

# AMERICAN LEGION POST 419 REVEILLE

Veterans Helping Veterans & Serving the Community Since 1932

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## American Legion: Commander's Report

Hello all. [Welcome to JUNE 2021!](#) Ordinarily a time for graduations and the start of summer vacations. This year June is a new start towards normalcy.

At the May meeting we held elections. With the exception of two positions on the Executive Board all officers agreed to keep their positions and were so elected and appointed back. I thank them all for being willing to serve Post 419 and take on the task of rebuilding our activities. Our standing in the area has not diminished but we need to get the word out that we are here and ready to support the city and veteran families again.

We will start our year as a Legion Family with joint installations on 11 June at 6PM. Come and meet your team and help us get started on the right foot.

We are still looking for a finance officer, need to know QuickBooks. Also looking for an Assistant Adjutant to give Gene some time off.

Stop by for lunch. Brenda is doing an amazing job. Maydean Grundstrom is getting back and Brenda is still getting help from others.

The Post works with the 13<sup>th</sup> District Honor Guard for graveside services. If you would be interested in serving on the Honor Guard contact the post at 408-244-3050. If you or someone you know needs services make sure the funeral home contacts us.

Please take care of yourselves. As we get the Post up and running again we need everyone's support. Thank you to those who have worked tirelessly during the past year and especially those who have made donations.

We will be getting more activities going. The Craft Faire will be held again and the rumor is San Jose will hold the Veterans Day parade. I had a discussion with the incoming Department Commander Autry James and he has a special program that we can all take to heart and participate in. His large DEC will be held at Hayes Mansion in August so be ready to support.

California will also see Michael Fox elected as National Commander of the Sons Of The Legion. Stay tuned for much action from him.

May God take care of you and keep you healthy.

Commander Ralph



# Adjutant Report

## MEMORIAL DAY

A day to remember our fallen brother and sisters. Normally we think of them as Veteran Service men/woman, but they were more than that. They were someone's family member. Perhaps a Father/Mother or Grandfather/Grandmother, and even a Great grandfather/Great Grandmother. We need to remember with love and reverence each of these people as they were the ones who keep our nation safe so we can enjoy the freedoms we have and need to continue to have with our Son's and Daughter's serving today.

This Memorial Day May 31, 2021, Post 419 Honor Guard will render military honors at the Santa Clara Mission Cemetery, 490 Lincoln St, Santa Clara, CA, and the Santa Clara City Memorial cemetery, 420 N Winchester Blvd, Santa Clara, CA. Followed by a special ceremony at Post 419, 958 Homestead Rd Santa Clara, CA.

The Honor Guard, and anyone else who wants to help us in honoring our veterans, we will be leaving the post at 10:00 am and proceed to the Santa Clara Mission cemetery and then to the Santa Clara City Memorial. All are welcome.

A small lunch will be served at the post after the services. (Hamburger – Hot Dog and chips.)

Gene Grundstrom

Adjutant Post 419

# **American Legion Auxiliary: President's Report**



Hello everyone,

Now that spring is fully underway the members of the auxiliary are so grateful for the wonderful season and the changes it will bring. We are grateful that our membership is going very strong and are so happy that our membership is large and great.

As one of our many programs, Children and Youth, is one that is looking to the future. Our wonderful program chair every year gathers stuffed animals for children who need something special for them to hug and have as their own. If you find as you are cleaning out your closets any stuffed animals that are in great shape please consider donating them to our Children and Youth program. They should be about 12" at the most. You can drop them off at the post.

Also we do encourage all of our members to please attend our monthly meetings (now back in person) on the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 7:00 pm. As happens every year we are coming upon our new year for our leadership, one position we really need to fill is our treasurer. If you are good at numbers and have some spare time please consider joining our unit as our treasurer. Please consider bringing your voice to our wonderful unit to help us serve and support our service members and vets.

[Cheryl Rafferty](#)

[ALA Santa Clara Unit 419 President](#)

## Sons of the American Legion: Squadron Adjutant's Report

Greetings to everyone

So as we are now on the verge of opening up, its really time for us to start having meetings. 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month we will be having meetings. We will start at 7:00pm. Need to decide if this is a good time for the members to meet.

So membership is still our number 1 goal, this year has been rough and we need to get people involved and back on track. We need some ideas for us to participate in Post activities, which will also include membership participation.

Boys State is in progress and we are involved in helping these students by sponsoring them. This year it is going to be via either Zoom or Go to Meeting, so a totally new way of going.

We need to discuss and nominate Officers for this coming year. Yes, we are starting late, but again circumstances were out of our control.

Post Installation is scheduled if I am correct for Friday, June 11<sup>th</sup>. More information should be under either the Post Commander or Adjutants report.

Detachment Convention is scheduled for June 17 thru the 19<sup>th</sup> in San Diego, Ca.

By the time you receive this newsletter Memorial day may have passed.

To most it's a weekend for people to party and bar-b-que, as we probably enjoyed when we were youths.

Now in this part of our lives it's a day of remembrance for those who sacrificed their lives for our Freedom. Grandfathers, Fathers, Brothers, Son's and we can't forget the women who also gave their Lives. I hope that many of you take a few minutes to Honor them.

For God and Country

Steve Villegas

Squadron 419 Adjutant





**Yard Work** – The necessary evil of every piece of property. In the past few weeks, we have had a couple of members who have gone out of their way to clean up and beautify the post property. KD Poynter and Al Wong have been doing a tremendous job of moving rock, trimming plants and planting flowers to improve our look to the community. Last year Stan Ferro and a few other members planted drought resistant plants in the center strip in our parking lot and this recent planting just completed the project. What makes this so special is all the labor and material for these projects has been donated so that Veterans can have a special place to come when we reopen.

Thank you to all of those who helped with these projects, now we need to make sure that they are maintained for the good of the Legion and the community.



## American Legion: Service Officer / Chaplain Report

Hello all,

I hope this newsletter finds you in good health and good spirits. I'd like to share a quote from one of my favorite authors that's been on my mind as of late:

*"It was the best of times, it was the worst of times,  
It was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness,  
It was the epoch of belief, it was the epoch of incredulity,  
It was the season of light, it was the season of darkness,  
It was the spring of hope, it was the winter of despair."*



**Charles Dickens**  
A Tale of Two Cities  
Published 1859

As we emerge out of what can only be called a long winter of despair that spanned over a year, it is with cautious optimism that we can look forward to a late spring and summer of hope. The recent California Department of Public Health announcement indicated that California can fully reopen on June 15th with a few limited exceptions. Details can be found on the official [website page](https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/Beyond-Blueprint-Framework.aspx):

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In addition to the Palo Alto VA and the San Jose VSO, the Bay Area California American Legion Service Officers are available to assist Veterans. They can provide assistance over the phone and I'll forward an update in the July newsletter regarding if they offer in-person services. The contact information is as follows:

**Leane Watts & Michael Robertson, Veteran Service Officers**

1301 Clay Street, Suite 1135N | Oakland, CA 94612-5265 | Phone: 510.637.6046

It is also with a heavy heart that we had to say farewell to our fellow Veterans who recently passed away. One of the Veterans that I had the honor of conducting a We Honor Veterans (WHV) Pinning Ceremony for was Mr. Reedy, US Navy, Korea War Veteran. The WHV program is part of the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization and additional information can be found at the following [website page](https://www.wehonorveterans.org/):

<https://www.wehonorveterans.org/>

In closing, I'd also like to send my thoughts and prayers to all those who are suffering, have lost loved ones or have been affected by the recent tragic event in San Jose. It's never easy to understand that in the worst of times that darkness and despair can unfold in the cruelest of ways. It's also in these times, that the best of humanity can also shine...as was the case of the first responders and VTA employees who took action to help their fellow men & women to safety...even at the cost of their own lives.

As Military Veterans we understand the sacrifices made for our country by our fallen comrades. So I hope that on this Memorial Day, I hope you have a moment to reflect & honor those who have passed and smile & enjoy the company of friends and family....as we re-enter the late spring and summer of hope.

Sunny Dosanjh

Service Officer & Chaplain



# Press Release

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May 28, 2021  
CalVet 21-004

## **CalVet Marks 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday of its Veterans Home Loan Program**

On May 30, the California Department of Veterans Affairs' Home Loan Program celebrates 100 years of helping the state's military veterans and their families realize the American dream of home ownership.

"For the past century, it has been our honor and privilege to assist our California veterans who served this nation," said CalVet Secretary Vito Imbasciani, MD. "The pride our veterans feel when they get the keys to their new home is matched only by the pride we feel in helping them to make that happen."

Following World War I, America looked for ways to assist and thank its veterans for their service and sacrifices. On May 30, 1921, California Governor William Stephens signed into law the Veterans Farm and Home Purchases Act, created by California State Legislature for the purpose of "furnish[ing] to veterans the opportunity to purchase farms, homes and home sites."

California voters approved the sale of \$10 million in bonds to fund the loans, repaying the bonds through the interest paid on the mortgages; a system that remains in place today. Over the last century, California voters have approved bond sales for the Home Loan program 27 times, upholding the original commitment made to veterans from World War I and affirming ongoing support for the program's success.

The CalVet Home Loan program has lent more than \$8.5 billion to date, lending to over 425,000 veterans. The loan limit that began at \$5,000 in 1921 is roughly \$1 million today.

With one of the lowest foreclosure rates in the country, personalized customer service, and a comprehensive homeowners insurance plan, the 100-year anniversary is certainly worth celebrating.

"I attribute our success not only to our tradition of personalized service and getting to know our customers, but also to our veterans; through their trust in us as a lender, and their fortitude in repaying their loans, CalVet Home Loans is able to be available for other veterans," said Theresa Gunn, Deputy Secretary for the Home Loan program. "And we look forward to helping our veterans for another 100 years!"

CalVet will host two public events in honor of the centennial; a veterans family appreciation event in mid-August and an evening reception in Sacramento, at Cafeteria 15L on August

# *How about a Cup of Coffee with a Veteran?*

Vet to Vet Café is just for YOU!



**Saturday, June 5th, 2021 at 9 am**

for weekly complimentary coffee, tea, and goodies

No agenda, just visiting, chat, and story sharing

9 am - 10:30 am - please wear a mask

**American Legion Post 419**

958 Homestead Rd. Santa Clara

Contact Karen Carter for more information

408 560-6691

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May 13, 2021  
 May's Birthday at the Post



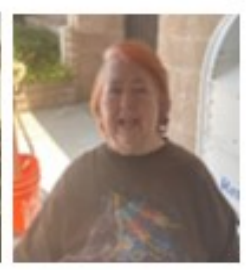
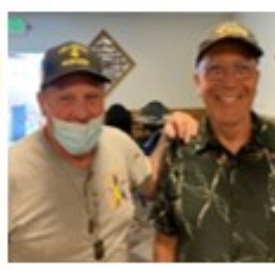
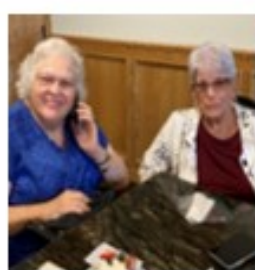
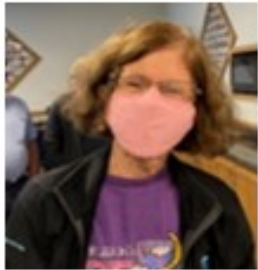
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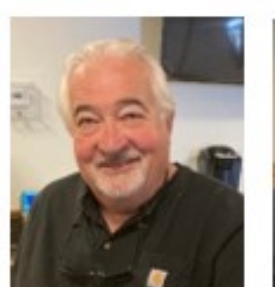
A Very Berry-Berry Cake  
 "Are You Sure this is Your Age?"



Happy Birthday  
 ★ NORM ★



Whether it's  
 your birth  
 month or not,  
 come visit us  
 for cake and  
 ice cream



June's Birthday is coming!  
 Thursday, June 10, 2021 – 11:30 AM to 2:00 PM  
 'Pineapple Upside-Down Cake'

# 2021 Memorial Ceremony



**Sunday May 30, 2021 12:00-1:30pm PST | USS San Francisco Memorial – Join Us on Zoom**

Join us for San Francisco's own Memorial Day Weekend Celebration honoring the 100 Sailors and 7 Marines who gave their lives during the historic Battle of Guadalcanal aboard the USS San Francisco (CA38) 12-13 November, 1942. Come join a community of Veterans and family members of the "Frisco" crew as we pay tribute to their courage, and the memory of all the men and women in uniform who have given their lives in the service of their country.

**Register for the 2021 Virtual Memorial Using This Link**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAtc-6vqjwsHdTrXYA9ehpbFRC8HVHblMH5>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

## Highlights of Memorial Event

11:45 Meeting Opens with Music by the Sea Cadet Band of the West

12:00 pm PST Memorial Program Commences

- Keynote Speaker: Kevin P. O'Brien, President San Francisco Historical Society on the life of RADM Daniel Callaghan, USN
- Special Chair of Honor to Recognize USS San Francisco Memorial Foundation Founder, the Late Chief Johnny Jon Gordon, USN
- VIP Presentation by Consul General of Japan, Mr. Maeda Toru
- Music by Naval Sea Cadet Band of the West and the Vallejo Choral Society



# June 2021

## \$10.00

<b>Hamburgers/Cheeseburgers</b> <b>French Fries \$10.00</b>	<sup>2</sup> Chicken Marsala Mashed Potatoes Veggie	<sup>3</sup> Stuffed Bell Pepper Garden Salad	<sup>4</sup> Pork loin Rice and Veggie	<sup>5</sup> Jambalaya
	<b>Grilled Ham/Cheese</b> or <b>Grilled Cheese</b> <b>French Fries \$10.00</b>	<sup>9</sup> Tostada Salad	<sup>10</sup> Patty Melt and Fresh fruit salad	<sup>11</sup> Meatloaf Mashed Potato and veg- gie
<b>Hot Dog</b> Or <b>Chili Dog</b> <b>French Fries \$10.00</b>	<sup>16</sup> Grilled Reuben and fresh Fruit	<sup>17</sup> Chicken Pot Pie Caesar Salad	<sup>18</sup> Baked Ham Scal- loped Potato veggie	<sup>19</sup> Special Father's Day lunch BBQ Ribs Roast- ed Potatoes Beans
	<b>Soup of the Day</b> <b>&amp; Salad \$10.00</b>	<sup>23</sup> Oven BBQ Chicken Mac Salad	<sup>24</sup> Lasagna Garden Salad Garlic Bread	
<b>Chef Salad \$10.00</b>	<sup>30</sup> Chicken Cordon Bleu Rice and Veggie	Jul 1 BBQ Pilled Pork Cole Slaw	Jul 2 Tuna Melt Caesar Salad	Jul 3 Grilled Reuben Fresh Fruit Salad

# 2021 Calendar of Events

HOST	EVENT	DATE
Legion/Sons/Aux	Memorial Day—Render Honors	May 30, 2021 10:00 am
Legion	First Sunday Breakfast	June 6th, 2021 9-11 am
Legion	District 13 Annual Caucus	June 6th, 2021 1:00 pm
Legion/Sons/Aux	Installation of Officers	June 11th, 2021 6:00 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)



# The American Legion Family