

# AMERICAN LEGION POST 419 REVEILLE

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Summer is definitely here. Hope you are all well and keeping cool.

Just attended Department Convention in the cool city of Visalia, temps only 105 every day. Did get down to about 75 by 4 in the morning. We will be holding the convention in Visalia until 2026. Get ready.

Thank you to all who worked and supported the car show. Others will be reporting on it, but by the time I left that morning all looked really good.

Last month we had installation of officers. Those that came had a good dinner by Maydean and Brenda. We are still looking for a 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander. This position oversees the planning of post events/fundraisers. But he/she doesn't have to do it alone, every event should have a committee who will step up and do the work. The exec board will be going over plans for the events for the coming year. Any ideas or volunteering to lead the way please come to the Meeting 6 July and give us your inputs. Being as we are moving beyond Covid hopefully we will have good attendance at all functions this year.

No dues increases were discussed at convention, so we are good for another year. Please pay your dues early. Saves us and National money from sending out renewal notices. Know someone who has been in the service since 1942. They are eligible for membership ask them to join us.

Come to the meeting and find out all that is going on. Log on the MyLegion.org to create/see your profile and other good information.

Ralph Jacob, Commander

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### TODAY'S HEADLINES

- Kansas, Missouri Legion Riders come together on state Legacy Runs
- American Legion testifies before House committee on citizenship for service and deported veterans
- Save on travel with two new member discounts
- Utah Legionnaire who saved flag receives accolades
- Last WWII Medal of Honor recipient leaves legacy
- A series of 'miracles' brings World War II veteran's Purple Heart to his daughter

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# AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

Happy summer everyone.

Now that we are full swing into our happy time of the year, I just want to say that I am really looking forward to all of the events that will find us all together.

As I am typing this it makes me look back at the last 2 years and what was thrown in our path. However as always, the Auxiliary stood strong, side by side, not only with each other but with all the of those that were able to attend a first Sunday breakfast or helped to make events so awesome.

On a very personal note, I want to say thank you to everyone who has helped guide me during the past 2 years. This will be my last contribution to the newsletter. As of July 1st, I will be handing the gavel to my wonderful Auxiliary sister and most importantly my very great friend Maggie Aherne-Taylor.

Maggie has served in many different roles in the Auxiliary over the years and I know that she will continue to lead the Auxiliary into the next year.

In closing I just want to express all my love and gratefulness to everyone that showed me support.

For the last time.

Cheryl Rafferty

ALA president unit 419

<https://www.legion-aux.org/>

The image shows a screenshot of the American Legion Auxiliary website. At the top left is the American Legion Auxiliary logo. To its right are social media icons for Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, Instagram, and a 'DONATE' button. Further right is a search bar. Below these are navigation links: ABOUT US, HOW WE SERVE, SCHOLARSHIPS, GET INVOLVED, EVENTS, and GIVE. A tagline reads 'A Community of Volunteers Serving Veterans, Military, and their Families'. The main content area features a promotional banner for the 'Auxiliary magazine' with a 'VIEW MAGAZINE' button. The banner includes text about the magazine's reach and a collage of magazine covers. One cover features two women performing, another shows a man in a military uniform, and a third is for 'National Poppy Day' with a red poppy flower.

# AMERICAN LEGION SONS

Greetings to all.

Well, here we are, starting the new year for the Detachment and squadrons.

As you know membership is the lifeblood of both the legion and the squadron.

Renewal notices will be sent out to let you know of your membership. Dues for this year will be remaining the same.

As we move forward, we have to realize that the way things have been run in the past don't need to reflect our way of the present or future. We need your input and ideas moving forward, we can't improve without your input. Our last couple of years really got to all of us and we now need to rejuvenate and move forward.

We really need other members to step up and take a position in leadership. We have the tools and the guidance from our detachment. Also, we need to start coming up with activities for the coming year. Your ideas are more than welcome, and we can't wait to hear and let you develop the activities.

We also are asking if any one of you would be joining the post Honor Guard team, a worthy cause.

Meetings will be starting up again on the first Thursday evening at 7PM.

Steve Villegas

Squadron Adjutant

<https://www.legion.org/sons>



SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

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The screenshot shows the homepage of the Sons of The American Legion website. At the top, there is a navigation menu with links for ABOUT, MEETINGS, MEMBERSHIP, MEDIA, RESOURCES, and CONTACT, along with a search bar. The main content area features a large banner image of a man in a blue uniform with "5TH DISTRICT, MN" on his cap, saluting. Overlaid on the banner is the text "Sons of The American Legion" and "SAL members include males of all ages whose parents or grandparents served in the U.S. military and were eligible for American Legion membership." Below this is a red "JOIN US" button. To the right, there is a "FEATURED VIDEOS" section with three video thumbnails and their titles: "New 100 Miles for Hope challenge set for Sons of The American Legion", "Sons of The American Legion support Flying Flags for Heroes", and "Joe Piscopo: 'I'm here in the name of my father'". A "MORE VIDEOS" link is at the bottom right of the video section.

## Adjutant Report

On July 1, 2022 the following members will take on the leadership of Post 419

Commander - Ralph Jacob                      1st Vice Commander - Richard Peralez  
2nd Vice Commander (Open)                      Adjutant - Gene Grundstrom  
Finance Officer - Marty McCormick                      Sgt-at-Arms - Rick Gundo  
Chaplain/Service Officer - Sunny Dosanjh  
Executive Committee Member at large Mike Roosevelt, Stan Ferro, (Open)

I want to thank all the members who renewed their membership for 2022. Without your membership we would not exist. This past year we were able to bring in 20 new members and 13 transfers. Over half of these were due to the hard work of KD who talked to most people who stopped by the post and several from other organization that he belongs too. Always spreading the word and work of The American Legion, this is what needs to be done. You can't just sit back and say that someone else will take care of it. With each membership card I send out I send an application form. If only ¼ of the membership would enroll one new member this coming year would be able to bring in an additional 95 members. If I had enough of the trifold "Why You Should Join" I would also send one of them out also, Pick up a couple to hand out to your friends this is how we get new members.

I will start processing the renewals of the 2023 Membership card next week. So as soon as you get your renewal notices from the National Office write the check (\$45) or go online and renewal your membership.

Members You need to break the habit learned in the Military, "Never Volunteer", we are an organization of Volunteers. This is how we get things done, but it takes hands on work. So please join us at our monthly meeting, stop by and see what you can do. We don't always need you right now, but we do need to know you are available and will step up.

Do you read the Legion magazine? Why can't Post 419 accomplish some of the activities that some of the post on the East Coast and Midwest accomplish? Isn't that why you joined The American Legion?

Gene Grundstrom Adjutant

# AMERICAN LEGION SERVICE OFFICER

As your Post 419 Chaplain & Service Officer, I view these responsibilities as one. To be of service to our fellow Legionnaires, Veterans, Family and Community is an Honor.

As part of this Honor, Please join me in remembering the following United States Military Veterans who have recently passed as well as a Veteran who passed away during the COVID Pandemic lockdown years.

**Stephen Gutierrez** Branch Unknown, Served in Korea, 10 Years

**Dennis Ikerd** US Marine Corps, 12 Years

**William Hart** US Army, World War II, 15 Years

**Eddie Arabe** US Army, Served in Vietnam, Passed away in April 2021, 37 Years American Legion

**Masami Miura** US Army, Served during Vietnam, Passed away in May, 2022



## May they All, Rest In Peace.

On a personal note, Masami Miura was my Uncle. As I presided over his Funeral Service, I narrated his journey as a young man in California, forced into the Japanese internment camps, drafted into Vietnam and living out his days in Gilroy. Through it all, he was blessed to become a Husband, Parent, Grandparent and enjoy his life, his family, friends and was a huge Golden State Warriors fan...so I'm sure he's smiling now since the Warriors won the NBA Championship!

To everyone on this journey called Life...may serenity encompass you, may you allow Grace to enter your Life and may you find yourself with an opportunity to *Give & Receive*.

Sunny Dosanjh, Chaplain & Service Officer <https://www.legion.org/services>

# AMERICAN LEGION CHAPLAIN

*We The People*...Celebrate, smile, laugh, sing, and dance amongst other things on our Independence Day. July 4th, 1776...which is now about to be observed as the Fourth of July, Two Thousand and Twenty Two!

## Happy 246th Birthday *AMERICA!!*

The symbols of our Great Nation paint the picture, weave the tale and acknowledge the sacrifices made by Our People...and in our case, United States Military Veterans.

On this upcoming 4th, may you find yourself in good spirits, around great food, drink & People and a moment of gratitude to say thanks for living in the land of Freedom & Liberty!!!



# HONOR & COLOR GUARD SERVICES

## Post 419 Color Guard: **Santa Clara Central Park Pavilion**

The Post 419 Color Guard will be posting Colors at Central Park in the Pavilion on Monday, July 4th at approx. 12:15, to celebrate Santa Clara's All City Picnic in the Park.

## Post 419 Color Guard: **Sunnyvale Department of Public Safety**

The Post 419 Color Guard will be posting Color's at a Sunnyvale DPS Ceremony on Wednesday, July 13th. This is our second time in a few months to post Color's for Sunnyvale DPS.

We appreciate our Honor/Color Guard volunteers for their time and dedication to supporting our Veterans, their families, and our local community.

Rick Gundo, Coordinator

American Legion District 13, Honor Guard <https://www.legion.org/honor/honorguards>



# Vet to Vet Café



## Vet to Vet Café

Every Thursday Morning

9 am - 10:30 am

Hostess: Karen Carter

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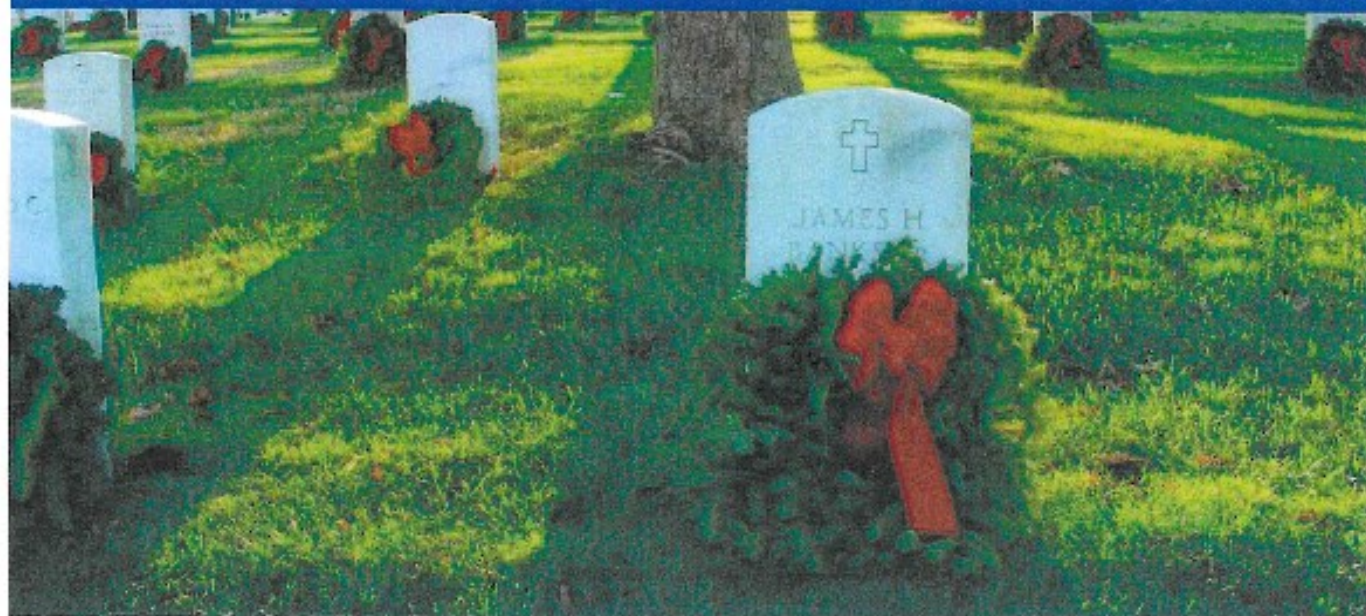
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# 2022 Calendar of Events

HOST	EVENT	DATE
Legion	First Sunday Breakfast	3-July-22 9-11 am
Legion-SONs-Aux	Event Planning meeting	TBD Notice will be sent via email as soon as scheduled
Legion	First Sunday Breakfast	7-Aug-22 9-11 am

## Honor Flight

Below is the flight activities for 2022.

Anyone wishing to attend the departures or returns needs to go online to the honor flight website and sign up for a gate pass.

[www.honorflightbayarea.org](http://www.honorflightbayarea.org) Than select the tab TOUR Scroll to "Get a gate pass" and complete the form for a gate pass. This is used to get you through TSA at SFO.

Parking is validated. Park in section D on any floor except the top floor. Go to level 5 and take the walk over. Bring your parking receipt with you and give it to Leann at the end of the Alaska counter where you pick your gate pass. (on the departure floor to the right of the walkover.)

Santa Clara Post 419 Santa Clara, California										
Flt #	Orentations	Start Time		Trip Dates				Reunion @ Santa Clara	Start Time	Notes
27	9/11/22	12:00 PM	Sunday	22-Sep	Thur	24-Sep	Sat	10/16/22	12:00 PM	Sunday
28	10/2/22 In Hollister*	1:00 PM	Sunday	20-Oct	Thur	22-Oct	Sat	11/13/22	12:00 PM	Sunday

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