

# REVEILLE

AMERICAN LEGION POST 419

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Hope your New Year has started well. As many of you know I took a long trip Tennessee to see my daughter. Weather was good and the country beautiful.

It seems that every time we take two steps forward towards normalcy we end up taking one step back. Covid 19 and its variants are constantly coming back to stop our progress. We are back to needing to wear masks inside the post and keeping the partitions up on the serving counters. Please, if you have not yet received your shots get them now. As you will read later the St Patrick's dinner will be take out, you can sit inside or outside if you want, but no big party.

Planning for the car show is underway. If you are interested in assisting, contact 2<sup>nd</sup> vice Commander Richard Peralez.

I want to thank KD Poynter and Al Wong for all the work they have been doing things in the background, keeping the yard and facility in good shape and clean. When they took the flags we had collected to be retired, one was a very large flag like you see at some car dealers. They had to lay it out on the dance floor, which it covered, and fold it slowly. Think it weighted 25 lbs.

The booth at Battaglia Tree Farm was very successful, especially the donations from the post. We met the matching funds so just the cash donations raised over \$700. Thank you for your help and I am sure the Marines at Camp Pendleton were grateful.

Check your wallet and the date on your membership card. Please pay now if it reads 2021.

If you are interested in serving the post in an officer or representative position nominations will start in March with Delegates to convention then officers in April.

May God keep you well and keep your sprits high.

Ralph Jacob

Commander



# AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

Happy new year all.

As we begin a new year the Auxiliary would like to say a big thank you to all who attended our new years day event. The turn out was so awesome and greatly appreciated. It was wonderful to see so many faces of both those of you who attend so many events at the post and all of the new faces.

Our year is unwritten so we have so many things to look forward to. As always remember that we want to invite anyone who is eligible to join and attend our monthly meeting.

I do want to express my thanks to my supporting members for their unwavering help. I want to encourage any member that would like to be part of our leadership team please come to our meeting and put your name in the hat, as the election will be held in April. This will be my last term as president so please consider adding your special gifts to the team.

Our next membership meeting will be on February 9th at 7:00pm and will be **VIRTUAL**. We will send the link for you to attend the week of 2/09/22

Thankfully

Cheryl Rafferty

ALA president unit 419



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## How to Join

Join Online

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP

[Click here to join online](#)

# AMERICAN LEGION SONS

Hello everyone

So, things are still a little crazy out there in the world.

The omicron condition has many people concerned and various discussions and no one at this time has a viable answer.

Enough of that.....

Now, our membership renewals are still coming in, slow but they are. For those of you who haven't renewed, it's simple presently you aren't members. So please sent in your dues (\$25.00) address your envelopes to Squadron 419, 958 Homestead Rd, Santa Clara, 95050.

Meetings are scheduled for the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month 7pm. We can change the meeting time if this is inconvenient to many of you.

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday breakfast is still going on and at times we do need volunteers, or just come down and enjoy.

Presently, waiting to see how its going to be by April, since we didn't have an event for the last 2 years. So will keep you advised.

Will be seeing about the Flying Flags for Hero's project, hopefully we can start on that in a month or 2. For information about this project go to the website – [www.flyingflagsforheros.com](http://www.flyingflagsforheros.com).

Submitted

Steve Villegas

Squadron Adjutant



# HONORING OUR FLAG



*KD and AI sorted and delivered 8 bags of flags to Oakhill Memorial for proper burial on Flag Day. Until then, we, as well as other posts will drop off bags flags to Oak Hill Memorial.*



When an American Flag is worn beyond repair, it should be retired in a respectful manner. Burning is the preferably dignified way. Oakhill Memorial provide that service for many years and has been a great supporter of post 419.

**We should be there to represent the post and help with the ceremony. More on this when the date is near.**

We received a giant flag from an Auto Dealership. KD and AI folded into a triangle. Sorry for not having more pictures of the folding process.

It was difficult and heavy, doing a tug-of-war to fold it straight.

Any IDEAS on how to use this Beautiful Flag to help veterans that are homeless or disabled?

Send your IDEAS to:



# AMERICAN LEGION HONOR GUARD

It's a new year and we're wishing you all a safe and healthy new year, especially with the challenges from this past year. Unfortunately, as part of life, we know we'll continue to lose many of our veterans, and for those looking to receive military honors for your loved ones or yourself, it all starts with your DD214.

Your DD214 or Certificate of Release or Discharge From Active Duty is a document of the United States Department of Defense and was issued upon one's retirement, separation or discharge from active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States (i.e. U.S. Army, U.S. Navy, U.S. Marine Corps, U.S. Air Force, U.S. Space Force and U.S. Coast Guard).

Be prepared in advance by locating your DD214 and making it readily available for your family when the time comes.

## ***Need a copy of your DD214?***

There are a few ways of obtaining a copy but beware that it may take some time to obtain a copy due to delays, especially with the Covid-19 and temporary closures of government resources.

- Go online to [va.gov](http://va.gov) and download the Request Pertaining to Military Records (Standard Form SF 180) and mail or fax it to the:  
**National Personnel Records Center (NPRC)**  
**1 Archives Drive**  
**St. Louis, Missouri 63138**
- Contact your state or county Veterans Agency
- Contact the National Cemetery Scheduling Office at 800-535-1117 if planning to be buried in a VA National cemetery
- Request your Funeral Director's assistance but again there may be a time constraint
- Contact your Post 419 Service Officer for assistance

The American Legion District 13 Honor Guard is honored to provide Military Honors for the Veterans and their families when requested.

Be prepared.

It starts with you.

Rick Gundo  
Coordinator  
American Legion District 13  
Honor Guard



# AMERICAN LEGION CHAPLAIN

Greetings and I hope this newsletter finds you and yours in good health, good fortune and in the good graces of the Almighty.

I would like to take a moment to recognize the passing of a fellow 14 year member of the American Legion, George Daily. Mr. Daily was a US Army Veteran from the Korean War and he passed away on January 7th, 2022. We as his fellow Veterans and Legionnaires thank him for his service and may he Rest in Peace.

For February, I've included a key date and details below on how we as the American Legion observe the Four Chaplains Day.



*Reverend George L. Fox*  
*Rabbi Alexander D. Goode*  
*Father John P. Washington*  
*Reverend Clark V. Poling*

**Four  
Chaplains  
Day**

February 3, 2022

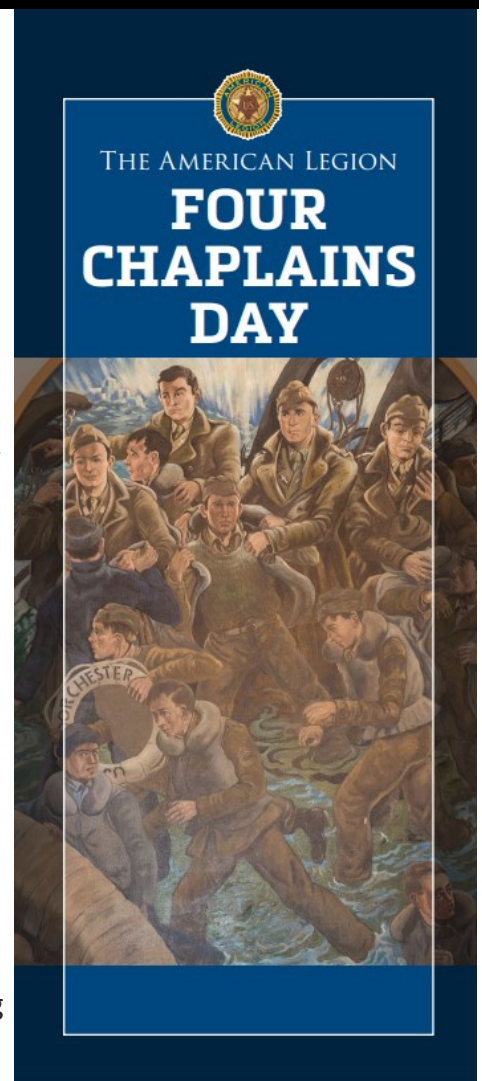
*Early* on February 3rd, 1943, an enemy torpedo struck the Army transport *Dorchester* as it carried 902 officers and enlisted men, Navy armed guard, merchant seamen and civilian workers in the North Atlantic. As the *Dorchester* took on water, the four Army Chaplains calmed frightened soldiers, aided the wounded and guided the disoriented towards safety.

*They* distributed life jackets and when there were no more available, the Chaplain's removed their life jackets and gave them to four young men.

*As* the ship went down, men in rafts saw the four Chaplains, arms linked and braced against the slanting deck, singing hymns and praying.

*We Remember...*

Every year, on or near February 3<sup>rd</sup>, American Legion Posts nationwide commemorate the selfless acts of the Four Chaplains as well as honoring the 668 other men who died when the *Dorchester* sank.



# AMERICAN LEGION SERVICE OFFICER

On a lighter note, for those of you who celebrate or observe Valentines Day in February, I hope that love fills the day. And for those who enjoy other events, Super Bowl Sunday is Feb 06th, National Pizza Day is Feb 09th, and National Chili Day is Feb 24th. For more observed dates...select this [link](#)

Lately, I've been thinking about what is pertinent to our fellow Veterans and the Legion Family. The initial thought is to break down the Military "Active-Duty" services into three timeframe categories and then match that to additional community related services:

Timeframe	Military Situation	Service Priorities
<b>Before 1975</b>	WWII, Korea, Vietnam	Medical Services - Agent Orange, Sleep Apnea, Surgeries, PTSD/TBI, Palliative Care, Hospice, Burial, Social Groups, Recognition, Charity, Volunteering, Legacy
<b>Between 1975—1990</b>	Grenada, Panama	Medical Services, PTSD/TBI, Mid-Life Transition Services including Health, Family, Career, Home
<b>1990 Onwards</b>	Iraq, Afghanistan	G.I. Bill, Physical Medical Services, PTSD/TBI Related Services, Civilian Career Training Programs

The reason for this breakdown is not only to ensure that we are prioritizing our efforts on topics that matter to you but also lay the foundation for topics that are applicable to future members. As an example, the recent Veterans are probably more interested in G.I. Bill and Career Training services than Palliative Care as a general rule of thumb.

In order to attract new members while balancing the requirements for current members, I would welcome your thoughts and opinions. Please send me an email with any suggestions or call me at the following:

Sunny Dosanjh  
Email: [sunny@dosanjhusa.com](mailto:sunny@dosanjhusa.com)  
Mobile: 408.209.2142

Recently, I had a long chat with a Vietnam Era US Air Force Veteran who had never been to the VA. He was not aware of any of the services that were available to him nor did he think they applied to him since he did not retire and served 5 years. Here are a few of my recommendations that I shared with him:

1. Find / obtain your [DD214](#) Refer to Page 5 in the Honor Guard Section for [va.gov](http://va.gov)
2. Go to [Veterans Service Office](#) 68 North Winchester Boulevard, Santa Clara, CA 95050 / 408.918.4980
3. Obtain a [Veteran Health ID Card](#) Formalize your membership and get a Medical Doctor assigned

In Closing, the VA has numerous benefits that pertain to wide range of services. If you require any information or clarification on these services, please let me know and I can put you in touch with someone who can assist.

Regards, Sunny



# VET TO VET CAFE



Resuming on Feb 3, 2022

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

**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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## AMERICAN LEGION POST 419



### ST. PATRICK'S DINNER

Date: MARCH 12, 2022

Menu: **Corn Beef & Cabbage**

**Price: \$20 per person**

Take Out Dinner

Indoor (if allowed)

**ORDER AND PICK UP IN MAIN HALL**

**2:00pm to 6:00pm**

**(OR while the food last)**

**Pre-order 408-244-3050 ext. 3**

**Main Bar Open (Beverages not included in pricing)**

**958 HOMESTEAD RD., SANTA CLARA, CA 95050**

**Phone: 408-244-3050**

**WEB SITE: [alpost419ca.org](http://alpost419ca.org)**

# 2022 Calendar of Events

HOST	EVENT	DATE
Legion	First Sunday Breakfast	6-Feb-22 9-11 am
Legion	First Sunday Breakfast	6-Mar-22 9-11 am
Legion	St Patrick Day Dinner (Take out)	12 Mar-22 2-5 pm
Legion	Area II Meeting	26-Mar-22 8-am - 5 pm
Legion	First Sunday Breakfast	3-Apr-22 9-11 am
SONs	Socks for Vets	TBD
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 9 am - 3 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)