

# REVEILLE

AMERICAN LEGION POST 419

Veterans Helping Veterans & Serving the Community Since 1932

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## Time for Leprechauns and Green Beer!

This has been a long month for me. Both Sandy and myself have spent most of it at home with Covid. Not sure how we got it, as we have had our shots, but I tested positive and she has been the sicker. So, a heads up to keep the testing kits available and if you feel sick take the home test. Yes, it is a little uncomfortable, but will keep friends and neighbors well. Don't have one at home?? Still can get free <https://special.usps.com/testkits>, or many other places. Will stop free tests in May so order now so you have on hand.

This month's breakfast is on the 5th, waffles and all the other fixins. 9am to 11am. Come early and spend time meeting your neighbors.

St Patrick's party is on the 17<sup>th</sup>, more info later in this bulletin. . Come and have a good time.

Don't be afraid to volunteer a few hours at the post. Honor Guard, Honor Flight, clipping the plants in the yard. Just volunteer.

This month we will elect delegates to Department (State) convention and District 13. Come to the meeting and get involved. Even if you are not planning on attending the convention you can be a voting delegate at any District 13 meeting.

Nominations for Post officers also begins this month. 3 Commander positions and Executive board. Richard Peralez has agreed to move up to Commander next year but we need others to fill Post position. Think about serving in an office or on the exec board. We need people to step up and learn even the appointed positions. Nominations and elections will be held in April and May keep an open mind.

Those that work the yard, kitchen, and club room I also want to thank you and ask for more help for you.

See you at the meeting 1 Mar at 7 pm. We will welcoming new members and a surprise finish. Take an hour to join us.

Ralph Jacob, Commander

<https://www.alpost419ca.org>



# AMERICAN LEGION ADJUTANT

## Adjutant Report

This has been a busy month at the post. It was my pleasure to be able to host Pack 32 and Pack 43 for their Pinewood Derby's in late January and in February it was time to celebrate the Birthday of Scouting so the two pack held their Blue and Gold Dinners. At these dinners they honor their outstanding scouts usually they do the passage to the next level in scouting, and present the prizes for the best cars in the derby.



One of our weekly events at Post 419 is our Thursday morning Vet to Vet coffee group. This last Thursday we planned a special event. We invited the staff of the Santa Clara County Veterans Service office to come and present some of the new benefits which are now available for veterans. It is a rewarding thing to plan such an information event and know that this is what is needed to insure that our veterans receive the benefit they earned. In attendance also was a group of folks from Pathways hospice who came also to learn about new VA benefits as they service many veterans in their last days.



This is just a couple of things we are extremely proud of being able to achieve in support of our veterans and their families.

On a lighter note our membership is doing well. We just transmitted eight new members and this month we had five members renew online. Remember your renewal in membership should be done before December 31 each year. Our goal for the 2023 calendar year is 387 we currently have 326 which gives us an 84.24% of goal. We can still make goal with your help. If you haven't sent in your dues or gone online and renewed please do so, we only need 61 member to do this. In the past years our goals have been set so high they were almost impossible to achieve. It would be great if we got to 100% by June 31, 2023.

A reminder there will be a District 13 meeting on March 2, 2023 at Post 217 in Gilroy, time 7:00 pm. Remind your officers and delegates to attend and take part in the running of this origination.

Gene Grundstrom  
Adjutant Post 419

# AMERICAN LEGION SONS

Well, Welcome to the month of March, lots of weather changes for us.

But we continue a forward run.

Membership, still coming in and it's been slow, but for those who haven't yet paid, please reach out to us, you are part of this legion family. Dues are still \$25.00, but, we will take the new per capita payment of \$13.00. Juniors pay less, \$ 10.00, and that's fair.

So, our upcoming event is the Socks for Vets Rib Feed scheduled for April 22. A copy of the flyer will be in the newsletter, also copies will be available at the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday breakfast. Please plan on attending and or if you can help.

Boys State is upon us and presently have 2 schools with students who have reached out to us. So, we will be reaching out to them for interviews.

As far as the detachment, we have our monthly meetings via zoom, which makes things a little easier when it comes to having many things to discussed before convention, which doesn't keep us there longer than we need to be. One of the activities which is done at each in person D.E.C. or Convention, there is a pilgrimage to the local cemetery where flags are placed on fallen Veterans resting plots, "Flying Flags for Hero's", so as a detachment, we are working a project.

With that, Memorial Day is a couple of months down the road, and we, should act on this as well. So, please keep in in mind.

That's about it for now.

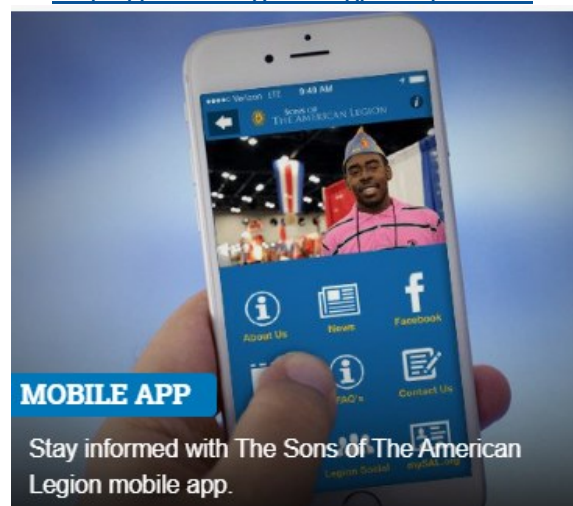
Steve Villegas

Squadron Adjutant

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



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



# AMERICAN LEGION SERVICE OFFICER

Hello to March! It's an honor to recognize the contributions of Women in Military and Veterans Services. The following images and stories highlight contributions made for our country in the past, the present and laying the standard for the future generation of Women who will Serve, Honor & Sacrifice.

## Women's History Month



## Seven Famous Female Veterans

I would encourage each of you to spend some time and read the story of these Seven Famous Female Veterans. It tells the tale of how they broke the barriers and made a difference in the battles for our freedoms.



## Quilts of Valor

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

**THIS MONTH'S EVENT TOPIC:**  
**Quilts of Valor:**  
Awarded to a Service Member or Veteran who has been touched by war.

**PRESENTED BY** Kaye Allen  
**MARCH 9, 2022 @ 2PM-3PM**  
To Join: [EBVCP.org/calendar-of-events/](https://www.ebvcp.org/calendar-of-events/)

**Those comforted as of January 28, 2023:**  
Last Month - 2082  
Year to Date - 2082  
Lifetime Total - 338,143

Sunny Dosanjh, Chaplain & Service Officer [sunny@veteranscourage.org](mailto:sunny@veteranscourage.org)



# AMERICAN LEGION CHAPLAIN

The following poem was shared with me regarding our nation's fallen, those who sacrificed and those that grieve their loss...

## **Borrowed Time**

I came close to meeting You many times, long ago  
Yet here I am still breathing, and humbled to do so  
Tryin' to bargain for just another sunrise  
I told You I would always walk with You,  
You kept Your end of the bargain, I've tried to keep mine  
**Thank You Lord for Borrowed Time**

Not living out of a pack, with never an ounce of slack  
No heat to cook my brain, Not sleepin' in the rain,  
No hills too steep to climb, Not livin' in dirt and grime  
Not able to shake the fear, Not able to shed a tear  
**Thank You Lord for Borrowed Time**

When I made it home, just want to be left alone  
No dive too deep, No jump too high, No speed too fast,  
Never a prediction of my addiction, Adrenaline, My drug of choice, with no rejoice  
Tryin' to wash the guilt from my Soul Never enough to make me whole.  
**Thank You Lord for Borrowed Time**

Blessed with the woman of my dreams,  
Mother to my children, my beauty queen  
Counselor to my darker side,  
YES, Counselor to *that* dark side,  
**Thank You Lord for Borrowed Time**

If it is true a coward dies a thousand deaths and a brave man but once.  
Then why do these brave men die again and again in my dreams?  
My Brothers dyeing over and over again in my dreams.  
**Thank You Lord for Borrowed Time**

I've tried to live the life of a man on Borrowed Time.  
I pray I've HONORED the men who were denied there full time  
Why is it me and not them, left to live a life on... **Borrowed Time?**

I came close to meeting You many times, long ago  
Yet here I am still breathing, and humbled to do so  
Tryin' to bargain for just another sunrise  
I told You I would always walk with You,  
You kept Your end of the bargain  
I've tried to keep mine.  
**Thank You Lord for Borrowed Time**

**Brennan Toohey  
USMC 1967-1969  
Delta CO – 3rd RECON 3MARDIV**

# AMERICAN LEGION CHAPLAIN

Thank you to those who were able to attend the Four Chaplains Memorial Service.



# AMERICAN LEGION CHAPLAIN

We are grateful to all those who supported the Interfaith Memorial Service and appreciate the Saint Frances Cabrini Church for allowing us to conduct the service at their location. The Active-Duty Keynote was delivered by US Army Colonel, Ike Eweama, Command Chaplain 63rd Readiness Division and I had the honor of assisting with the keynote for Veterans.





# **Dinner and Dance**

## **Friday March 17,2023**

**Doors Open at 4:30pm Dinner at 5:30pm**

**Dancing to DJ KEN 7:00pm until 10:00pm**

**Full Service Bar**

**(Beverages not included in pricing)**

**COST \$35.00**

### **MENU**

**Corned Beef and Cabbage and all the Fixins**

**OR**

**Baked Chicken**

**Place:**

**American Legion Post 419**

**958 Homestead Rd**

**Santa Clara, Ca.**

**FOR TICKETS CONTACT:  
FRANCES @ 408-243-5832  
POST 419 @ 408-244-3050  
STOP BY POST 419**



**Give Blood - Help save lives**

**Santa Clara Rotary  
and  
American Legion Post 419  
Sponsored Blood Drive**

**March 22, 2023 11:00 am to 5:00pm**

**American Legion Hall Post 419  
958 Homestead Road  
Santa Clara, CA 95050**

To schedule your appointment, visit [RedCrossBlood.org](https://www.RedCrossBlood.org)  
or call 1-800 733-2767

**Enter the Sponsor Code: SANTACLARAROTARY**

(please note the code is case sensitive and must be entered in all caps)

If you have questions regarding your eligibility to donate blood, please call 1-866-836-3276  
Photo ID is Required

Use this QR  
code to  
register



**Everyone who registers and attends the blood  
drive will be given a free breakfast at the  
America Legion Hall Post 419's 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday  
Breakfast from 9:00 am to 11:00am**

# Socks for Vets

## Dinner Dance

Date : **April 22, 2023**

*Donate a new pair of Socks for Veterans in need.*



*Squadron 419 Rib Feed Dinner with all the Fixins.*

*Cost \$25.00 Per Person*

*Entertainment will be supplied by DJ Ken*

*Opportunity Drawings*

*American Legion Post 419*

*958 Homestead Rd*

*Santa Clara, Ca*

*Tickets contact Frances Borg @ 408) 244-5832*

*Or Post 419 @ 408) 3050 Ext 5*

*Doors open at 4:30pm Dinner at 5:30pm Dancing 7:30-9:30pm*

"Spring Forward and Spring into Action"

Come to

## Vet to Vet Café

Complementary Donuts and Coffee

No agenda, just conversation and  
relaxation!

Hostess, Karen Carter

408 560-6691

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# 2023 Calendar of Events

HOST	EVENT	DATE	TIME
Post	Membership Meeting	1-Mar-23	7:00pm
SONS	Membership Meeting	2-Mar-23	7:00pm
Post	1st Sunday Breakfast	5-Mar-23	9:00am-11:00am
Aux	Membership Meeting	8-Mar-23	7:00pm
Post	St. Patrick's Dinner/Dance	17-Mar-23	5:00pm-10:00pm
Post	Red Cross Blood Drive	22-Mar-23	11:00am-5:00pm
Post	Executive Meeting	30-Mar-23	4:30pm
Post	1st Sunday Breakfast	2-Apr-23	9:00am-11:00am
Post	Membership Meeting	5-Apr-23	7:00pm
SONS	Membership Meeting	6-Apr-23	7:00pm
Aux	Membership Meeting	12-Apr-23	7:00pm
SONS	Sock for Vets Rib Feed & Dance	22-Apr-23	5:00pm-10:00pm
Post	Executive Meeting	27-Apr-23	4:30pm
Post	1st Sunday/Mother's Day Breakfast	7-May-23	9:00am-11:00am

## 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)