

AMERICAN LEGION POST 419 REVEILLE

Veterans Helping Veterans & Serving the Community Since 1932

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COMMANDER REPORT

The merry month of May. Warm weather arrives and elections are held.

This month we will hold the elections for the officers that will serve you for the next year. Please come to the meeting 4 May to cast your vote. We still have several offices that have no nominees and can use volunteers.

Thanks to Stan Ferro, Rick Gundo, Mike Hamburger and others who worked to get the carpeting upgrade done. We had the hall and office stripped of all furniture by 10 am on Monday. Unfortunately, when the tile was being removed some old tile problems were found and need to be addressed before any more work can be accomplished. It was decided to at least get the current carpeting cleaned and Rick and Mike spent the better part of the day doing the cleaning. Thanks to Home depot for working with us to get a palette jack and two people to move the safe from and returned to the office.

Sunday is already the first Sunday, time for breakfast and Ladies receive a free breakfast. You are either a mother or have helped care for someone in your own special ways.

It has become necessary for the Post to increase the cost of the First Sunday Breakfast. As you all have seen the cost of food has increased by at least 10% over the last year or so. The executive committee has voted to increase the cost to \$12.00 per meal starting the first Sunday in June 2022. Even at this minimum increase we only break even when we serve more than 70 or 80 patrons, so please keep attending and enjoying the comradery.

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.

I was reminded that this is the Posts 90th year. We were formed in 1932 and received our charter at convention that year. The Auxiliary received its charter earlier than the post because of the way they do charters, still 1932. We will plan something for later in the year.

May God keep you well and keep your spirits high.

Ralph Jacob

Commander



ADJUTANT REPORT

This time of the year is election time. In April we elected our delegated for the Department Convention and District 13. We also nominated officers to lead the Post in 2022-2023. The election of officers for the next Legion year will take place at our May 4, 2022 meeting. Each year we elect three leaders, the Commander, 1st Vice Commander, and the 2nd Vice Commander. We also elect three members from the Post to complete the Executive Committee whose job it is to oversee the operation and advancement of the Post. At this time, we have elected 8 members to represent us as delegates at the convention and District 13. Only the Commander and 1st Vice Commander position have nominees. We still need to find a 2nd Vice Commander. All other officers are appointed by the Commander and approved by the membership.

BRIEF JOB DESCRIPTION:

Commander

The ability to lead is recognized by election to the office of post commander. Now, draw on ability and experience while developing new skills to help the post prosper.

The charge accepted, commander, is broad and difficult. How you respond will determine to a large degree the standing of The American Legion among associates and within the community. The support of district and department officers, the information in this guide, and help from post officers will together make performing the job possible. Look to the overall operation of the post and realize you have stepped to another level. At first it may seem the step is too high, but as time goes by, following the suggestions and recommendations in this guide, the year as commander will be most rewarding.

First vice commander

In most posts, a first and second vice commander are elected, with membership and retention being the primary concern of the first vice commander.

Second vice commander

The second vice commander is responsible for building an atmosphere in which Legionnaires have fun while accomplishing the mission of your American Legion post.

The commander depends on the second vice commander to help run operations to spice up meetings and attract members to the post. The social calendar should be filled months in advance with activities designed to engage members.

You can download a copy of the American Legion Officers Guide and Manual of Ceremonies from 'www.legion.org' to see the complete descriptions of the duties and ceremonies for The American Legion.

The month of **MAY** marks the anniversary of the St. Louis Caucus, where organization of The American Legion was completed in 1919. National Poppy Week, Memorial Day, Armed Forces Day and Mother's Day form the basis for good post programs and outreach to U.S. military personnel in communities nationwide. Consider honoring them with a Blue Star Salute. Honor veteran gravesites. Present school awards at the end of the semester. Kick off American Legion Baseball and summer athletic programs. Other American Legion activities and put them on the calendar for next year: Oratorical Contest, Boys State, school awards, American Education Week.

Gene Grundstrom

Adjutant Post 419

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

Happy spring everyone, its so nice to have the extra day light.

It is so uplifting to have everything opened up and starting to get back to normal. The auxiliary is going strong but we could be stronger. We want to, as always say thank you to all the members who have been attending our meetings. This month we will be electing our officers and delegates for the 2022-2023. We really want to encourage those who are near to please come and spend time with a wonderful group of women and add your qualities to the group. As always we are accepting donations of jewelry and stuffed animals (no bigger than 12 in) for our children and youth program.

Remember MAY is POPPY month. Donation cans will be available at the Post during Legion Family activities. Donation letters have gone out please be as generous as you have been in the

THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Looking forward to the next month.

Cheryl Rafferty

ALA president unit 419





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IN FLANDERS FIELDS

In Flanders Fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.
We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved, and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

December 8, 1915 | John McCrae

After World War I, the poppy flourished in Europe. Scientists attributed the growth to soils in France and Belgium becoming enriched with lime from the rubble left by the war. From the dirt and mud grew a beautiful red poppy. The red poppy came to symbolize the blood shed during battle following the publication of the wartime poem "In Flanders Fields." The poem was written by Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae, M.D. while serving on the front lines.

On September 27, 1920, the poppy became the official flower of The American Legion family to memorialize the soldiers who fought and died during the war. In 1924, the distribution of poppies became a national program of The American Legion.

AMERICAN LEGION SONS

On Behalf of Steve Villegas, Squadron Adjutant 419



AMERICAN LEGION CHAPLAIN

Hello all, I hope that this newsletter finds you and your loved ones well. As we enter the Month of May, I trust that the old adage of *April Showers brings May Flowers* holds true. Although we could have used a few more droplets of water.

Even still, we are honored and blessed to be living and serving in the Great State of California. The gentle reminders of what makes California Great are all around us. It's the people, it's nature and it's the Flowers of Spring.

It's new life. It's an opportunity to smile. It's also a time to reflect and remember.



So whether you gather roses, poppies or lily's, it represents that which is understood. As you smile, reflect, and count your blessings for another day, I hope love reaches you ...truly an Amazing Grace...

Sunny Dosanjh

Honor Guard Chaplain



AMERICAN LEGION SERVICE OFFICER

Hello and thank you for taking a few moments . I encourage you to visit our national website for the latest headlines and service details.

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

SERVICE CENTERS



BENEFITS CENTER
American Legion service officers provide free assistance on benefits. >>




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Employment and business guidance to ease the transition. >>



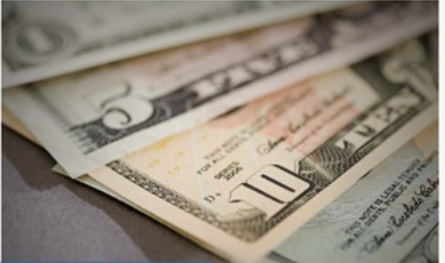
The American Legion was chartered and incorporated by Congress in 1919 as a patriotic veterans organization devoted to mutual helpfulness



EDUCATION CENTER
From the organization that brought the GI Bill into existence. >>




HEALTH CENTER
Learn what the Legion is doing to improve health care for veterans. >>



FINANCIAL CENTER
Personal finance tips and advice from experts who understand veterans. >>

TOOLS AND RESOURCES



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Free, accredited assistance with VA claims and appeals. >>



BENEFITS CALCULATOR
You may be eligible for more veterans benefits than you realized. >>



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Transform your military experience into a civilian career. >>

I would welcome any information that you've found helpful in assisting our Veterans and their families. Please email me at sunny@veteranscourage.org or call me at 408.209.2142

Sunny Dosanjh
Service Officer

VET TO VET CAFE

Coffee and Donuts

Thursday Mornings from 9:00 am to 10:30 am

New faces every week, drop in, bring a friend! Find out what is happening at the Post, Community, & the World



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MEMORIAL

“LITTLE FREE LIBRARY”

The Santa Clara Home Depot provided Post 419 with our new “Little Free Library”, which was installed next to the entrance to the Hall.

DO YOU LIKE TO READ?

We'll then come on down with a book you read and swap it out with a new book. This unit is registered at a national level so anyone across the US can look it up if they're in the area and borrow a book. Thanks to Callie Russell and Anthony Sheldon from Home Depot and Stan Ferro with Post 419 who worked together to get it installed and up and running.



2022 Calendar of Events

HOST	EVENT	DATE
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

Honor Flight

Below is the flight activities for 2022.

Anyone wishing to attend the departures or returns needs to go online to the honor flight website and sign up for a gate pass.

www.honorflightbayarea.org Then select the tab TOUR Scroll to "Get a gate pass" and complete the form for a gate pass. This is used to get you through TSA at SFO.

Parking is validated. Park in section D on any floor except the top floor. Go to level 5 and take the walk over. Bring your parking receipt with you and give it to Leann at the end of the Alaska counter where you pick your gate pass. (on the departure floor to the right of the walkover.)

Santa Clara Post 419 Santa Clara, California										
Flt #	Orentations	Start Time		Trip Dates		Reunion @ Santa Clara	Start Time	Notes		
				Depart	Re-turn					
24						5/7/21	12:00 PM	Saturday reunion		
25						5/15/22	12:00 PM	Sunday - Reunion date is same week as Flt# 26		
26	5/1/22	1:00 PM	Sunday	19-May	Thur	21-May Sat	6/12/22	12:00 PM	Sunday	
27	9/11/22	12:00 PM	Sunday	22-Sep	Thur	24-Sep Sat	10/16/22	12:00 PM	Sunday - Reunion date is same week as Flt# 28	
28	10/2/22 In Hol- lister	1:00 PM	Sunday	20-Oct	Thur	22-Oct10 Sat	11/13/22	12:00 PM	Sunday	