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AMERICAN LEGION POST 419

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March 2022

Happy St Patrick's month. Hope you are doing well and looking forward to better weather, and better Covid new. As you will read later the St Patrick's dinner will be take out, you can sit inside or outside if you want, but no big party.

Planning for the car show is underway. If you are interested in assisting, contact 2nd vice Commander Richard.

It is important that, if possible, you attend this months general meeting. We will be nominating delegates to Department convention and nominating Post officers. If you are interested in any post position please let us know. Important that we find a Finance officer as Kevin will be retiring from the position this year. Kevin has stayed two years longer than he wanted to and now he has been encouraged by his wife that it is time for taking vacations.

The car show is a big program for the post and we will again be able to hold the function in the parking lot Check 2nd Vice report for support.

Have you paid your 2022 dues. Please pay now if your card reads 2021. Check with your neighbors to see if they are eligible. Anyone who has served in the military since 1942 is eligible, combat or not.

May God keep you well and keep your sprits high.

Ray Gamma, we are sorry for the loss of Gerri. She was a credit to the Auxiliary and supported the Post and veterans for many years.

Ralph Jacob

Commander



AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

Hello all from the members of the auxiliary. As spring is just around the corner, we welcome the new things that are ahead of us even during these still uncertain times. Happily, I can let all of our members know that we will have our March meeting in person. I invite all of our members who are able to please attend in person. Please be aware that masks will be required to attend and of course a 6ft distance will also be required and will be strictly adhered to.

I do want to say a huge thank you to all our members that have either renewed their membership or have joined us as new members. Due to all of the members currently paid up and with the help of our wonderful membership chair we have hit our goal. This really makes my heart happy to know that we have so many members that want to make our auxiliary the best in the district.

Please know that we need members to step up in leadership roles, as I will not be returning as president for the next year which starts in July. We will also need a 1st and 2nd Vice President, Secretary, Treasure. This is the fewest officers that are required to form a Unit. Please; I will ask all eligible member to step up and add your new ideas for future events and to keep our auxiliary strong.

I do want to express my heartfelt thanks to all of my great support people, Maggie Taylor-Aherne, Brenda Manley, Cindy Newman and of course my very supportive mom Maydean Grundstrom. Without their help I would not have been able to make it through these past 2 years.

On a sad note; I have to inform you that one of our longest serving members has passed away. Gerri Gamma joined post everlasting this past month. Gerri joined the Post 419 American Legion Auxiliary in 1955. Rest in Peace Gerri. You'll be missed.

Gerri Kathryn Gamma passed away on February 16, 2022, at Mt. View Health Center 350 Solace Place in Mountain View. Her cause of death was due to dementia with complications of pneumonia.

Her memorial viewing and rosary will be on March 13, 2022, starting at 5:00 pm at the Lima Family Mortuary located at 466 N. Winchester Blvd. Santa Clara Ca.

This will be followed by a Church memorial mass on Monday March 14, 2022, starting at 1:00pm at St Clare Parish Church located at 725 Washington Street, Santa Clara 95950.

After the memorial mass there will be a graveside services at Santa Clara Mission Cemetery located at 466 Lincoln St. Santa Clara Ca. 95050.

After the graveside service everyone is invited to attend the memorial reception at Santa Clara American Legion Post 419 at 958 Homestead Rd, Santa Clara, Ca 95050.

Catering will be by Golden Harvest Catering.

Thank you to everyone and I so look forward to the new members that will be leading us to the next year.

Thankfully

Cheryl Rafferty

ALA president unit 419



AMERICAN LEGION SONS

Greeting Again to everyone.

Well, as we approach the month of March there are still some members out there, who haven't paid their dues. So, those of you who haven't renewed, presently are not recognized as members of the Son's of the American Legion. Please submit your dues to the post, attention Squadron ADJ.

I do have some sad news to report – Our past Detachment Commander Phillip “ Tiny “ Stuart, passed away Sunday evening. Prayers to his family.

Well the 1st Sunday breakfast coming up in in the 6th of March, 9am till 11am, hopefully we can get a couple of members to step up and help

In March, we also have the Detachment D.E.C. in Santa Maria, so another busy weekend.

Helmets for Hero's is an ongoing project, so when you see the helmets in either the clubroom or main hall, please drop in some change, every little bit helps our VA &R program.

As soon as the weather is a little warmer, we plan on heading out to a couple of cemeteries to place American Flags on our Veterans graves. As our National Commander for the Son's says, Every day is Memorial Day.

Not much else to bring up, our meetings are being held on the 1st Thursday of the month, presently at 7pm in the main hall.

Steve Villegas

Squadron Adjutant

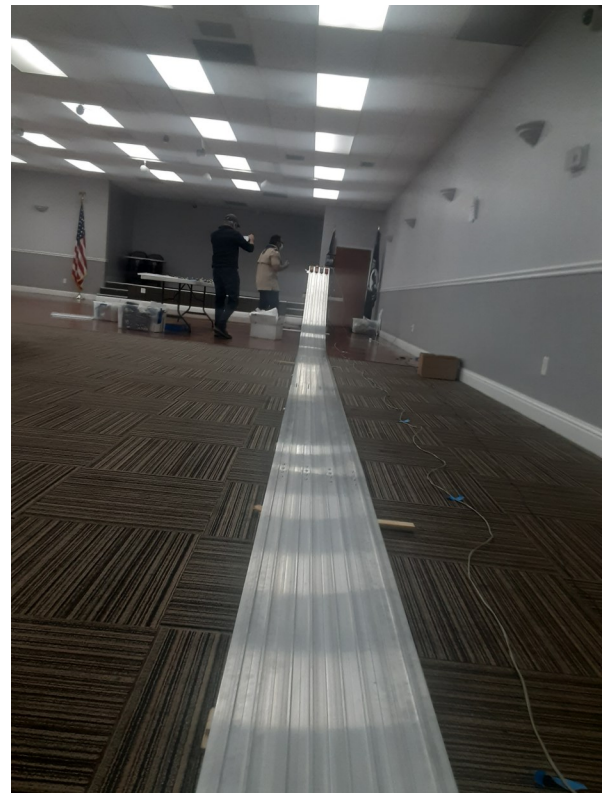


40/8 SEMINAR DINNER—FEB 19, 2022



The Forty & Eight is committed to charitable and patriotic aims. Our purpose is to uphold and defend the United States Constitution of the United States, to promote the well-being of veterans, their widows, widowers, and orphans, and to actively participate in selected charitable endeavors, which include among others, programs that promote child welfare and nurses training.

Membership is by invitation, and open only to honorably discharged veterans and honorably serving members of the United States Armed Forces.



One of our Children and Youth Programs - The Cub Scout Pinewood Derby. This is Santa Clara Pack 43's event. Santa Clara Pack 32 held their Derby last month. We usually host a potluck dinner each year for the Blue and Gold awards dinner each year. Hopefully we can resume doing that again in 2023.



Each Monday evening we welcome the Outlaw Square Dance Club. This is a lively group who love square dancing and exercise. This group practices at our facility so they can either enjoy or participate in what we know as the upbeat of a good old fashion square dance. If you want to stop by and join them they meet at 7 pm on Monday nights.

AMERICAN LEGION CHAPLAIN

Hello all, I hope that this newsletter finds you and your loved ones well. I hope you are able to find solace, comfort and peace with the Faith of your choice. As your interim Chaplain, I'm always available to assist or just listen and help where I can.

We as an American Legion Family have had to say farewell to a few of our fellow colleagues. It's never easy to say farewell to our loved ones, family members or friends. However, there are times though that a memory can surface and a smile along with it. If you are blessed with such a smile, I hope your heart feels that warmth of Love...

Robert "Bob" Turner, US Army, Korea

Bob enlisted at the age of 17 into the US Army at Worcester, Massachusetts. He was sent to Korea and weathered all that nature and man had to offer. As a Veteran, Bob was blessed in becoming a Great-Grandfather and having many friends at the Legion and Homestead Bowling league. I had the privilege of talking with Linda and Kathy as they both recalled how Bob enjoyed the Honor Flight to Washington, District of Columbia. I will remember Bob as our Post 419 Sergeant-At-Arms and when he met me, he was smiling. I will remember his smile.

May He Rest in Peace.



AMERICAN LEGION CHAPLAIN

Jim Oates, US Army

Jim was loved and respected by all. He was an Army Veteran and founding Director of the Honor Flight in 2014. He contributed many hours doing things such as managing the database, contacting Veterans & Guardians for flights and coming to all of the Honor Flight events before retiring in 2019. His life was dedicated to our country and service to others. Jim passed away on February 11th, 2022.

May He Rest in Peace.



I would also like to acknowledge the passing of [Gerri Gamma](#), a member of the Auxiliary, and beloved wife of Ray Gamma, American Legionnaire. In addition, our condolences go out to [Phillip "Tiny" Stuart](#) as mentioned by Steve Villegas.

May they Rest in Peace.



VET TO VET CAFE



**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

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**HAPPY
ST. PATTY'S
DAY**



ST. PATRICK'S DINNER

Date: MARCH 12, 2022

Menu: **Corn Beef & Cabbage**

Price: \$20 per person

Take Out Dinner

Indoor (if allowed)

ORDER AND PICK UP IN MAIN HALL

2:00pm to 6:00pm

(OR while the food last)

Pre-order 408-244-3050 ext. 3

Main Bar Open (Beverages not included in pricing)

958 HOMESTEAD RD., SANTA CLARA, CA 95050

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2022 Calendar of Events

HOST	EVENT	DATE
Legion	Membership Meeting	2-Mar-22 7:00 pm
SONs	Membership Meeting	3-Mar-22 7:00 pm
Legion	First Sunday Breakfast	6-Mar-22 9-11 am
Auxiliary	Membership Meeting	9-Mar-22 7:00 pm
Legion	St Patrick Dinner	12-Mar-22 2 - 6 pm
Legion	First Sunday Breakfast	3-Apr-22 9-11 am
Legion	First Sunday Breakfast	1-May-22 9-11 am
Legion	First Sunday Breakfast	5-Jun-22 9-11 am
Legion	Car Show	11-Jun-22 10 am - 3 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)