

AMERICAN LEGION POST 419 REVEILLE

Veterans Helping Veterans & Serving the Community Since 1932

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June 2024

Hello Fellow Legionnaires,

Wow! May flew by. First and foremost, I would like to again congratulate Raymond Gamma as being one of the long outstanding members of the American Legion Post 419. It was an honor to recognize his 70 years with our Post, at our first Sunday breakfast.

In the General Meeting we elected Officers of the Executive Committee. With that said, our Adjutant is stepping down. The role of an Adjutant is instrumental in keeping the doors open.

With the average membership of 350, the Adjutant is responsible for processing members renewals, transfers and new members to the Post. Membership dues are another revenue stream to the Post.



Adjutant will also attend all Executive Board meetings and General Membership meetings, being the scribe and distributing minutes of the meetings. I'm confident that the replacement Adjutant is in the 350 memberships of our post. Training is available and lots of O.J.T (on the job training). Hope to hear from you, just leave a phone message, email, pull any Executive Committee member aside, or let the bartenders know, and we'll get back to you.

Memorial Day celebration was another success. The weather was great sun shining and no wind. Honor guard and buglers were on point and anchored the event. City of Santa Clara council members were in attendance at the cemeteries. After we all gathered at the Post for a great lunch. The day was a great time to reflect on the ones who are no longer with us. Remember, June 6, 1944, brought together the land, air and sea forces to orchestrate one of the largest amphibious invasions on the beaches of Normandy, France.

Here at the Post for June, we have First Sunday breakfast, Car Show, Vets to Vets.

Post 419, members meeting Wednesday 5, 2024, at 1900 hours.

District 13 Caucus, Sunday June 2, 2024, at 1300 hours. Post 318.

Looking forward to seeing you at the Post.

Richard Peralez



AMERICAN LEGION ADJUTANT

To the Officers and Members of Santa Clara Post 419

I want to thank you for your support over the last 13 – 14 years in the tasks which I took on in support of your post. Some of which were the Post and District Service Officer, Captain of your Honor Guard, Post Webmaster, Newsletter Editor, the Post Commander, and especially the Post Adjutant. It has been interesting, challenging and at the same time an exasperating task which I gladly took on. But the time has come when I need to step down and let others take over. I especially want to thank a couple of our members, Rick Gundo and Sunny Dosanjh for taking over some of these responsibilities so I could concentrate on the other projects I took on at the post.

It has been a struggle finding replacements for positions which become vacant from time to time in our organization. If we can't keep the leadership positions filled, especially by younger members, we surely will go by the wayside by not doing the job we signed up to do, Helping Veterans.

We have recruited a member who has agreed to step up temporarily and take the reigns of the Adjutant. Jeffrey Yeagley comes to from a post in Oklahoma where had served in several positions including the Commander slot. Please give him all the help you can.

During my time as a member of this post I have served under nine commanders, Earl Bagwell, Don Newton, Rick Gundo, Gene Venechanos, Al Wong, Jeff Driskell, Ralph Jacob, Steve Villegas, Richard Peralez, and I did one term as Commander and returned to being the Adjutant. I want to thank all of you for letting me serve you and I hope my service to each of you was adequate, I did the best I could.

The last few years our members' participation in the post activities has severely declined. The attendance at our membership meeting is sad to say the least. Other than the officers, we maybe have 6 to 10 other members who attend. These are the members who are keeping your organization of over 350 members running. I have asked in the past what would I take to have a membership meeting with 50 or 100 members attending? The answer to this question has been "no reply"

Over the years we have increased our membership and lost our membership for whatever reason. We still try to maintain our support for the veterans by doing fundraising of one type or another. However, our major income is from hall rental which is what has supported us in keeping our facility open, in order to support our members and the community. This MUST be kept up and the only way to do this is with volunteers. Leaving this up to one or two member who will come down and help with the building maintenance, the yard work, bartending, in order to keep our members, lounge open isn't the answer. If you have any suggestions, or the answer, talk to the Commander or other officers so we might be able to put them into practice.

Lastly but not least "recruiting new and younger members to take over." I know it takes a lot of time and effort to do all this but the horizon of this post's existence is bleak. Look around at the rest of the posts in the district that have facilities it takes a lot of work. They are all struggling in one way or another but they are surviving or not, because of member volunteers to help with the facilities and the programs to support the veteran and their families.

THANK YOU AGAIN FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Gene Grundstrom

Adjutant Post 419 (2010-2024)

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

Greetings from the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 419

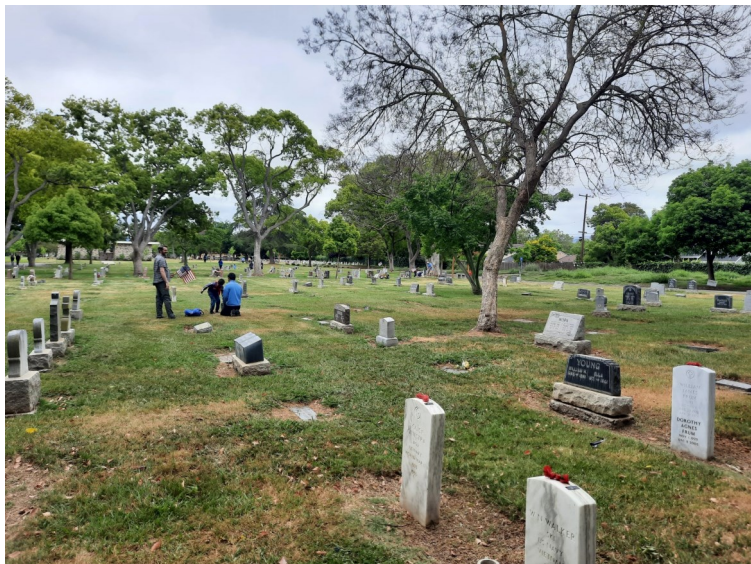
EVENTS:

- We have a fabulous new selection of hundreds of jewelry. Come to our jewelry show at the Car Show on Saturday, June 8th, from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm., to support our Veteran's.
- We are asking for toiletry donations of soap, shampoo, conditioner, and lotion. Travel size or what you find in a hotel/motel. 50 Christmas bags are given to our Veteran's at the Palo Alto Medical Center. Four toiletry items go in each of the Christmas bags. A labeled clear shoe box will be in the lobby.

There are many programs we support including Children & Youth, VA&R, Poppy, Legislative, Americanism, & Girls State/Education. Outreach is an important function for membership. Keep in mind family & friends that might be eligible & would love to join our Post and support our Veterans. Invite them to an 😊 event!

We meet on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. Our social time is 6:30pm to 7:00 pm. Our meeting begins at 7:00 pm and ends at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,
Patricia Brickman, ALA Unit 419, President



AMERICAN LEGION SONS

A.L. Squadron 419

Hello everyone,

The month of June is now upon us.

The month of May is passing, and we have been busy. Our 1st event for May was our “May the Fourth be with You”, it was a good evening with our dinner and dancing. With a good turnout, we surprised everyone by having an event as soon as we did. Many thanks to the squadron members who stepped up.

On Memorial weekend (Saturday), we placed flags on the grave sites of many veterans at the Mission City cemetery, the scouts placed flags on the front section of the cemetery. Then over to the Catholic cemetery where we placed more flags on the graves of veterans, the scouts also came over and helped place flags as well. Many thanks to all who participated.

Now for the month of June, what’s happening? State convention is being held in Visalia at the end of the month. The week before Boys and Girls State will be held in Sacramento, so we wish them good luck on an experience which they will indeed remember.

Our meetings are on the 1st Thursday of the month at 3pm. If you can attend a meeting, it would be something worthwhile, we encourage our members to participate. Remember that our dues are \$25.00, and for Juniors its only \$15.00.

Reports are a main on going project, keeping track of your activities in not only the Squadron also other organizations to which you may belong is a task. We report our activity hours and milage from each state, and it all goes before congress , so that they know how much time and milage we volunteer in the pursuit of helping the American Legion but Veterans and their Families.

Steve Villegas

Squadron 419 Adjutant

AMERICAN LEGION CHAPLAIN

Hello all,

Welcome to the month of June! I hope this newsletter reaches you in good spirits and a positive frame of mind. In addition to the Post activities, there are several dates this month that commemorate and recognize Veteran, dates of importance:

- D-Day Anniversary, Allied invasion of Normandy in World War II (June 6th, 1944)
- Women Veterans Day (June 12, 1948)
- Flag Day (June 14th) and US Army Birthday (June 14th, 1775)
- Pledge of Allegiance recognized by Congress (June 22nd, 1942)
- Coast Guard Auxiliary Birthday (June 23rd)
- Beginning of the Korean War (June 25th, 1950)
- PTSD Awareness Day (June 27th)



When it's all said and done ... and as time distances itself from the memories of war ... there will always be those of us who remember, reflect and honor our fellow servicemen and servicewomen who made the ultimate sacrifice. May their Souls Rest in Peace.



Sunny Dosanjh, Chaplain

AMERICAN LEGION HONOR GUARD

Hello all,

On this past Memorial Day, our Post 419 Honor Guard Team had the humble honor of rendering a 3 Volley Salutes and the playing of Echo Taps at the Santa Clara Mission and Memorial Park Cemeteries.



Sunny Dosanjh, Captain Honor Guard

AMERICAN LEGION SERVICE OFFICER

Hello all,

There are several events that are being hosted both in the South County in Gilroy as well as a Stand Down in San Mateo as outlined in the two flyers:

South Santa Clara Valley Memorial District
Presents




Veterans Resource Fair

At the
Gilroy Veterans Hall
74 West 6th Street

Saturday, June 1 from 9am – 1pm

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| Americare Silicon Valley | Project Sentinel |
| American Legion Post 217 | Rebuilding Together |
| American Legion Auxiliary | San Joaquin Valley National Cemetery |
| Bonita Springs Hospice Care | Santa Clara County Office of Veteran Services |
| CVMA | Santa Clara Family Health Plan |
| Gilroy Gardens | San Jose Veterans Center |
| Gilroy Senior Center | Sourcewise |
| Good Patriot Realty | VA Mobile Medical Outreach Team |
| Grand Canyon University | VA—Nation's Finest |
| Home First | VFW Post 6309 |
| Independent Feeding Device—Obi | VFW Auxiliary |
| Pacific Clinics TRUST | |

Bring your DD214, VA card, or other proof of service!



SAVE THE DATE!

VETERAN STAND DOWN

June 7th 2024

- *Legal Services / Resources for eligible veterans including
 - Waiver of any Outstanding traffic fines / fees no matter how old or in collections (parking tickets not included)
 - Bench Warrant Assistance – help get the warrants recalled to stay out of custody
 - Post-Convictions Relief and Sealing of Record Assistance – this includes sealing of records when there was not a conviction, expungements, vacating pleas and, if eligible, assistance in getting removed from other registration requirements
 - Child Support Criminal Contempt (DCSS CDL Suspensions)
 - Veterans Treatment and Diversion Court
- State and Federal Benefits Assistance
- TOXIC EXPOSURE SCREENING**
- VA Health Care Enrollment
- Housing Assistance
- Employment Resources
- Elder Care Assistance Programs
- Educational Resources
- Lunch provided
- And More...

Register Here!



• Registration not required, but helpful if you would like legal services

Location: San Mateo Elks Lodge 229 W 20th Ave, San Mateo
Date: June 7th, 2024
Time: 10:30 to 3pm

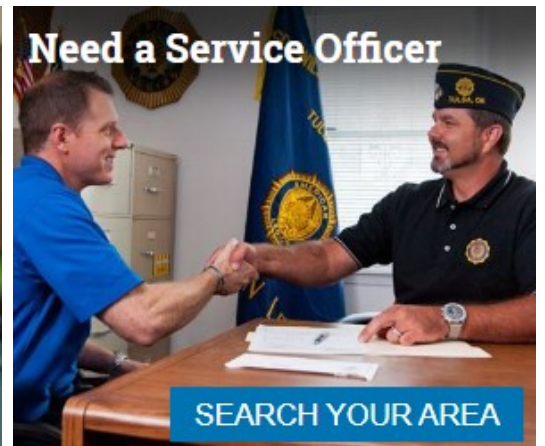
We also encourage you to utilize the Veterans Benefits Calculator. Just click on the image and it will take you the website.



Veterans Benefits

The American Legion helps veterans and families understand and apply for benefits.

BENEFITS CALCULATOR



Need a Service Officer

SEARCH YOUR AREA

Sunny Dosanjh, Service Officer





American Legion Post 419

VETERANS HELPING VETERANS AND THE COMMUNITY 958 HOMESTEAD ROAD, SANTA CLARA, CALIFORNIA

Annual

CAR SHOW

Saturday, June 8, 2024
10 am to 3 pm

Come join us for a fun day of Music, BBQ,
 Drawings, and some terrific Vehicles
 Lunch: \$15

Call 408-244-3050



REGISTRATION:
 \$35 per vehicle*
 (car, truck or motorcycle)



**NET PROCEEDS BENEFIT POST 419'S
 VETERAN SUPPORT PROGRAMS.**

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REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____ Phone _____ Email _____
 Address _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP Year _____
 Make & Model of Vehicle : _____

\$35 donation per vehicle. :

Additional lunch tickets @ \$15 each. Number of lunches: ___ x \$15 = _____

Make checks payable to: American Legion Post 419

Total: _____

Mail registration form and checks to:
 Legion Car Show, 958 Homestead Road, Santa Clara, CA 95050

Check-in: 8 - 9:30 am

I understand that by signing below, I am absolving The American Legion Post 419 of Santa Clara and its members of any liability for injury and/or damages which may occur as a result of participating in, observing or transporting to and from, the event known as American Legion Post 419 Car Show.

Signature _____

Date _____

* Pre-Registration cost per vehicle is \$35.00. No day of the event registration



VET TO VET CAFÉ
EVERY
THURSDAY - 9 AM - 11 AM
958 Homestead Rd. Santa Clara, CA

Coffee and donuts for veterans and active military

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Karen Carter, Dignity Hostess

408 560-6691 – karen.carter@dignitymemorial.com

No agenda, just visiting and story sharing with fellow veterans



June 2024



Veterans helping
Veterans and the
Community

June 2024

Lunch: \$10.00

11 am–2:00 pm

Hot Entrée

or

Hamburger

Cheeseburger

Chips & Desert

Drinks NOT included

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**LUNCH
SERVICES
Thursday &
Friday only**

| June 2024 | | | | | | |
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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 BBQ Chicken | 7 Chicken Pot Pie | 8 |
| 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 Chicken Cordon Blue | 14 Salisbury Stake | 15 |
| 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 BBQ Ribs | 21 Meat Loaf | 22 |
| 23/30 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 Roasted Pork Loin | 28 Breaded Chicken Breast | 29 |

| HOST | EVENT | DATE |
|-----------|----------------------|--------------------------------|
| | 2024 | |
| Legion | 1st Sunday Breakfast | Sun June 2, 2024 9 to 11 am |
| Legion | Membership Meeting | Wed Jun 5, 2024 7:00 pm |
| SONs | Membership Meeting | Thur Jun 6, 2024 3:30 pm |
| Auxiliary | Membership Meeting | Wed Jun 12, 2024 7:00 pm |
| Legion | Annual Car Show | Sat June 8, 2024 10 am to 3 pm |

HONOR FLIGHT 2024

Flight #35 09/19/2024 - 09/21/2024 (COVID Vaccinations not required, masks strongly encouraged.)

Orientation dates:

Santa Clara American Legion Post 419: 09/08/2024

Roseville American Legion Post 169: 09/10/2024

Reunion date: American Legion Post 419: 10/12/2024 (Saturday)

Flight #36 10/24/2024 - 10/26/2024 (COVID Vaccinations not required, masks strongly encouraged.)

Orientation dates:

Santa Clara American Legion Post 419: 10/13/2024

Roseville American Legion Post 169: 10/15/2024

Reunion date: American Legion Post 419: 11/10/2024

Gate Access Pass

[Click here to obtain a gate access pass if you would like to send off your veteran from SFO or greet them on the return home!](#)

[\(Send-offs are at 5:30am on the day of travel and 7:00pm on the day of return.\)](#)