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POST 419



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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Hope everyone has a great start to a New Year. Sandy and I, wish this from Chattanooga, Tn. We have been cool in the mornings but no rain. Hope you had a great and holy Christmas.

The Post had a warm and friendly Christmas dinner last month. Thank you to all who cooked, decorated and cleaned up, I'll miss someone if I start saying names. Sorry that over 400 of you missed the evening. We were able to wish all good times, had a memorial service for lost members from the Legion family, and 3 choices of dinners.

As we start the New Year we look forward to this darn Covid being done with us. Looks like we will be able to stay open if we just follow the county guidelines. Please when you come to the Post just follow the signs, get your shots and boosters, wear a mask when asked. We all want to be here for next Christmas.

The crab feed was to take place later this month when I left. Valentines dance and St Patrick's dance are on the schedule also. Check the calendar for dates. 1st Sunday breakfast is a good break from home cooking, join us, you all make the cooking and setting up worth the time volunteers donate.

Have a happy New Year and see you on the flip. God Bless Everyone, big and small.

Ralph Jacob
Commander



SECOND VICE COMMANDER

Due to the latest County Health Department restrictions for wearing of the mask indoors and limit to persons in a group and the major restriction on food service to the public, the Executive Committee has decided to **CANCEL** the annual all you can eat Crab Feed scheduled for January 29, 2022.

The committee will later determine if it would be necessary to cancel other scheduled events for 2022 due to the resurgence of Covid and the further restrictions by the State or County Health Department.

Richard Peralez
Second Vice Commander

American Legion Auxiliary: President's Report

Hi All,

Hello to our wonderful Legion family. The members of the Auxiliary want to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year. As we close out another year and look back we can see how strong we are and how we support each other in all things. As I write this we are looking forward to our New Years Eve event.

So now we say see you next year and look forward to what the new year will bring.

With all our love and thanks

Cheryl Rafferty

President ALA auxiliary unit 419



ADJUTANT REPORT

I want to thank all the members who have renewed their membership in Post 419. We achieved a total of renewed members including online and PUFL's of 329 and our goal was 447, we achieved 73.60% so far. However, we can yet achieve 100% or more if those of who have not renewed do so and if we talk to the veterans, we know who are not members and ask them to join us. Membership in the Legion run from January 1 thru December 31 each year. If dues are not paid by Jan. 1 of each calendar year, the member becomes delinquent. Feb. 1, the member is suspended, June 30, the member is dropped from the membership rolls. A suspended membership means you are NOT entitled to any American Legion benefits including the member lounge.

I am saddened to announce that the Post 419 Legion Oratorical Contest, which was scheduled for Sunday January 9, 2022 and Sunday January 23 has been cancelled. After several interviews with local High School Counselors and Principals we received NO applications from students attending these schools to take part in the contest. This contest was open to all students from the 9th through the 12th grade.

The next Children and Youth Program will be the Boys State for Post and Sons and Girls State for the Auxiliary. These programs are for High School Juniors. Information will be available sometime in February 2022

Gene Grundstrom
Adjutant Post 419

Sons of the American Legion: Squadron Adjutant's Report

Greetings Everyone

Hope that everyone's Christmas and New Year was a joyous time for all.

We have been dealing with many things for the past couple of years and once again, we have another obstacle in front of us, the Omicron variant. So once again, we must protect ourselves and each other.

As we have opened up and have been having functions, which I do believe we really needed, you all know that we don't want to take a step backwards. We are social creatures of habit and interaction helps keep us sane.

With that being said, we go back to our input. Membership is still coming in slowly and we once again can transmit membership via MyLegion.org. So, please keep the membership dues coming in. For those of you who have been really hit in the pocketbook by the shutdown, please let us know and we will find a way to get your membership paid and keep you current.

With this being said, you can contact me on the new email address for the squadron – S.C.squadron0419@gmail.com

As those of us who are dual members, we participated at Gate of Heaven's "Wreaths across America" program. Hopefully there are some photo's to be downloaded.

Hope that you can make it to the 1st Sunday breakfast on Jan 5th.

Hard to believe that 2022 is already at our doorsteps.

Not much else other than we are going to have a Son's meeting on Thursday, Jan 6th, and the time will be 6:30. Meeting should last no longer than an hour. Please show up if you can.

Steve Villegas

Squadron 419 Adjutant

American Legion: Chaplain & Service Officer

Hello All, On Saturday December 18th, National Wreaths Across America Day, we had an opportunity to observe, participate and remember our fellow Veteran Colleagues who now Rest in Peace. In addition to the ceremonies that took place at the Gate of Heaven Cemetery, Los Altos, Los Gatos Memorial Cemetery, I had the opportunity to share the following poem at Oak Hill Cemetery in San Jose.



From Where Came that *Love*

Did I know What Stirred My Soul
I Do Not Have The Words
But I Will Open My Heart To You

Love Pulls Me In
Draws Me Close
It's Useless To Ignore
It's Hopeless To Resist

So, I Pack My Bags And Depart
To That Calling From Afar

Love Is In My Heart
I Hope You Know What That Means



Sunny Dosanjh, Chaplain, American Legion Post 419, Santa Clara, California
Wreaths Across America, San Jose, California, December 18th, 2021



WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA



VETERAN RESOURCES

MAKE THE CONNECTION
www.MakeTheConnection.net

Veterans and their families share stories of strength and recovery.
WEBSITE: www.MakeTheConnection.net



Counseling, peer support, and other resources at community offices.
PHONE: 1-877-WAR-VETS (927-8387)
WEBSITE: www.vetcenter.va.gov

Help for Homeless Veterans
877-4AID-VET
va.gov/homeless (877) 424-3838

Help for Veterans and their families to find and keep safe, stable housing.
PHONE: 1-877-4AID-VET (424-3838)
WEBSITE: www.va.gov/homeless

*my*VA

Discover VA benefits and resources.
PHONE: 1-800-MyVA411 (698-2411)
WEBSITE: www.vets.gov



Crisis support for Veterans, their friends, and families.
PHONE: 1-800-273-8255, Press 1
TEXT: 838255
WEBSITE: www.VeteransCrisisLine.net

Sunny Dosanjh, Chaplain / Service Officer



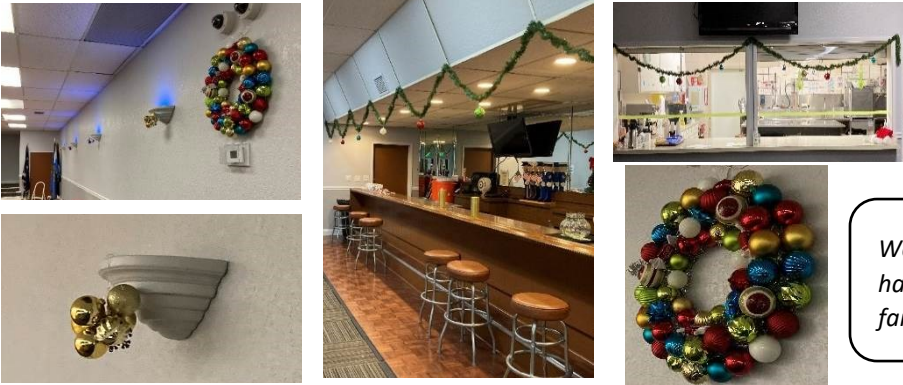
The Christmas Hall Decoration

*Tw*as the day before the Christmas Dinner, when all thro' the hall, echoed sounds of loading, packing, and sorting. Garlands were hung, trees decorated with bulbs, lights, and candy canes as fast as possible in hope of getting it ready for the Post Christmas Family Dinner. As the completion and night drew near, a distant voice exclaim, *'Happy Christmas to All, and to All a Good Night'*.



Stan Ferro loaded up his SUV with 'Toys' for a trip to the Marine Corps 'Toys for Tots' drop off

'MANY THANKS'
for your Toy Donations



KD Poynter and Al Wong did their best in decorating the Hall for Saturday's Christmas Dinner with ornaments they found in storage

Would you be interested in decorating the hall for events? Got any good ideas? Bring families and friends and have some fun



The Classic Display - KD did a 'Super Job' in decorating the

For ALL that attended the Christmas Dinner, we hope that you had a great time and got a chance to meet other members

For those that purchased tickets and were not able to attend, we hope to see you next time and 'Thank You' for your donations



The Humble Display - Al did a 'Nice Job' with the Left overs

Check our newsletter for other events. Ideas for events at the post are always welcome. If you haven't been here for a while, drop by and say 'Hi'. Better yet, drop in and say that you want to be a Post Officer – Thank you, Thank you

Be SAFE in the New Year, and let's get together soon

American Legion Santa Clara Post 419 had the honor of hosting a special event. The Marine RSS training seminar was held at our facility in December 2021. This is the second time they have selected us for their training sight. These Marine Recruiters come from all over northern California. They receive new recruiting instruction and techniques. Foremost they communicate the skills which are working at their different offices and pass it on so others can make use of them. We also have the honor of being present when the awards for performance and effort are Awarded.

I want to thank Command for allowing us to give a short explanation of who and what The American Legion is, which most of the Marines did not know. Perhaps they can also continue to serve our Veteran's.

Thank You for Your Service

Santa Clara Post 419, CA





**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

Sponsored by

**ON JANUARY 6, 2022
VET TO VET COFFEE WILL HAVE A GUEST SPEAKER
THE DIRECTOR OF SANTA CLARA COUNTY VETERANS
SERVICE CENTER
WILL SPEAK ON NEW VA BENEFITS**

Bring your questions

2021/22 Calendar of Events

HOST	EVENT	DATE
AUX	New Years Eve Party	31-Dec-21 12-5pm
	HAPPY NEW YEAR 2022	
Legion	First Sunday Breakfast	2-Jan-22 9-11 am
Legion	Crab Feed CANCELLED	29-Jan-22 5-10 pm
Legion	First Sunday Breakfast	6-Feb-22 9-11 am
Aux	Valentine Dinner/Dance	12-Feb-22 5-10 pm
Legion	First Sunday Breakfast	6-Mar-22 9-11 am
Legion	St Patrick's Day Dinner/Dance	12-Mar-22 5-10 pm
Legion	First Sunday Breakfast	3-Apr-22 9-11 am
SON's	Socks for Vets dinner/dance	23-Apr-22 5-10 pm

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*Auxiliary Unit 419 meeting are held on the Second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm subject to County Health instructions for indoor meetings. Please join us

***Scheduled events are subject to changes due to Covid restrictions issued by Santa Clara Health Department.*

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)