

AMERICAN LEGION POST 419 REVEILLE

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Commanders Report

Hello all. Welcome to the merry month of May.

Happy Mothers Day. As I say that, I must reflect on those that have lost loved ones this year. Every life is precious and we should remember that we don't know what will happen tomorrow. Take the time to hug your family and say hello to those around you. Make it a point to wave at your neighbors while on your daily walk. Sometimes I sit on my front porch and watch people hurry by without looking side to side. Without looking at, or taking the time to look at the flowers and a sunny day. It is summer time. Take a deep breath and enjoy.

1st Sunday breakfast will be free for Mothers. Come and enjoy a great meal. There is plenty of room inside. Hope those who can get their shots have and that the rest of you will have them soon.

We will hold both delegate and officer elections at the May meeting which we will hold IN PERSON on 5 May, 7PM. Think about giving a bit of time to make things better for your post and neighbors.

Keep Memorial Day open. We will be holding our regular memorial services at the two cemeteries. Catholic cemetery at 10am and then Memorial cemetery, at the Post 419 site, after. I was talking with family recently about WWII veterans. According to the VA, of 16 million men and women who served during that time only about 300,000 are still alive.

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

As we enter the Orange tier, the hall, bar, and kitchen can open more spaces. The bar can serve outside without meals and the hall and kitchen can open at 50%. At the Executive meeting all changes will be discussed and reported at the General meeting.

Stop by for lunch. Brenda is doing an amazing job. I would like to thank all those who have stepped up to help keep the lunch program going.

Let your family know what you want for final services. The post works with the 13th District Honor Guard for graveside services. If you would be interested in serving on the Honor Guard contact the post at (408)244-3050.

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.

May God take care of you and keep you healthy. May we all be able to celebrate Memorial Day and The 4th of July together.

Commander Ralph



Squadron Adjutant

Greetings one and all

So here we are once again, and the good thing is that we are now, opening up the post. Slowly but surely and still taking precautions so that we do not back peddle.

Membership, we are still on that uphill battle getting everyone to pay up.

As far as membership participation during the Post Lunch program, there have been a couple of members who have taken the time to go down and help out.

Please come down and help support our Chef Brenda Manley and the post.

We have about a 100 membership strength and it would really be great if we could get some other members to step up and participate.

As we continue moving forward, we have to start thinking of what events we want to work on. This is your time to help us plan on getting things rolling again.

Boys State is alive and well, and our 4 students have all registered and should be ready for a unique Boys State adventure.

We have our Helmets for Hero donation program on going. Helmets are on both sides of the post, club room as well as the main Hall

I have tickets for our Son's Detachment Opportunity drawing – Still Brand New a 2020 Camo Kawasaki ATV 750cc 4x4 or cash of \$12,000, Tickets are \$10.00 each.

Should be receiving our packet for the upcoming convention in Oceanside.

We should be having an election for new officers and we shall be holding a meeting on May 6th at the post. Time for this meeting will be set for 7pm.

Apparently, we are having the Installation of Officers for the Post on June 4, 2021

Steve Villegas

Squadron Adjutant



Post 419 Adjutant

Adjutant Report

Welcome back; Yes we are going to have our first in person Membership Meeting in more than a year. It will be good to see you all again. However we will still need to comply with the SC County guideline for the covid 19 Orange tier. Please plan to attend this meeting. We will be nominating and electing the Delegate, the Officers and Members at Large to the executive committee. Please step up and do your part, become part of the leadership of Post 419. Remember, join us on the 1st Wednesday of each month at 7:00pm. Lets make this a very active Post again. We cannot do it with our help in volunteering.

On Memorial Day Monday May 30, 2021, members of the Post Honor Guard will present Colors and render Military Honors at the Santa Clara Mission and the Santa Clara Memorial cemeteries. We will leave the post at 10:00am. After rendering honors to our comrades in arms we will hold a special ceremony at Post 419, about 12:00pm, to honor a special veteran who was a POW in WWII and in Korea. Thomas E Collins US Marine, 1st LT was a survivor of the Bataan death march and later in his military career, he was taken prisoner during the Korean conflict. Thomas was the father of our Chef Brenda Manley who is donation the flags in her fathers memory.

Our membership currently stands between 86.9% and 90.00% of our goal set by the Department, we aren't sure exactly of our exact numbers as the Department has not released an updated list since the end of March. I suspect this is due to the new computer application for MyLegion designed at National. As with all new application it has many glitches but are being worked out. In the mean time if you have not renewed your membership for 2021 you can still do so until June 15 after which you will be renewing your membership for 2022 and all your prior years will be erased unless you pay both years.

The new website for Post 419. www.alpost419ca.org , is up and running. Check it our 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.

We are starting to get small rentals which is helping out income stream. Hoping to get more in the near future. If you hear from any of your friends that they are looking for a hall to rent for an occasion, have them contact the Post 419 (408-244-3050) and follow the menu. Our rates are reasonable. They may go to the Post website www.alpost419ca.org to check for available dates


On Thursday May 13 , 2021, the post will hold the next birthday celebration, 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 month. Stop by for your cake and maybe buy a lunch.

Gene Grundstrom

Adjutant Post 419

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Happy April 2021 Birthdays!

Happy April's Birthday
to the birthday stars 

April 7, 2021
Thanks to Post 419 family, friends,
and supporters



Gus



Mary & Melt



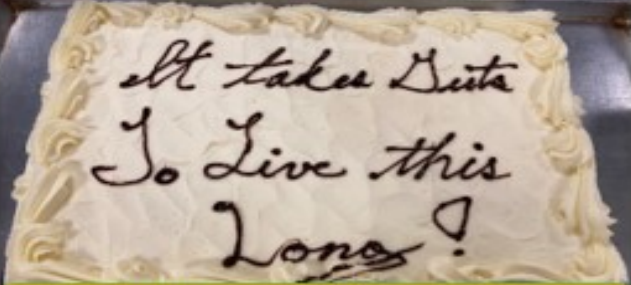
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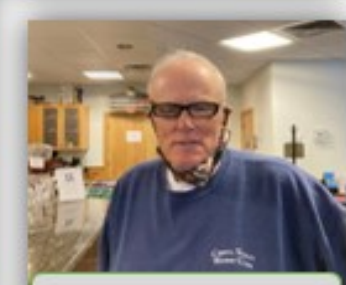
Mary & Laura



Yoli



Double layer cream cheese carrot cake



JJ



Ray



Tom & Linda



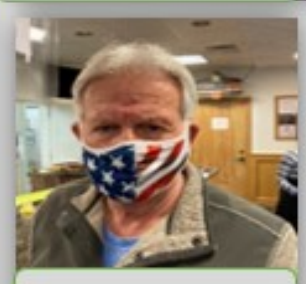
Bill



Sammie & Donita



Marc



John Boyles



Erick



Diana

May 13, 2021 is our next Birthday for cake and ice cream
If 'May' is your birth month, be a Birthday 

YOU ARE INVITED.....

VET TO VET CAFÉ

ENJOY A CUP OF COFFEE WHILE CHATTING
WITH A VETERAN.

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Monday, May 3rd we will have a very special guest, Mary Fierros, a Rosie the Riveter. (a WWII expression). She just celebrated her 101st birthday and is looking forward to meeting all you Veterans.

American Legion Auxiliary

Hello all,

Spring is finally in the air and that means later days and warmer weather. The auxiliary is still happily going very strong. Due to the county moving us up a tier we were able to have our April meeting in person for the 1st time in over a year!

It was so amazing and wonderful to be able to see many face to face. In our meeting we put our hands together and worked on poppy letters so we can mail out and continue to spread the poppy story. I want to strongly encourage all of our members to attend our meeting and help to make your voice heard, remember your voice can only count and be heard when you attend the meetings.

Please also know that we do have our zoom option thanks to our wonderful first vice Maggie Taylor Aherne so please let us know if you want to join us. As we come to the end of another month, I really want to encourage all our Auxiliary ladies to please come and join us at our monthly meetings.

We also have many spots available for those who want to help continue the good works of the Auxiliary, so please consider putting your giving spirit to work. The last thing we have coming up is our election for new leadership. We have several positions that need to be filled so please think about helping our ability to support our vets and our post.

Always ready for service

Cheryl Rafferty

ALA Santa Clara Unit 419 President



ALA Fast Stats

- ★ 4 million hours volunteered in serving veterans and military
- ★ \$1.1 billion value of members' mission outreach
- ★ More than 8,000 local units
- ★ 32,034 volunteer hours spent on and at ALA Girls State
- ★ \$1.4 million presented in annual scholarships
- ★ 3.6 million collected from distributing handmade poppies to benefit veterans programs
- ★ Learning opportunities through our Mission Training events and ALA Academy courses
- ★ Part of a membership that makes up The American Legion Family



Chaplain & Service Officer Report

Hello all,

I hope this newsletter finds you and yours healthy and safe. Here are a few updates:

Corona Virus: COVID-19

Many VA facilities and clinics are now offering COVID-19 vaccines to these 2 groups:

- All Veterans who are enrolled in VA health care or currently receive care at VA, **and**
- Designated primary and secondary family caregivers who are enrolled in our [Program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers \(PCAFC\)](#), and come with the Veteran to get a vaccine

<https://www.va.gov/family-member-benefits/comprehensive-assistance-for-family-caregivers/>

VA Survivors Pension

I've received several inquiries regarding the qualifications for surviving spouses and dependent children.

The VA Benefits, Eligibility and "How to Apply" information can be found at the following website link:

<https://www.va.gov/pension/survivors-pension/>

VA Disability Compensation Rates 2021

The VA has a web page that provides the monthly compensation rates for disabled and service connected Veterans. The breakdown is (10%-20%), (30%-60%) and (70%-100%). The effective date is 12/01/2020.

More information can be found at <https://www.va.gov/disability/compensation-rates/veteran-rates/>

VA Chaplain Services

Specially trained Chaplains work with patients, families and staff to provide for their spiritual needs.

The Hours of Operation are Monday - Friday from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm.

The Chaplain Services Contact Number is (650) 493-5000 ext. 65532 and Locations are as follows:

Palo Alto Division

3801 Miranda Avenue
Palo Alto, CA 94304
Building 101, Room A1-132

Menlo Park Division

795 Willow Road
Menlo Park, CA 94025
Chapel Building 322

Livermore Division

4951 Arroyo Road
Livermore, CA 94550
Chapel Building 64

In closing, my thoughts are with you, your loved ones and those who are no longer sharing this journey. If I can assist you in finding the appropriate services whether benefits or spiritual related, please let me know and I'll do my best to find the information. Specific Chaplain Services can be found at the following:

<https://www.patientcare.va.gov/chaplain/docs/2021/Subject-Matter-POCs-VA-Chaplain-Service.pdf>

Sunny Dosanjh, Chaplain & Service Officer
sunny@dosanjhusa.com (408) 209-2142



2021 Calendar of Events

HOST	EVENT	DATE
Legion	First Sunday Breakfast	May 2, 2021 9-11am
Legion/Sons/Aux	Memorial Day—Render Honors	May 30, 2021 10:00 am
Legion/Sons/Aux	Installation of Officers	June 4, 2021 6:00 pm
Legion	First Sunday Breakfast	June 6, 2021 9-11am
Legion	District 13 Annual Caucus	June 6, 2021 1:00 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)

Post Adjutant Email Contact: www.americanlegionpost419@comcast.net

