

AMERICAN LEGION POST 419 REVEILLE

Veterans Helping Veterans & Serving the Community Since 1932

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May 2024

Spring has sprung, the grass is growing, and birds are chirping.

Horses are feeling their oats and looking forward to the Kentucky Derby and the Run for the Roses. What an exciting time to be a Legionnaire here at Post 419!

Last month the SAL (Sons of the American Legion) had their annual Socks for Vets, which was a great success. Post 419 was well represented at the Month of the Military Child at Moffett Field.

Here at the Post, we have elections of Officers, elections for the Executive Committee members, stay tune for updates. Elections for our Delegates and Alternates for the Department Convention. If you have time come join us every first Wednesday of the month, 7:00 P.M. for our General Membership Meetings and be in the know.

We haven't forgotten about our Mother's Day. Please join us for a special Mother's Day breakfast on the 5th of May, 9:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. We are looking forward to seeing all of you.

Memorial Day, a day of remembrance of our fallen comrades. Be mindful at the many cemeteries through out, not to step on the sacred ground of which they lie. Like many of us Legionnaires, they battled for the most noble cause...

Veterans never stop serving,

Richard Peralez
Commander
American Legion Post 419



AMERICAN LEGION ADJUTANT

Adjutant Report

The information below I wrote in the January 2012 Howdy Post 419 newsletter. It is just as true today as it was twelve years ago. You cannot run an efficient post with just three or four active members.

The one thing you must remember an origination such as ours only exists and functions because of membership. Without your renewals and participation we can NOT exist; we can NOT support the Veterans functions for which we are charged to do; we can NOT perform services for the community. From what I have seen during my short time as a Legionnaire is most who do renew your membership each year can always find something else to take up your time and not allotting any time for service to the American Legion our District 13 or our Post. It takes a lot of man hours to keep our post operational. I know that time is precious and family's come first, but if you could only donate a few of hours a month, so many other things could be accomplished. There is nothing to compare to the personal reward of doing something for a Veteran who is temporary in the VA hospital or care facility, Cub/Boys Scout Troop, a little league team is some sport. These are the things which we stand for and we need to maintain. Just belonging to the American Legion for the sake of belonging "???".

Along with volunteering for the officers positions a post needs volunteers to help with the facility maintenance, its janitorial services and general cleanup, its bartenders, its help in the kitchen, and last but not least on its Honor/Color guard. Sign up to help on a committee especially ones which supports children and youth for which we are active in.

The Positions of Chaplain - Service Officer - Adjutant - Finance Officer are all necessary for the operation of a post and are appointed by the Commander. So please contact the Commander and let him know you are willing to take on some responsibility for keeping our post alive and well. Because if these positions are not maned and ready the post could surly fail.

Gene Grundstrom

Adjutant Post 419

Memorial Day Post Schedule

The Post - SONS - Auxiliary will assemble at the Santa Clara Mission cemetery for the rendering of honors
The required staff will be the Commanders - Chaplains President and Post Honor Guard.

Time 10:30 am. We will than proceed to the Santa Clara Memorial Cemetery and render Honors for our departed comrades and other veterans, This will take between 11:00 and 11:30 am both on Monday

May 27, 2024.

Hot Dog and Chips and sodas will be serve after the services until 2:00 pm

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

Greetings from the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 419

EVENTS:

- We have a good inventory for selling jewelry at the Car Show in June, although the inventory is a few years old. Any jewelry you can donate would be appreciated. We will need by our May 8th Auxiliary meeting.
- We are asking for toiletry donations of soap, shampoo, conditioner, and lotion. Travel size or what you find in a hotel/motel. 50 Christmas bags are given to our Veteran's at the Palo Alto Medical Center. Four toiletry items go in each of the Christmas bags. A labeled clear shoe box will be in the lobby.

There are many programs we support including Children & Youth, VA&R, Poppy, Legislative, Americanism, & Girls State/Education. Outreach is an important function for membership. Keep in mind family & friends that might be eligible & would love to join our Post and support our Veterans. Invite them to an



event!

We meet on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. Our social time is 6:30pm to 7:00 pm. Our meeting begins at 7:00 pm and ends at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Patricia Brickman, ALA Unit 419, President

AMERICAN LEGION SONS

Greetings everyone,

Welcome to the month of May.

This Legion year 2024 is coming to a close and we will be starting up again talking about getting members to pay their dues. So far, we are lucky as far as the detachment, we are not raising our per capita, so dues will not be changing.

Membership is our lifeblood for our organization and our new Legion year 2025, will be starting up in June. Remember that our dues are \$25.00, and for Juniors its Only \$15.00.

Reports will be needed and completed for the detachment so, anyone with miles and hours that can be accounted for in any of our programs, and for those in other organizations, we can also use those hours and miles too.

The first few months have been a blur, seems like we were just getting things set-up for St. Patrick's day then Socks for Vets, which was a success. Thanks to all who volunteered their time to make it happen.

By the time you get this newsletter, our surprise event is the "Let the Fourth be with you" our play on words for Cinco de Mayo. This is on the 4th of May, regular times as all of our other events. Check out flyer in this newsletter all the information needed is on the flyer. Cut off for tickets will be COB Wednesday May 1st. So stop by the post or call the number on the flyer and reserve a ticket for pickup at the door.

Boys and Girls State is on track, we have students already registered and have started going through the orientation process. There are four sessions for the students to pick from. They will be headed up to Sacramento the week before the legion convention.

Upcoming in May is Memorial Day and we will most likely be out putting flags out with the scouts on the Saturday before. One of our programs is "Flying Flags for Hero's", started by Our Past Detachment Commander Michael Fox. I have flags to place on Veterans grave sites that have been forgotten. Hope that some of you can join us at the city cemetery on May 25th, around 8:30 am to perform this project.

Plan on meeting at the Posts grave site, bring water in case it gets a little warm!

Installation of officers hopefully will be in June.

Steve Villegas,

Squadron 419 Adjutant

Adjutant Event

I had the honor of being invited to this year's Arrow of Light service for the members of Cub Scout Pack 32. This ceremony is when the Cub Scouts transfer from a Cub Scouts to Boys Scouts. I had never attended this Scouting ceremony before and I feel honored to have been asked. Below is a couple of photos taken at the event.

This year Pack 32 had 12 scouts who bridges to the next level and Pack 43 had 7 Scouts transfer.

Congratulation to all those young men and woman who bridged this year. Good luck in your efforts while in Boys Scouts.

Gene Grundstrom

Adjutant

AL Santa Clara Post 419



Transfer to BSA



Officially a Boy Scout

AMERICAN LEGION CHAPLAIN

Hello all,

Welcome to the month of May! Spring is in the air and life is beginning to emerge, grow and radiate all around us. There are several festivities and celebrations during the month as follows:

- May Day (May 1st)
- Cinco de Mayo (May 5th)
- Mother's Day (May 12th)
- National Maritime Day (May 22nd)
- Memorial Day (May 27th)
- Armed Forces Day (May 28th)

May also marks the transition from Spring to Summer in the Northern Hemisphere which brings longer days, warmer weather and hopefully bigger smiles :)



Speaking of smiles, I had the humble honor of presenting Mr. John Eggert a certificate, poem and pin as part of the national We Honor Veterans Hospice pinning ceremony.

Mr. Eggert served in the US Navy during both the Korean and Vietnam Wars. He is originally from Texas and moved to Alameda after his active-duty service years.

His smile says it all and he is very cheerful, full of humor and has a great attitude.

This is part of the PathWays Bay Area We Honor Veterans service and additional information can be found on their website:

<https://pathwayshealth.org/veterans/>

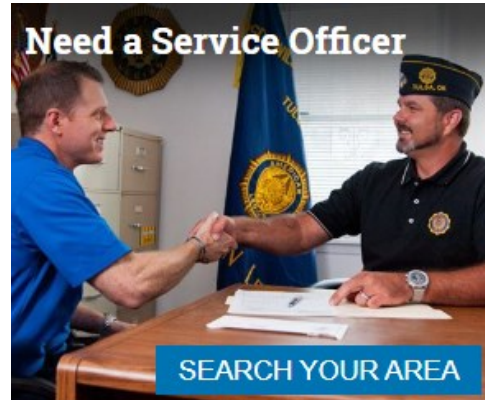
Sunny Dosanjh, Chaplain

AMERICAN LEGION SERVICE OFFICER

Hello all, A benefits panel will be hosted both in person and online on May 2nd:



The opportunity to learn about the “preparing for the future” and the many topics ranging from Hospice, aid and attendance to survivor benefits will be covered.



The US Army and US Air Force Reserves held a panel discussion at the San Jose Sikh Temple (Gurdwara) on April 14th. The event was well attended with over 100 family members and potential recruits. Topics ranged from enlistment, ROTC programs, Academies and differences between Reserve/Guard and Active-Duty Service. We also shared information about the American Legion and how we continue to support Veteran initiatives and other community efforts.



Sunny Dosanjh, Service Officer





Sons of the American Legion Post 419

958 Homestead Road, Santa Clara

(Additional Parking – across the street of Homestead Road)



Saturday, May 4, 2024

“May The 4th Be With You”

Prepared for

Cinco de Mayo

Doors Open

5:00 pm

Dinner

6:00 pm

Dance

7:30 – 10:00
pm

Menu:

Beef & Chicken
Fajitas
Spanish rice
Refried beans
Salad
Dessert

Music by: DJ

Ticket Information:

\$25.00 per ticket

(Reserved tickets only – cash or checks
payable to 'The American Legion Post 419')

Frances Borg @ 408-243-5832
The Post @ 408-244-3050 x 2 or 5
Post's Bar – Wed thru Friday
3:00 pm - 7:00 pm,
Sat 1:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Boys and Girls State

American Legion Post 419 will sponsor 4 to 5 Santa Clara County high school students to participate in the California American Legion's educational programs in Sacramento. This is a one week of hands-on, realistic experience in civic responsibilities. The students will learn to become part of the operation of local, county and state government in legislative sessions and court proceedings.

Proceed from the post dinner/dance will help with the expenses for these students with aspirations to be our leaders of tomorrow. As always, your support is appreciated.



American Legion Post 419

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

Annual CAR SHOW

Saturday, June 8, 2024
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:
 \$35 per vehicle*
 (car, truck or motorcycle)



NET PROCEEDS BENEFIT POST 419'S VETERAN SUPPORT PROGRAMS.

-Detach Here-

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REGISTRATION FORM

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

\$35 donation per vehicle. :

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 its members of any liability for injury and/or damages which may occur as a result of participating in, observing or transporting to and from, this event known as American Legion Post 419 Car Show.

Signature _____

Date _____

* Pre-Registration cost per vehicle is \$35.00. No day of the event registration

Vet to Vet Café



Vet to Vet Café

Every Thursday Morning

9 am - 10:30 am

Hostess: Karen Carter

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HOST	EVENT	DATE
	2024	
Legion	Membership Meeting	Wed May 1, 2024 7:00 pm
SONs	Membership Meeting	Thur May 2, 2024 3:30 pm
SONs	May the 4th Be With You Dinner/Dance	Sat May 4, 2024 5 to 9 pm
Legion	1st Sunday Breakfast	Sun May 5, 2024 9 to 11 am
Auxiliary	Membership Meeting	Wed May 8, 2024 7:00 pm
Legion	1st Sunday Breakfast	Sun June 2, 2024 9 to 11 am
Legion	Membership Meeting	Wed Jun 5, 2024 7:00 pm
SONs	Membership Meeting	Thur Jun 6, 2024 3:30 pm
Auxiliary	Membership Meeting	Wed Jun 12, 2024 7:00 pm
Legion	Annual Car Show	Sat June 8, 2024 10 am to 3 pm

Flight #34 05/16/2024 - 05/18/2024 (COVID Vaccinations not required, masks strongly encouraged.)

Orientation dates:

Santa Clara American Legion Post 419: 05/05/2024

Roseville American Legion Post 169: 05/07/2024

Reunion date: American Legion Post 419: 06/02/2024 (Sunday)

Flight #35 09/19/2024 - 09/21/2024 (COVID Vaccinations not required, masks strongly encouraged.)

Orientation dates:

Santa Clara American Legion Post 419: 09/08/2024

Roseville American Legion Post 169: 09/10/2024

Reunion date: American Legion Post 419: 10/12/2024 (Saturday)

Flight #36 10/24/2024 - 10/26/2024 (COVID Vaccinations not required, masks strongly encouraged.)

Orientation dates:

Santa Clara American Legion Post 419: 10/13/2024

Roseville American Legion Post 169: 10/15/2024

Reunion date: American Legion Post 419: 11/10/2024

Gate Access Pass

[Click here to obtain a gate access pass if you would like to send off your veteran from SFO or greet them on the return home!](#)

[\(Send-offs are at 5:30am on the day of travel and 7:00pm on the day of return.\)](#)