAKE-OUT MENU

958 Homestead RD
Santa Clara

11:30 pm – 2:00 pm

Phone Take-Out order - 408-244-3050 -3

Daily Special \$10.00	Daily Menu
Wednesday Feb 3 Chicken Parmesan w/Buttered Noodles Veggies	Hamburgers/Cheeseburgers French Fries \$10.00
Thursday Feb 4 Chili and Corn Bread	Grilled Ham/Cheese or Grilled Cheese French Fries \$10.00
Friday Feb 5 Chicken Pot Pie Green Salad	Soup of the Day & Salad \$10.00
Saturday Feb 6 Jambalaya Corn Bread	

Week 25 (Drinks Not Included)
(Drinks available with lunch purchase)

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Wednesday Feb 10 Meatloaf – Mash Potatoes Veggies	Hamburgers/Cheeseburgers French Fries \$10.00
Thursday Feb 11 Roasted Pork Loin Rice - Veggie	Grilled Ham/Cheese or Grilled Cheese French Fries \$10.00
Friday Feb 12 Salisbury Stead Mashed Potatoes Veggies	Soup of the Day & Salad \$10.00
Saturday Feb 13 Chicken Cordon Bluc Rice - Veggies	

Week 26 (Drinks Not Included)
(Drinks available with lunch purchase)