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## Commanders Report

Comrades

FINALLY 2021

I want to wish all of you a Happy New Year. Hope your Christmas and other holidays were bright.

We have much to look forward to this new year.

First I need to thank those who kept Post 419 running this past year. If I said names I'd sure as poop miss more than one. So thanks to all the members of the Post, Sons, and Auxiliary to served as officers and board members. Thanks to all who helped with breakfast, lunch and other meals we were able to have. We've had people step up to continue maintenance, get a new roof and solar and some grants and donations for the Post.

As a post we have tried to keep helping our veterans and neighbors. We have served as Honor Guards when allowed at services for veterans, thankfully most not post members.

Our membership this year has done well. Even though we did not make 100% of our goal of 435 we did 81.84%. We are the largest post in District 13. Thank you to all of you who renewed and joined us this year. Remember if you haven't renewed yet you are an expired member, but you still can renew your membership for 2021.

Brenda and Maydean are still serving lunches Wednesday to Saturday 11:30 to 2. ***Take out only***. Please continue to support this function. Hopefully when the weather warms up we will be able to again meet and serve outdoors

Join us for the next General Meeting on Zoom, Jan 6. You should get an e-mail with the info. If not contact Gene.

The Legionnaire online at [calegion.org](http://calegion.org) has some very interesting articles. Stay in tune with what is happening in California and the nation for and about Veterans and our activities.

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

See you on the Zoom. Keep all in your prayers that we can get back together soon.

Ralph Jacob  
Commander

## Squadron Adjutant

Hoping that everyone had an enjoyable Christmas and a Happy New Year's Eve under our present situation.

We are still working on the squadron's membership, for those of you who haven't submitted your dues, you are now delinquent as of Dec 31, 2020. Please send in your dues. Another notice going out.

So as this year really put a crimp into all of our activities for the year,

Lunches are still going on at the post, Wednesdays thru Saturdays can't beat the price of \$10.00, and in a small way supporting our post.

We were still able to work on our Toys for Tots drive. We took 9 bags full of toys to the Marine Corps Reserve center. Thank You to Gene & Maydean Grundstrom, Brenda and Jay Manley, Tex and Candy Tyner and a couple of other.

As the American Legion family the Post, Auxiliary and Sons did an outstanding job this year. We thank you all for your support.

We are sure that even though donations across the area has been down, we are helping to make a child's Christmas a little happier.

If anyone is interested in learning on how to help veterans, there was a live event on Dec 29, 2020 – 7pm EST, [www.legion.org/training/training-tuesdays](http://www.legion.org/training/training-tuesdays).

So with all of this, We wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. See you all in 2021

Steve Villegas

Squadron Adjutant

## Special Note:

Due to the State and County guidelines, the stay-at-home orders, and probably the weather, we have cancelled the First Sunday Breakfast for scheduled for January 3, 2021. The last message I received about these orders; they may already have been extended to the end of January which means we will probably have to cancel the February breakfast.

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.

Hope to see you soon

Gene Grundstrom

Adjutant Post 419

## Chaplain & Service Officer Report

Hello all,

Happy New Year and Welcome to 2021!

I look forward to contributing to our Post and the American Legion as we look to turn the corner on the pandemic this year.

Unfortunately, we lost a member of our family, Jim Hoogesteger's Mom, Nancy on December 28th, 2020. She loved coming to Post 419 and was extremely happy when her son Jim joined the Post in both a Legionnaire and a Sons capacity. Nancy was also the Aunt to our fellow Legionnaire, Rick Gundo. She was the youngest sister to Rick's Dad and daughter of the late Parker Singh Gundo who was from Northern India, Punjab village of Madpur.

On behalf of all the members of Post 419 American Legion, Sons and Auxiliary my sincerest condolences go out to the families of Jim and Rick for their loss.



*Rest  
in  
Peace*

Post 419 members of the District 13 Honor Guard also had the opportunity on December 30th to render final Military Honors for an Army Korean War Veteran. The service took place at Oak Hill Cemetery and we appreciate the efforts of Rick Gundo who was able to coordinate the team within short notice. Although our county is in "lockdown" we are still able to provide Honor Guard Services while still observing social distancing and face mask requirements. Please contact Rick if Honor or Color Guard services are required.

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

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

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

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

Sunny Dosanjh, Chaplain & Service Officer



## Auxiliary Report

Happy new year everyone,

As we say good bye to one of the craziest years ever we can now look forward to changes for the better in our lives. The auxiliary is still going strong and even though we are not together in person we are still together in our hearts.

May 2021 be even better than we hope for everyone.

Cheryl Rafferty

ALA President Santa Clara Post 419



### 2020/21 Calendar of Events

HOST	EVENT	DATE
Legion	Cancelled First Sunday Breakfast	January 3, 2021 9-11am
Legion	First Sunday Breakfast	UNKNOWN

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)

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