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958 Homestead Road, Santa Clara CA 95050

April 2025

## Happy Spring Legion Family!

Shake off the cabin fever, get outside and enjoy what spring offers.

Time for baseball / softball so clean the cleats, rub oil on the glove and buy a new bottle of aspirin. Go out and see a game or two SF and SJ Giants have specials for Military appreciation days.

March had a lot of stuff going on. Post 419 had a contestant in the American Legion Oratorical Competition this year. I am happy to report Post 419 received 1<sup>st</sup> place at the District Competition and 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Area 2 Competition, collecting scholarship monies along the way. I would like to recognize the following Post and Auxiliary for their participation in the District Competition:

- Post 588, for their hospitality and hosting the event.
- Post 318, Post 419, Aux 546 and Aux 419.

If you know of anyone in high school grades 9-12 and want to learn more about the Constitution of the United States of America, let us know. On our website, under Youth and Scholarship, still under construction, will have information.

At the Post we have the VA outreach on again, April 1<sup>st</sup>, 10 A.M to 5 P.M.

Sons of the American Legion having the Socks for Vets event, April 5<sup>th</sup>, 5 P.M.-9 P.M. As some of us know socks are first to go, please bring a new pair to donate. For tickets see Frances Borg 408.243.5832 or stop by the Post.

Spring also brings with it the nomination of Post Officers. Wednesday the 2<sup>nd</sup> of April, 7 P.M., hope to see you all there.

With best wishes for a great Spring.

Veterans helping Veterans

Richard Peralez,  
Commander



# AMERICAN LEGION SONS

Greetings to all

So, here we are, and our detachment year for 2024/25 is almost over. There has been a lot happening all over. Membership is a continual process. For those who have paid, we really appreciate your continued membership. Due's prices still haven't changed for the detachment, of course our per capita did increase, so now it will be \$11.00 for each member.

**Meetings:** Still on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month at 3pm, if anyone is interested in finding out what we are doing, please come and join us. We don't bite. Our meetings don't go over an hour.

Time is once again approaching for individuals who would like to step up and be Officers of the squadron. If you are interested in learning more about the legion and what programs we do support, please let us know. You can leave a note in the office or just reach out to any of us.

**Programs:** at present we have Boys and girls state program and hopefully all of our applicants have gone on and have done the on-line registration. So come June they should all be set for their June adventure

So, in June there is our yearly Detachment convention in Visalia. One of the hopefully fun things will be a "Corn Hole Tournament" not sure of which day, possibly Thursday or Friday. More to follow.

As volunteers in the legion, we do step up for many reasons. We are a family and working with each group is a vital key for us to succeed.

Our next event for the squadron will be our *Rib Feed Dinner Dance* in May. The flyer should be in the newsletter with the date and prices. You will also be able to find the flyers in the clubroom or right outside of the office.

Reports are the main on-going project, keeping track of your activities, not only for the squadron but also other organizations to which you may belong is a task. We report our activity hours and mileage and it all goes before congress from each state, so that they know how much time and mileage we volunteer. If you would like a work sheet, please reach out to me.

So, the next piece of information comes from finding out a few days before our most recent D.E.C, is that I am a committee member. Therefore, here is a taste of what we learned

I have some information from the committee meetings, for Legislative there was a Zoom meeting and there are a few dates to remember

**May 14<sup>th</sup> is American Legion Advocacy Day**, key day to educate legislators about veteran issues.

Now, June is a crucial period for budget advocacy. Your participation in contacting Legislators about the importance of funding veteran program is very essential.

More information with dates to follow.

At present there are 38 Bills on the list.

Steve Villegas  
Squadron Adjutant



# AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

## Greetings from the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 419

### EVENTS, ET CETERA

"Just Us" Ron and Mike are now performing every Friday in the Member's Bar from 4:00 pm to 6:30 pm. Please join us and partake in easy country listening and a drink in our Member's Bar. See picture below



We continue to accept donations of new socks and gently used (or new) warm clothes (sweats, jackets, sweaters, hats, tennis shoes, jeans, etc.). We are also accepting gently used or new twin sheets, blankets, towels and backpacks. These donations will go to the Veteran's homeless shelter at 10 Kirk in San Jose.

As always, please keep in mind family & friends that might be eligible & would love to join our Post and support our veterans. Invite them to an event and 1st Sunday breakfast!

**April: Every Friday 4:00 PM to 6:30 PM**



Respectfully submitted by,  
Patricia Brickman  
ALA Unit 419 President 🇺🇸

ALA meets 2nd Wednesday of the month, 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm.  
Social from 6:30 pm to 7:00 pm.

# We Need Your Help!

We are trying to raise funds to fix our walk-in cooler.

Cost is going to be a little over \$17,000.00 dollars. That is a lot of money but I know we can do it with everyone's help.

## Two Donation Stations

### Hall & Members Bar

Or mail in your donation marked: *Post Walk-In Cooler*

We need to move fast as you know prices are going up and this bid to fix this may go up.

We need this walk-in. It is our main walk-in for beer, wine, and juices etc. We also use it for breakfast and catering food. The Auxiliary and Son's have already been very generous with a \$1000.00 each.

Please consider helping today! If you have any further questions please feel free to talk to me Brenda Manley your Facilities Manager or one of the officers at Post 419

Thanks in advance for your help!



# AMERICAN LEGION CHAPLAIN

A service was held on Sunday, March 30th at the Sons of San Jose Vietnam War Memorial with the SJSU Air Force ROTC Honor Guard. Hosted by Jeff Berg and Mike Salas along with Angela Tirado.



**A portion of the prayer and blessing:**

*"Goodbyes are only for those who love with their eyes.*

*For those who love with heart and soul, there's no separation.*

*Those we honor today, whose names we carry, live on in the Spirit with God. Mothers, fathers, families, remember your Sons, Warriors for Peace, held in God's Grace.*

*And know we Veterans, family and friends, stand here as an extension of who they were and are.*

*Be grateful for that love, it never leaves us."*

# AMERICAN LEGION HONOR GUARD



**Michael Talamantes**

**US Navy**

**Friday, March 21st**

Oak Hill Memorial, San Jose



**Robert Noah**

**US Air Force**

**Tuesday, March 25th**

Gate of Heaven, Los Altos



**Albert Scott**

**US Navy**

**Wednesday, March 26th**

Post 419, Santa Clara



**Michael Flaughter**

**US Air Force**

**Sunday, March 30th**

Post 419, Santa Clara



## AMERICAN LEGION HONOR GUARD

- The American Legion Honor Guard is an all-volunteer team
- Subject to team availability
- Services may include:
  - Three Volley Salute
  - TAPS
  - Flag Folding & Presentation
  - 3 Casings Presentation
- Donations are accepted and checks payable to: [American Legion Post 419](#)

## AMERICAN LEGION COLOR GUARD

Organizations that require the Posting of Colors or other Commemoration Services may request the Color Guard Team.

- Four person volunteer team
- Subject to team availability
- Services may include:
  - Two person team carrying the US Flag and California State Flag
  - Two person Rifle-Bearing/Escort Team
  - Posting of Colors
  - TAPS as required
  - Retrieval of Colors
- Donations are accepted and checks payable to: [American Legion Post 419](#)

# AMERICAN LEGION COLOR GUARD

Our Color Guard team, the [Eagle Field Foundation \(Moffett Field Museum\)](#) and the Dignity Team led by Karen Carter conducted the National Vietnam War Veterans Day 50th Anniversary service on Saturday March 29th at Oak Hill Memorial. **WELCOME HOME!**



# AMERICAN LEGION SERVICE OFFICER

Hello all, if anyone wants to obtain two electric wheelchairs and an electric bed like they use in hospice, please contact me and we'll put you in touch on how to obtain them. **Free of charge.** [sunny@veteranscourage.org](mailto:sunny@veteranscourage.org)



## OUR IMPACT


[About Us →](#)

For over a century The American Legion has strengthened America and its veterans through programs, services, compassion and actions that have proven vital, timeless and life-changing.

<b>\$21 B+</b>	<b>\$852,593</b>	<b>44,586</b>
Record amount in VA disability benefits secured for veterans, free of charge, by accredited American Legion service officers in the 2023-24 fiscal year.	Amount in American Legion Child Well-Being Foundation grants awarded for 2025 to non-profit organizations that help young people facing challenges.	Messages sent through the American Legion Grassroots Advocacy Center in less than a month urging Congress to pass emergency spending legislation to prevent delays in VA disability payments.



**Legion Programs**



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## SENATOR RICKETTS PUSHES FOR FEDERAL TAX CUTS ON SOCIAL SECURITY AND VETERAN BENEFITS

U.S. Senator Pete Ricketts has introduced federal legislation to eliminate taxes on Social Security and military retirement benefits, providing financial relief for retirees and Veterans.

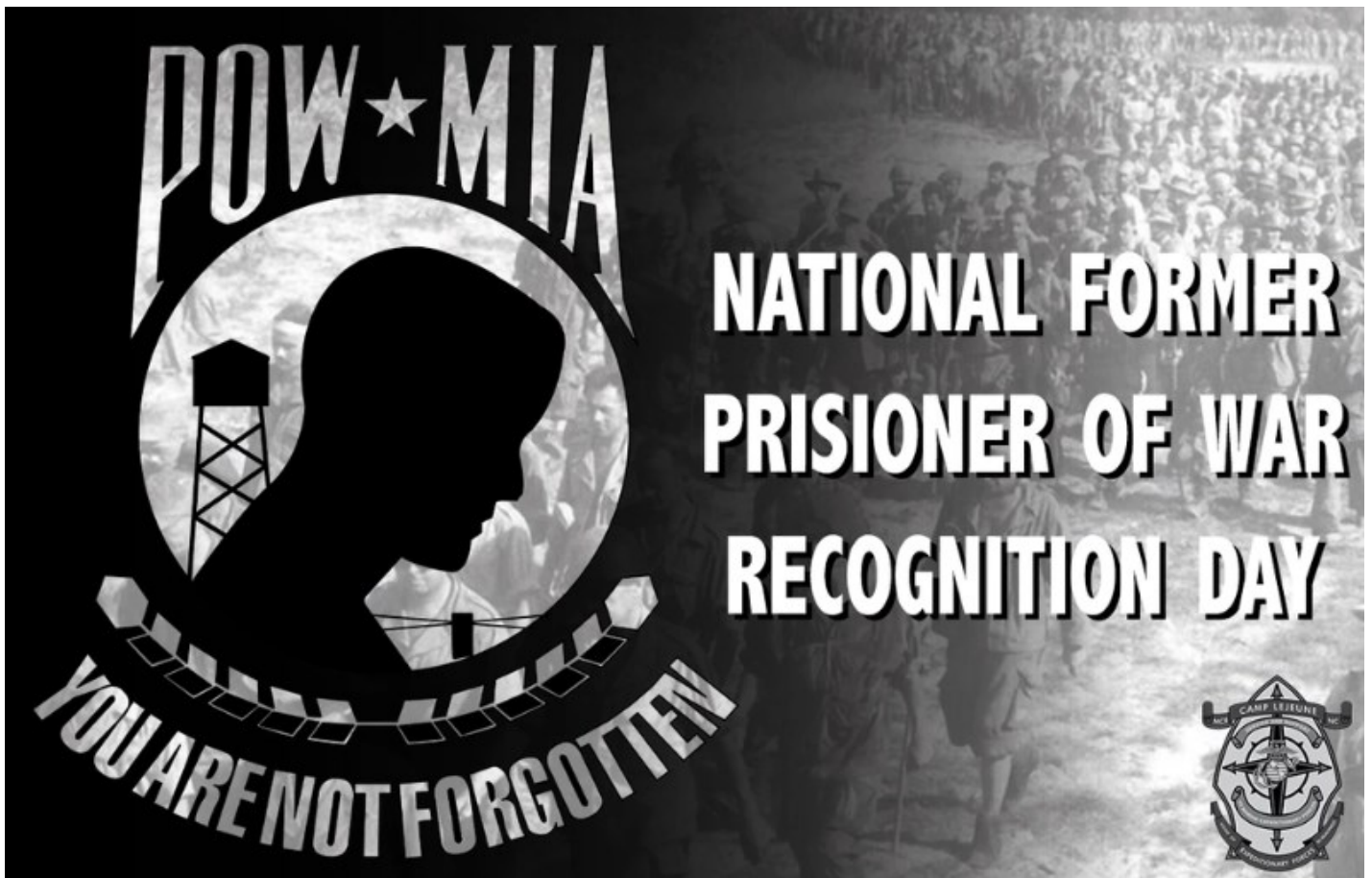
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**National Call Center for Homeless Veterans**  
**877-424-3838**  
[va.gov/homeless](http://va.gov/homeless)



**Veterans Crisis Line**  
**DIAL 988 then PRESS 1**



## National Former Prisoner of War Recognition Day , April 9th

It was officially designated by Congress in 1988 as a Presidentially-proclaimed observance. National Former POW Recognition Day commemorates the April 9, 1942 surrender of approximately 10,000 United States military personnel and 65,000 Filipino soldiers on the Bataan Peninsula in the Philippines by Major General Edward P. King to the invading Imperial Japanese Army headed by General Masaharu Homma. Bataan, thereafter, is distinguished as the largest mass surrender in United States military history. The surrender was followed immediately by the infamous Bataan Death March.

**By law, the President of the United States must issue annually a proclamation.**

The Bataan Death March began on April 9, 1942, and lasted, for some, almost two weeks. At San Fernando, the men were packed standing in unventilated boxcars for a 24-mile journey by rail to Capas. Survivors then marched an additional three miles to the makeshift POW camp at Camp O'Donnell, an unfinished Philippine Army training facility. It is estimated that at least 10 percent of the men on the March died enroute. Sick and starving, the surrendered American and Filipino soldiers on the Bataan Death March were robbed of their personal possessions, denied food, water, and medical care while subject to being beaten, bayoneted, beheaded, crushed by trucks and tanks, and executed.

Although this remembrance day is for all who were POWs, it is most associated with those who were POWs of Imperial Japan during WWII.



**FLIGHT #37: 04.10.2025 – 04.12.2025**

(COVID Vaccinations not required, masks strongly encourage.)

**Orientation Dates:**

- Santa Clara American Legion Post 419: 03.30.2025 @ 11:30 AM
- Roseville American Legion Post 169: 04.01.2025 @ 11:30 AM

**Reunion Date:**

- Santa Clara American Legion Post 419: 05.04.2025 @ 1:00 PM



**FLIGHT #38: 05.15.2025 – 05.17.2025**

(COVID Vaccinations not required, masks strongly encourage.)

**Orientation Dates:**

- Santa Clara American Legion Post 419: 04.27.2025 @ 11:30 AM
- Roseville American Legion Post 169: 04.29.2025 @ 11:30 AM

**Reunion Date:**

- Santa Clara American Legion Post 419: 06.08.2025 @ 12:00 PM

**FLIGHT #39: 09.11.2025 – 09.13.2025**

(COVID Vaccinations not required, masks strongly encourage.)

**Orientation Dates:**

- Santa Clara American Legion Post 419: 08.31.2025 @ 11:30 AM
- Roseville American Legion Post 169: 09.02.2025 @ 11:30 AM

**Reunion Date:**

- Santa Clara American Legion Post 419: 10.05.2025 @ 1:00 PM



**FLIGHT #40: 10.09.2025 – 10.11.2025**

(COVID Vaccinations not required, masks strongly encourage.)

**Orientation Dates:**

- Santa Clara American Legion Post 419: 09.28.2025 @ 11:30 AM
- Roseville American Legion Post 169: 09.30.2025 @ 11:30 AM

**Reunion Date:**

- Santa Clara American Legion Post 419: 11.02.2025 @ 1:00 PM

**Contact** 408.499.1739 | [admin@honorflightbayarea.org](mailto:admin@honorflightbayarea.org)  
<https://honorflightbayarea.org/>



# AMERICAN LEGION GOOD OF THE LEGION

Our 2nd Vice Commander, Kathleen Hall is leading the celebration for the Month of April as “Month of the Military Child” at 1st Sunday Breakfast in April.

They are calling it “Purple Up” Day and are encouraging individuals to wear purple.

The request is for our Post’s young people to bring information about their family member’s military service for our “Hero Wall”. Examples are medals or special projects the military member received. A photo printed out on paper would be welcomed!

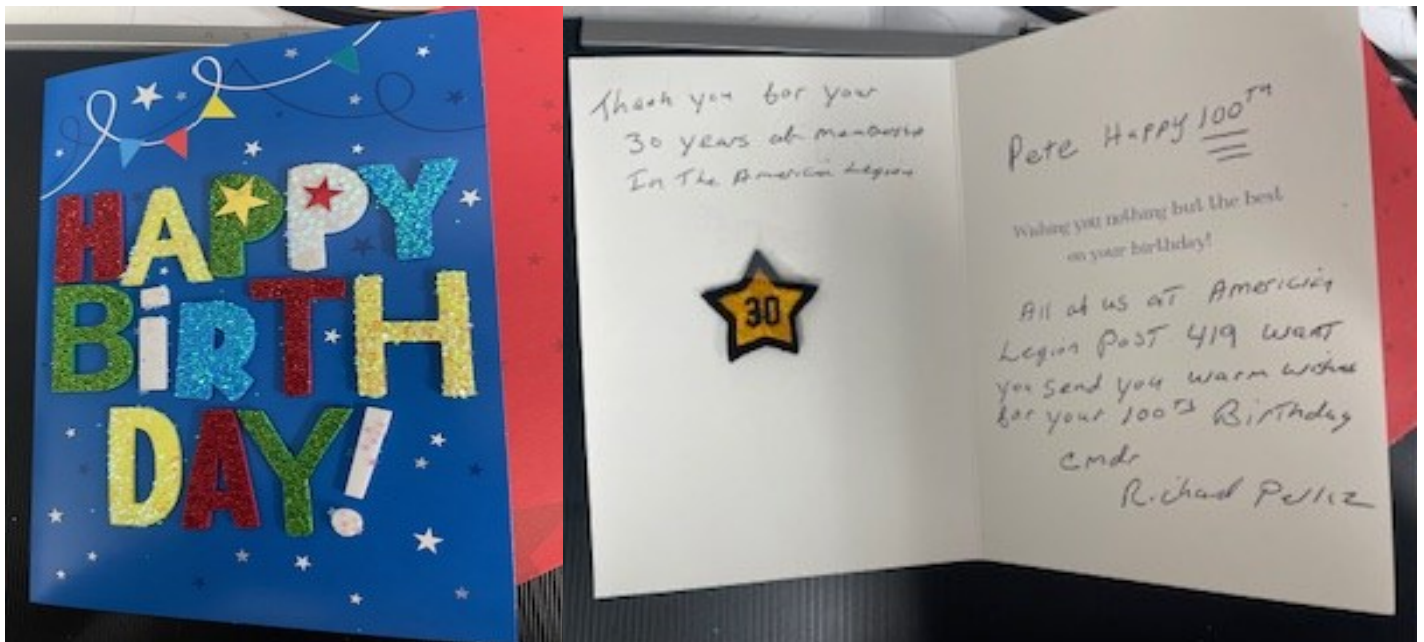
<https://www.defense.gov/Spotlights/Month-of-the-Military-Child/>



One of our Post 419 Legion Members had his 100th Birthday

**Pete Frias**

US ARMY, 30 Years at Post 419



# Operation Care and Comfort

The first 500 fans through the gates will receive one, as well as the first 500 through the gate on Memorial Day- also sponsored by OCC. In honor of the **US Army's 250th Anniversary**, this will surely become a fantastic tribute and collectible with only 1000 made! "The players will be wearing awesome camo jerseys which will be auctioned right off their backs following the Memorial Day game. **Military, Vets, their dependents and Gold Star families** can get their **FREE** tickets by emailing [julie@occ-usa.org](mailto:julie@occ-usa.org) using subject line **STM Game 4/12** Please make sure you have already signed up for our **FREE** Tickets for Troops program first! <https://occ-usa.org/tickets-for-troops-program/>

<https://www.milb.com/san-jose/tickets/single-game-tickets>

Saturday  
**Apr 12**  
5:00 PM



Visalia  
**Rawhide**



## Game Highlight (3): Salute to the Military presented by OCC

On Saturday, April 12th, the San Jose Giants will honor those who have served and are currently serving at Salute to the Military Night, presented by Operation: Care and Comfort. Members of the military are encouraged to contact the San Jose Giants box office for discounted tickets. | Presented By Operation: Care and Comfort



## Game Highlight: Military Jersey Auction

The San Jose Giants will wear special military-themed jerseys which fans can bid on. The auction begins on Salute to the Military and concludes on Memorial Day. | Presented By Operation: Care and Comfort

## Game Highlight: Kids Run The Bases

After the game, kids are invited down onto the field to run the bases. | Presented By Santa Clara Family Health Plan

## Promotion: Gigante Military Bobblehead Giveaway

As part of Salute to the Military night and Memorial Day, the San Jose Giants will be giving away a Gigante Army Camo bobblehead to the first 500 fans through the gate! | Presented By Operation: Care and Comfort

# Permission to Walk in Peace

This book was written by six local Veterans who are in a group program at the San Jose Vet Center. It talks about Active-Duty Experience, Handrails and Mending Fences. It's a combination of short stories, poetry and prose. We Welcome Your Support! <https://gofund.me/c2aa0d79> **RELEASE DATE MID-APRIL 2025**

## Empower Veterans' Voices: Donate for Healing



Marshall Burgamy is organizing this fundraiser.

\$2,025 raised

\$4K goal · 15 donations

51%

Share

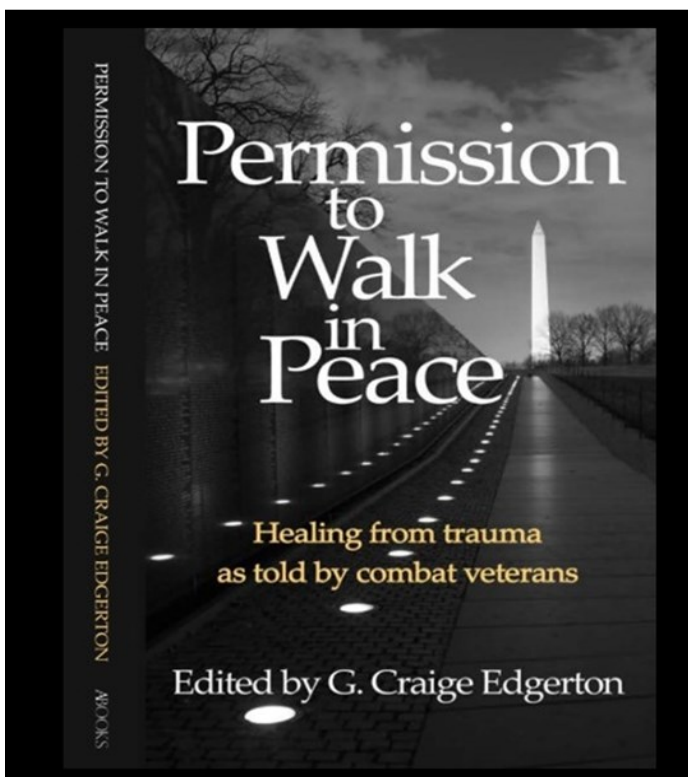
Donate now

This fundraiser is located near you

David Alexander  
\$200 · 8 d

Craig Harris  
\$50 · 11 d

Benjamin Burgamy  
\$50 · 24 d



# Socks & more for Vets

Accepting donations of new socks and underwear for  
Veterans in need.

Sponsored by the  
Sons of the American Legion



April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025



American Legion Post 419  
958 Homestead Rd.  
Santa Clara

Turkey, or Ham, and all the fixin's

Tickets \$30

Frances Borg at (408) 243-5832  
Post 419 at (408) 244-3050 Ext. 2, or 5

Doors open at 5:00 PM

Dinner served at 6:00 PM

Dancing from 7:00 to 9:00 PM





# Rib Feed



Sponsored by the  
Sons of the American Legion

## May 3<sup>rd</sup> 2025

American Legion Post 419  
958 Homestead Rd.  
Santa Clara

### BBQ Chicken, or Ribs

Potato salad & corn on the cob

Green Salad & Garlic Bread

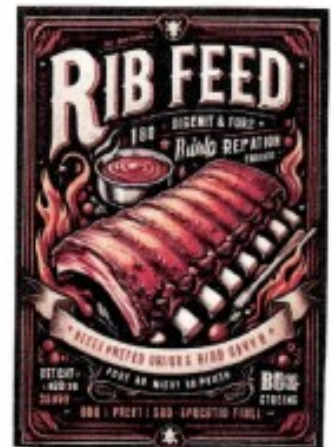
### Tickets \$30

Frances Borg at (408) 243-5832  
Post 419 at (408) 244-3050 Ext. 2, or 5

Drinks 5-6 PM

Dinner 6-7 PM

Dancing 7-9:30 PM





# American Legion Post 419

VETERANS HELPING VETERANS AND THE COMMUNITY

958 HOMESTEAD ROAD, SANTA CLARA, CALIFORNIA

**Annual**

# CAR SHOW

**Saturday June 14, 2025  
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.**

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## REGISTRATION FORM

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Make, Model & Year of Vehicle: \_\_\_\_\_

**\$35 donation per vehicle: Lunch tickets @ \$15 each: \_\_\_\_\_ X \$15 = \_\_\_\_\_ Total: \_\_\_\_\_**  
Make checks payable to: American Legion Post 419

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

**Check-in: 8 - 9:30 am**

**We Require Volunteers:** Please contact us if you can assist:  
americanlegionpost419@comcast.net



Come join your comrades for Coffee, Donuts & Conversation

Every Thursday - 9 am - 11 am

American Legion Post 419

958 Homestead Rd - Santa Clara

Hostess, Karen Carter

408 560-6691, for more information

No agenda, just fun together sharing stories.

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LIFE WELL CELEBRATED<sup>®</sup>

# APRIL 2025 LUNCH MENU

## April 2025 Lunch Menu

Come to the Post for Lunch. **Open to Public**

Lunch is served from 11:00 to 2:00 Order your lunch from the club room and enjoy it there or sit down in our outside patio. It is only \$10.00.

We offer a Daily Special or you can get Cheeseburger, Hamburger, or Shrimp Salads.

All lunches come with a daily desert.

Lunches are served Thursday and Friday

April 2025



Veterans helping  
Veterans and the  
Community

Lunch: \$10.00

11 am-2:00 pm

Hot Entrée

or

Shrimp Salad

or

Hamburger

Cheeseburger

Chips & Desert

Drinks NOT

included

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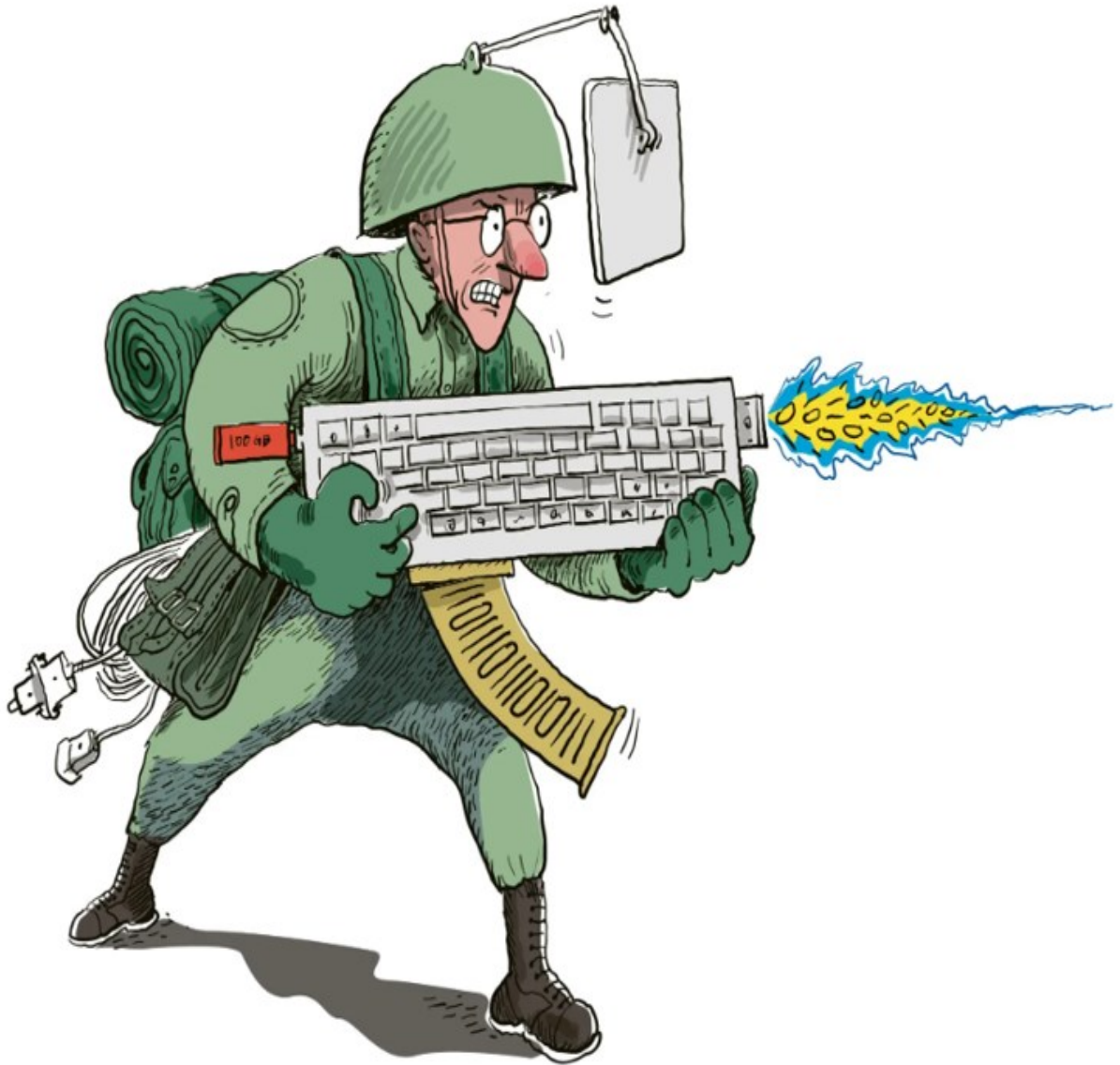
**Thursday &**

**Friday only**

April 2025						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3 Chicken Picada	4 Salmon Burger	5
6	7	8	9	10y Enchilada Casserole	11 Tuna Melt	12
13	14	15	16	17 Chicken Cordon Bleu	18 Baked Ham	19
20	21	22	23	24 Beef Chili	25 Beef Stroganoff.	26
27	28	29	30			

# 2025 Calendar of Events

HOST	EVENT	DATE
Post	Post 419 Legion Post Meeting	2-April-25 7-8 pm
SAL	SONS Membership Meeting	3-April-25 3-4 pm
SAL	50's Sock Hop	5-April-25 5-9 pm
Post	First Sunday Breakfast	6-April-25 9-11 am
Aux	Membership Meeting	9-April-25 7-8 pm
SAL	SONS Membership Meeting	1-May-25 3-4 pm
SAL	Rib Feed & Dinner Dance	3-May-25 5-9:30 pm
Post	First Sunday Breakfast	4-May-25 9-11 am
Post	Post 419 Legion Post Meeting	7-May-25 7-8 pm
Aux	Membership Meeting	14-May-25 7-8 pm
Post	Memorial Day Hot Dogs	26-May-25 Noon
Post	First Sunday Breakfast	1-June-25 9-11 am
Post	Post 419 Legion Post Meeting	4-June-25 7-8 pm
SAL	SONS Membership Meeting	5-June-25 3-4 pm
Aux	Membership Meeting	11-June-25 7-8 pm
Post	Car Show	14-June-25 10 am –3 pm



## Mom Yells

“Dinner’s ready, General! Your meatloaf medal’s waiting!”

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### Editors Update

If you have anything you want to include in our newsletter or website, please contact me at the following: [sunny@veteranscourage.org](mailto:sunny@veteranscourage.org)

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