

# AMERICAN LEGION POST 419 REVEILLE

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## Commanders Report

Comrades

Hope all are doing well and getting your Covid-19 shots. We are on the way to beating this thing. Still have to wear those masks and don't party too much but the light at the end of the tunnel is not a train coming your way.

We lost a couple of good members this month, as you can read in the Chaplains report. The Honor Guard has been busy with other Santa Clara County veterans services. We could use some help there. If interested in becoming a member call the post and leave your name - Rick Gundo will get back to you. Another way is to stop in for one of the great lunches served by Brenda and Maydean. Leave your name then. Much of the time you will find one of the members having lunch and you can talk with them.

Looks like we will be able to hold 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday breakfast in March. If the County oks by then we will let you know. I am writing this a week early as I will be camping this week. Hopefully this bulletin will hold that information.

We are trying to get the hall open for rentals again. Talked to a young lady this week who is trying to set up a date to hold a Memorial Service for her mother who died last year. This has been a hard year for many and I am looking forward to a brighter day.

It has been voted that Department Convention normally held in June will be virtual. All reports still need to be done. If you donated blood or volunteer time please let our adjutant Gene Grundstrom know so he can let California know that Post 419 is still serving our neighbors.

At the March meeting we will nominate Delegates to take part in the convention. At the April meeting we will be nominating officers for the upcoming year. If you are interested in any position please take part in the meetings or let a current officer know.

Now for some good news. I would like to congratulate the following 3 members for being a part of this post for over 70 years. They are the shoulders that all of us in Post 419 stand on to continue to serve our community and veterans for nearly 90 years. Please keep them in your prayers and if you know or see them say Thank You for your service.

Aristide B. Polini 75 years

Robert F. Cantua 70 years

Frank Alves 70 years

Have a great month. See you at Breakfast or Lunch and stay safe.

Ralph



## Squadron Adjutant

Greetings to all

First off Reporting on the passing of Jim Hoogesteger. Jim was a dual member of the Legion as well as a member of the Son's. Jim had held positions in both sides of the legion and Son's. He held the position of Squadron Commander in the Son's and at one time was the Sgt at Arms for the Legion. Jim passed away on Feb 17<sup>th</sup> in the morning.

Our Condolences to the family.

As for news on the Son's side, membership is still going on, for those who have not renewed as of yet, you are now considered delinquent for the year 2021. Please submit your dues.

As for activities not much is going on, other than the weekly lunch program. Wednesday - Saturday, you can't beat the price for \$10.00.

Our participation in the yearly Boy's state Program is underway.

This year it will be a virtual environment for the students.

Last bit of information is that there will be an Area 2 meeting on March 20<sup>th</sup> (Saturday) in Salinas at American Legion Post 31. If anyone is interested to see what goes on, you are more than welcome to attend.

Steve Villegas

Squadron Adjutant

[American Legion Boys State Video](#) (30 Seconds)

“A week that shapes a lifetime”



## Post 419 Adjutant

### Adjutant Report

Well over half of our Legion year has passed, where does the time go when you are doing nothing. We have not been doing nothing this year we have been serving a lunch since last August, 4 days a week - stop by and have a great lunch on or patio or take out.. However, this is our main steady source of income. There have been several generous contributions from our members and members of the public who usually support our post over the years, a big thank you for all of you.

Our membership currently stands at 85.91% of our goal set by the Department, under the circumstances that is great number for us. Our membership roll calls for us to have 435 members renewed in order to achieve the 100% mark. Remember if you have not renewed by now you are an expired member of The American Legion and not entitled to any benefits or discounts through the Legion.

Effective Feb 23, 2021 we rolled out a new website for Post 419. [www.alpost419ca.org](http://www.alpost419ca.org), it is the same domain name as before, but it has a very different look. Check it out if you have any suggestions on how to improve it let me know. Please remember it is a work in progress with only the basics already installed.

Each month I send out an email to all the members, who I have email for, to join us at our monthly zoom meeting. Please join us on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month at 7:00pm. We are all praying to get back to hold our meeting in person so we can have the face to face camaraderie once again.

Keep your ears open for any FORMAL lifting of sanctions from purple to red so we may have indoor dining. If the county goes to code Red we will serve First Sunday Breakfast indoors and continue the lunches both indoors and outdoor dining if the guest prefer to eat on the patio. As I understand the Red Tier the Bar only will still not be open.

Starting March 11, 2021, the post will hold a birthday celebration once a month during the lunch program hours with cake and coffee for any members of the Post 419 Legion, Auxiliary and SON's who has a birthday that in March. Stop by for your cake and maybe buy a lunch. Birthday party days will be posted in the monthly newsletter.

Gene Grundstrom

Adjutant Post 419

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# **Happy March Birthday!**

**Post 419 Legionnaires, SAL, and Auxiliary,**

**If 'March' is your 'Birth Month',**

**Then,**

*You and your family and friends are invited to the post for Cake and Ice cream. Pictures taken will be posted in our next newsletter.*

**Or**

*If you cannot stay long, no problem, just drop in for a quick picture and have Cake and Ice Cream to go.*

**Or**

*If you are camera shy, that's fine too, no pictures, just Ice Cream and Cake for here or to go.*

**Or**

*If you have dietary limits with Ice Cream and/or Cake, just have what you can and have your picture taken.*

*As you can see, possibilities are endless on your birth month*

***Please come for your birthday treats!***

**Where:** Post 419 - 958 Homestead Road, Santa Clara

**Date:** Thursday, March 11, 2021

**Time:** 11:30 AM to 2:00 PM



***Come to the Post for a GREAT Lunch/Dinner***



## **American Legion Post 419**

958 Homestead Rd Santa Clara Ca 95050

Corned Beef and Cabbage - **11:30am – 5:30pm** March 17, 2021

Dinner includes: Corned Beef - Roasted Potatoes – Carrots and  
Horseradish Sauce

Come out and dine with us or we can pack it to go

**CALL TO RESERVE YOUR LUNCH OR DINNER TODAY ONLY \$10.00**

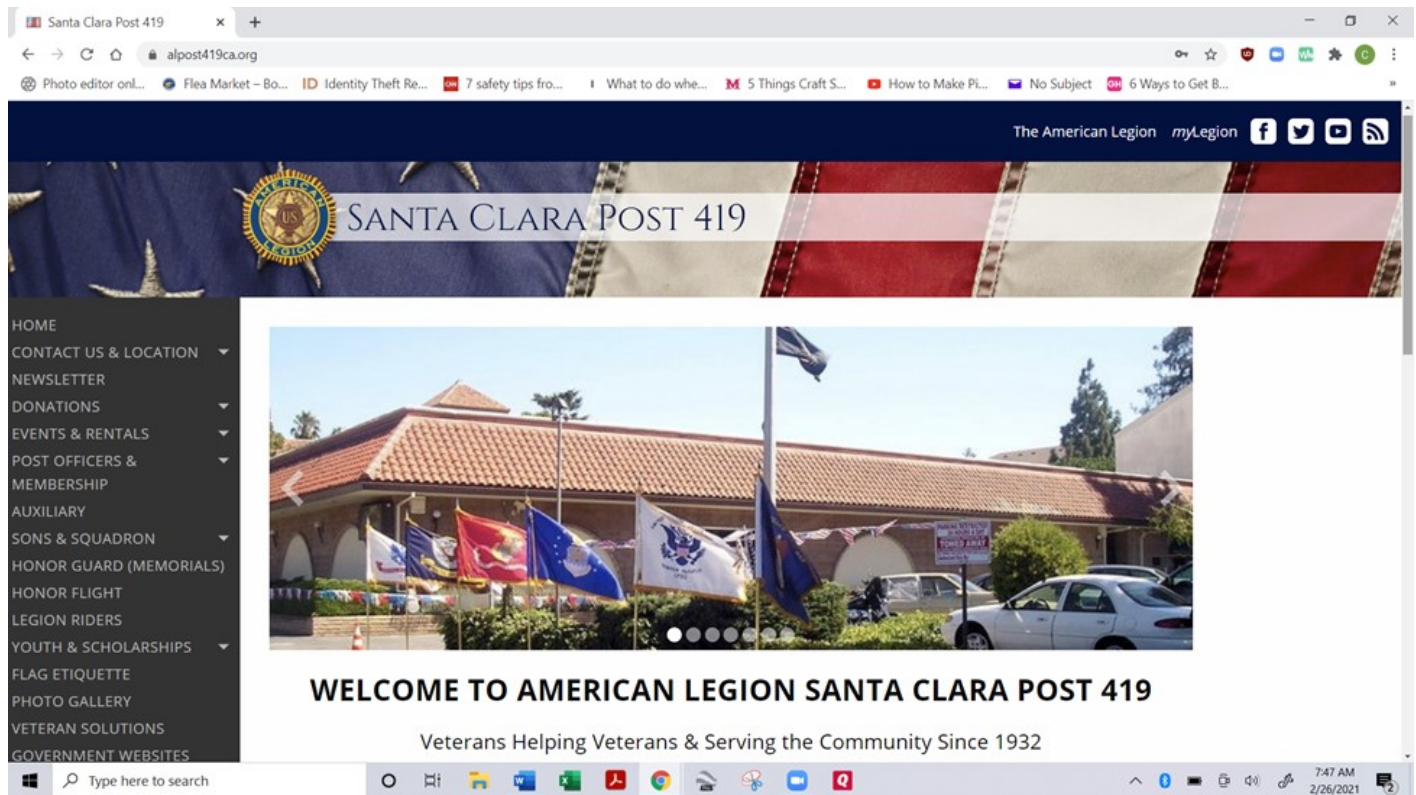
**(408) 244-3050 x3**

**DRINKS ARE NOT INCLUDED**



**Special St Patrick's Day drinks will be server at the bar \$5.00**

# New Website Arrives!



We're keeping it in the Family! The new website is hosted by Legionsites and uses the same URL as before: [www.alpost419ca.org](http://www.alpost419ca.org). The website came "canned" with Legion Family pages and content that Gene Grundstrom and Cindy Newman modified to fit our needs. Some of the pages are still undergoing revision, so if you no-ticed something wrong or we missed something, email us at [americanlegionpost419ca.org](mailto:americanlegionpost419ca.org) or call (408) 244 -3050.

On the left side of the page, the Navigation Menu (black area) lists the web pages. The white down arrows point to submenus. For example, under Donations, it lists both Boosters and Sponsorship pages. Events and Rentals have submenus of Current Events & Flyers, Event Calendar, and Rental Information. Next comes the Legion Family menus and submenus: Post, Auxiliary, Sons, Honor Guard, Honor Flight and Legion Riders. Boys State and Girls State along with other opportunities can be found under Youth & Scholarships.

Probably the most important news about the website is that it can be easily maintained by any Legion Family member with a good grasp of using Word. Now, the Post will no longer have to pay someone every time they want to upload the monthly newsletter. The editing controls are nearly the same as Word to insert pictures, center content, change font, insert tables, etc. There are some editing limits, one of which is slowing down the speed of the picture slider.

Gene Grundstrom will temporarily take over the web updating responsibilities until a Legion Family member steps forward to help one hour a week to add flyers, menus, or new events. Although updating the website is done from the convenience of your home, the person doing it should be active here to be "in the know" because news and events move quickly. Cindy Newman will turn her efforts to Los Altos Post 558 to help her husband revise their website and raise \$500K to remodel his Post.

## Chaplain & Service Officer Report

Hello all,

I hope this newsletter finds you and yours healthy and safe. As mentioned by our Commander and Squadron Adjutant, two of our fellow Legionnaires passed away in February...

### Tony LaPres

US Air Force Veteran, Korean War  
24 year member of the American Legion  
Transferred to Post 419 from Post 1000 in 1997  
Passed on February 10th, 2021

### Jim Hoogesteger

US Army Veteran, Cold War & Granada  
Post 419 Squadron Commander, Sons  
Post 419 Sergeant at Arms, American Legion  
Graduate of Leigh High School, Class of 1978  
Passed on February 17th, 2021



The poem is something I wrote at the Palo Alto VA Hospital and share with fellow Veterans during the [We Honor Veterans](#) Hospice Pinning Ceremony. I thought it appropriate to remember Tony and Jim in this manner also ... may their light forever remain in your mind, heart and spirit. *Rest In Peace.*

For those of you who are blessed during these times, I hope that you have an opportunity to enjoy a moment with loved ones, family and friends. As we journey through these challenging times, please know that you are not alone. If you or anyone you know needs help, please reach out to me or our fellow family of Legionnaires. As always, it's an honor to serve and be of service.

Sunny Dosanjh, Chaplain & Service Officer  
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# 2021 Calendar of Events

HOST	EVENT	DATE
Legion	First Sunday Breakfast	March 7th, 2021 9-11am
Legion	First Sunday Breakfast	April 4th, 2021 9-11am

## 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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