

REVEILLE

AMERICAN LEGION POST 419

Veterans Helping Veterans & Serving the Community Since 1932

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May 2023

Happy Mother's Day. All you ladies take care of us be they your own children or those around you. The least we can do is give you a free breakfast on May 7th.

Post Officer elections will be held at the General Meeting on May 3rd. We still have openings for several positions. Please step up. Come to the meeting and let your voice be heard by voting. 7PM. I'll try and keep the meeting short.

The Club room is now open Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 3-7 and Saturday 1-7. Come on down and have a talk with your friends and meet new ones.

As I mentioned this months breakfast is free to ladies. We will be having waffles to go with the eggs and bacon, fruit and other goodies.

The Sons Rib Feed was a great success. Full house of eaters and more socks that we thought could be found in Santa Clara County. Thanks for your support.

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

The car show is in June and Richard has been working hard with his team to have the best one in years. If you are interested in helping or showing a car, all are welcomed. Call or see Richard. See the flyer below for information and if you want to enter a car print out the flyer and complete the application

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

See you at the meeting 3 May 7 pm. We will welcoming new members and a surprise finish. Take an hour to join us.

THANK YOU ALL FOR THE SUPPORT YOU HAVE GIVEN ME OVER THE YEARS AS YOUR COMANDER 4 OR 5 TIMES. Without you and what you have done, Post 419 would not be as great as we are.

Have a good month

Ralph Jacob, Commander

<https://www.alpost419ca.org>



AMERICAN LEGION ADJUTANT

As we get closer to the end of the fiscal year we have a lot of commitment to reports and activities that must be done. One report that I need to submit is known as the FISK Report. This report is the reporting of any hour legionnaires spend doing work, attending meetings, helping a veteran in any way. Your hours and the miles you travel to accomplish this is reportable. The National Commander spend several hours a year reporting to Congress at different committees which have anything to do with Veterans. Can you imagine the hours reported. given we have about 2 million members. Congress sets up and does notice us and what we give volunteering to serve our veterans across the nation. Please send me your hours miles and if applicable money spent to do this.

Below is the category listing for reporting your FISK hour and miles.

- 1. Patriotic Holiday Programs** - Memorial Day, Flag Day Independence Day, Veterans Day, Flag Presentation/retirements etc. and other patriotic observance.
- 2. American Legion Youth Programs** - School awards, Boy/Girl Scouts, Boys/Girl State, Shooting Sports, JROTC Oratorical,
“What is a Veteran”, Presentation etc., and other program activities.
- 3 Educating & Community Services** - American Education week, “Need a Lift” Booklet presentation, Flag presentations, Blue/Gold Star Banner programs, Law & order, Memorial Dedication etc., and other programs
- 4. Awards/Veterans Activities** - Americanism citations/plaques presentation, Veteran Home/Hospital POW/MIA activities, Transport to Hospital or doctors, veterans employment parade participation, Patriotic rallies, etc. and other programs
- 5 Administrative & Associated activities** - Activities directly relegated to Americanism and ideals (i.e. Flag Alliance, Get out the Vote , Freedom Foundation, etc.)

As you saw in last month's Reveille we sponsored a joint Blood drive with the Santa Clara Rotary. We are at it again. We are scheduling another blood drive on Wednesday July 19, 2023, from 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM. If you are able please put this date on your calendar. I am working on the flyer with QR codes and sign up details this will be available in next month's newsletter so you can sign up early.

Even though we were unable to meet the month's year's membership goals we did have a couple more veterans sign up as new members and we are still accepting your membership renewals for 2023. Remember you are considered an **expired** member in the American Legion if you have not yet paid your 2023 dues. If you have renewed I want to thank you for your continued support.

AMERICAN LEGION SONS

Greetings once again, well here we are at the beginning of another month, and of course getting close to the end of our squadron year.

So we are continually working on our membership which is the driving force behind our program. Just reminding everyone that our per capita was raised by \$2.00, one of those things that does occur when membership starts to decline.

Boys state is underway, and the first orientation started April 28th, of course all is virtual for these orientations. Student delegates will be traveling to Sac State in June, the week before the state convention in Visalia. We have a good core of students attending and hopefully they will attain some high positions. Good Luck to all of them.

We will be having a new Commander for the Squadron for this Year, Patrick Manley has accepted the nomination and will be a great commander for our squadron.

Now for our Socks for Vets “Rib Feed”, I am very happy to announce that it was a success. Music was provided by the Island Wave Band, and I do hope that everyone enjoyed themselves dancing. Looks like there were a couple of bins that were filled. Thank you all who donated. As for the dinner the Ribs were very tasty and the fixings as well, were great. Would like to thank all of you volunteers who stepped up to help. Forrest O’Brian for securing a nice donation for food. Brenda and her crew, Al, Jeff, Randy, and of course Louis and Francis. From the bottom of my heart, Thank you all so much.

Upcoming, we have Memorial Day, where as a post family we honor our fallen, please remember to either participate or take a few minutes to honor them. If they hadn’t sacrificed their lives, we wouldn’t be here.

Don’t forget that we are also having a Car show at the beginning of June

So, until I can get around better, I will be seeing you down the road.

Steve Villegas

Squadron Adjutant



April Showers Bring May Flowers

After long periods of adversity, good times will follow

May Day

This holiday has been celebrated by many societies since ancient times
Tis the day that separates the year in half ... between Light and Darkness
The word "MayDay" was first used as an international distress signal in 1923

Mother's Day

There was time You said farewell as Fathers & Sons went off to war
There was a time that You fought along side Fathers, Sons & Daughters
There was a time that One of Us said goodbye



Memorial Day

The Sun shines bright on this day in May
The birds sing
And we gather

We Remember
The Earth, Mother
The Sky, Father
The Flower, Laid to Rest

In the Name of the Divine
In the Name of our Lord God
In the Name of Grace Everlasting
In the Name of Love
May Your Soul
Rest in Peace

AMERICAN LEGION SERVICE OFFICER

A Call for Help came through...

A fellow Military Veteran, Disabled Veteran, an American Legionnaire, Post 419 member.

"Help, I don't know what to do. I'm about to become homeless and I don't know where to turn"

CALL: 1.877.424.3838 **VISIT:** <https://www.va.gov/homeless/nationalcallcenter.asp>

Assistance is Available

I called the **877.424.3838** number and after approximately 5 minutes a person answered the phone. Confirmation was provided that they are available 24 hours a day and you will talk to a live person and not a robot. Here is the information that was provided:

Referrals & Local Assistance

- **PALO ALTO VA** Housing Assistance: **650.493.5000 x27337**
- Any Veteran, their family or significant other **WILL BE HELPED!**
- Based upon the information that you provide, they will contact the closest VA facility
- Housing team will review the information and quickly determine what action is appropriate

State of California American Legion

- Homeless Task Force and you can directly email the following leads:
- **Eric Measles:** haydenfalls@aol.com **Marquis Palmer:** americanpalmer@gmail.com

United Way

- Dial **"211"** or **"311"**
- Local United Way office coordinates with the VA for providing assistance

VA Assistance to Help Avoid Eviction

If you or a Veteran you know needs immediate assistance to avoid eviction or loss of their housing, please call the [National Call Center for Homeless Veterans](https://www.va.gov/homeless/nationalcallcenter.asp) at 1-877-4AID VET or (877) 424-3838. Calls are answered 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.



Our Fellow Veteran was contacted within a few minutes

I followed-up and he's receiving the help he needs



VETERANS STAND DOWN

Brought to you by Santa Clara County Veterans Services Office

SATURDAY, JULY 8, 2023 (9AM-5PM)
SUNDAY, JULY 9, 2023 (10AM-3PM)

Santa Clara County Fairgrounds
Fiesta Hall
344 Tully Rd, San Jose, CA 95111



FREE
SERVICES
FOR
VETERANS

- **EMPLOYMENT SERVICES**
- **MEDICAL**
- **DENTAL**
- **HOUSING**
- **VA BENEFITS**
- **FREE GROCERIES**
- **BACKPACK GIVEAWAY**
- **HAIRCUTS**
- **& MORE SERVICES!**

Santa Clara County Veterans Service Office
68 N. Winchester Blvd., Santa Clara, CA 95050

Tel: 408-918-4980 Email: vets@vets.sccgov.org

Website: <https://www.sccgov.org/sites/veterans/Pages/home.aspx>



American Legion Post 419

VETERANS HELPING VETERANS AND THE COMMUNITY 958 HOMESTEAD ROAD, SANTA CLARA, CALIFORNIA

Annual

CAR SHOW

**Saturday June 10, 2023
10 am to 3 pm**

Come join us for a fun day of Music, BBQ, Drawings, and some terrific Vehicles

Lunch: \$15

Call 408-244-3050



REGISTRATION:
\$ 50 per vehicle*
(car, truck or motorcycle)



**NET PROCEEDS BENEFIT POST 419's
VETERAN SUPPORT PROGRAMS.**

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REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____ Phone _____ Email _____
Address _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP Year, _____
Make & Model of Vehicle : _____

\$ 50 donation per vehicle (includes 1 lunch). :

Additional lunch tickets @ \$15 each. Number of lunches: _____ x \$15 = _____

Make checks payable to: American Legion Post 419

Total: _____

Mail registration form and checks to:
Legion Car Show, 958 Homestead Road, Santa Clara, CA 95050

Check-in: 8 - 9:30 am

I understand that by signing below, I am absolving The American Legion Post 419 of Santa Clara and it's members of any liability for injury and/or damages which may occur as a result of participating in, observing or transporting to and from, the event known as American Legion Post 419 Car Show.

Signature _____

Date _____

* Pre-Registration cost per vehicle is \$50.00.

Vet to Vet Café



Vet to Vet Café

Every Thursday Morning

9 am - 10:30 am

Hostess: Karen Carter

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Complimentary Coffee, Donuts & Conversation

2023 Calendar of Events

HOST	EVENT	DATE	
Post	Membership Meeting	3-May-23	7:00pm
SONS	Membership Meeting	4-May-23	7:00pm
Post	1st Sunday/Mother's Day Breakfast	7-May-23	9:00am-11:00am
Aux	Membership Meeting	10-May-23	7:00pm
Post	Executive Meeting	25-May-23	4:30pm
Post-Sons-Aux	Memorial Day Observance	29-May-23	10:00am 5:00pm
SONS	Membership Meeting	1-Jun-23	7:00pm
Post-Sons-Aux	Installation of Officers	3-Jun-23	5:00pm 9pm
Post	1st Sunday Breakfast	4-Jun-23	9:00am-11:00am
Post	Annual Car Show	10-Jun-23	10:00am-3:00pm

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)