

# AMERICAN LEGION POST 419 REVEILLE

Veterans Helping Veterans & Serving the Community Since 1932

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## COMMANDERS CORNER

### HELLO ALL YOU TURKEYS

This is the month of thanksgiving and getting ready to do all the giving for the rest of the year. I want to wish you all a good Thanksgiving hope you can spend some time with family, in person or at least on the phone, This is the first real Thanksgiving that we can spend together, Fear of Covid is in the rear view mirror if you have had all the shots. You actually get to see faces which a reason to celebrate.

I want to thank John Boyles, Don Brown and Stan Ferro for pressure washing the outside eating area. If we can get some people to volunteer to bartend, we are ready for those who want to use it.

This month Breakfast is the 6th, it is a waffle month, all the other fixins. 9am to 11am. Come early and spend time meeting your neighbors. The Auxiliary had a great time at their annual Halloween party. Thanks for Giving, hosted by the Sons is this month, buy your tickets early.

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

See you at the meeting 2 Nov at 7 pm. We will welcoming new members and a surprise finish. Take an hour to join us.

This month is also when Trees for Troops starts at Battaglia Tree Farm in San Martin. One of our members has volunteered to match the first \$300 dollars that we collect. The box will be at the breakfast. The trees this year are \$60. All of these trees are sent to Camp Pendleton. Please donate. You can drop moneys by the post any time or buy a tree. Forms are at the post of on line at Battaglia Tree Farm.

Have a good month **REMEMBER TURN BACK YOUR CLOCKS**

**before 2:00am NOVEMBER 6, 2022 so you won't be late for First Sunday Breakfast.**

Ralph Jacob

# AMERICAN LEGION ADJUTANT

As the others have said we are still alive and getting better. Our membership renewal is doing a lot better. To date we have renewed 259, including the PUFs. Our membership last year ended with 385 which is what I think this year's goal will be plus 3%. This means we will have to get 397 paid members for the 2023 year to achieve 100% of our goal. The actual figure have not been established by the District yet.

We talk about membership, but what does it mean to you. Why did you join, I know we have a flyer with that title WHY YOU SHOULD JOIN, but why did you? Do you want to help your fellow veteran.

You know there are hundreds of veterans in our area who do need help in one way or another. I know we don't hear from very many of them, but they are out there. We need to do more to find out who they are and do something about getting them help or helping them ourselves. You might have a friend or neighbor who is a veteran and need some small help let us know. That is our purpose Veterans Helping Veterans.

This month's newsletter has several flyers for events which the Post, SONS, and Auxiliary are working on. Please plan to attend and support each group. Yes we are trying to increase our coffers so we can support more program that support our veterans. Yes we do have rentals which bring in monies but we also have overhead and bills which take a lot of those funds. We are trying to open our members lounge more but at this time we only have two people who have stepped up and volunteered to bartend for that side of the house, so we are only open on Friday and Saturday, maybe Sunday, for football we are working on that.

Bottom line if you want the Members Lounge open 7 days a week we need at least 10 bartenders on the list, one for each day and three for backup incase one of the regulars needs a day off. Contact Brenda Manley, get your name on the list. One other thing, it is now the LAW in the state of California that anyone that SERVES alcohol must get a Responsible Beverage Service (*RBS*) training. certificate. Yes this means you need to take a class, online, and a test for the ABC board to receive this certificate.

One thing you all must remember; it takes PEOPLE to run an organization like ours. By that I don't mean only 4 or 5 doing all the work. Step up volunteer, share the load of the few who are always here. I know we would all appreciate it and you would finally get some satisfaction of belonging to The American Legion.

Gene Grundstrom  
Adjutant

# AMERICAN LEGION SONS

Welcome to our Blustery month of November.

First off, membership, we need to get our members to start getting their dues in, this is the 5<sup>th</sup> month of our detachment year. Remember that the dues are only \$25.00, send them in and we will get your 2023 cards out. Some members have gotten 2<sup>nd</sup> renewal notices from National, and if you have paid them, please, ignore those notices.

Now, we are having our Thanks 4 Giving event Honoring Active Duty Military and their families. Our way of showing our appreciation. The Date is set for November 17<sup>th</sup>, the week before Thanksgiving. Flyers are at the post. \$25.00 per person, for dinner and an opportunity drawing. Have some fun and support your squadron and community.

Also, we are starting our Toys for Tots toy drive, we have 1 box set up in the hall and 1 in the club room. Already accepting toys.

Veterans Day, November 11<sup>th</sup> and there is more information from the post, we would like to have some other individuals step up and march and let the public know who we are.

That's it for now

Steve Villegas

Squadron 419 Adjutant



## Auxiliary Corner

I have been very busy with work and traveling, but we have a great group of ladies who pulled off one of the best Halloween dinner dances yet. The hall was packed with family and friends for a great meal and some very lively dancing. Our next event will be a very Happy New Year dinner dance on December 31, 2022, from 12:00pm to 5:00pm. Watch for the flyer which will be out soon.

Our membership is up but there are several who have not renewed for some reason or another. However, we have been picking up new and transfer members which is helping us reach our 100+% of our goal again for this year.

Happy Thanksgiving

Auxiliary

# AMERICAN LEGION CHAPLAIN

*Remembrance for Lives Lost*

*Solace for Those in Grief*

*Strength for New York City and Those Rebuilding at Ground Zero*



It was a humble honor to carry a First Responders Flag to Ground Zero on Friday October 28th, 2022. The first stop was at Trinity Church where I used to sit and pray as a young GI in my teens.

The next stop was to visit the 9/11 Memorial and I recognized the name Mark Bingham. His Mother, the late Alice Hoagland, shared a few stories about her son the couple times we met for the Los Gatos Flame of Liberty services. Todd Beamer's, "Let's Roll" name also came across my view among the many lives tragically lost that day.

A Silent Prayer was said for all and then into view came the name Jennifer L. Howley and her Unborn Child.

Lord, Into Thy Arms ... May They Rest In Peace.



# AMERICAN LEGION CHAPLAIN

*As Lady Liberty Look On  
As The Eagle Soars Above  
As Freedom Tower Rises*

We The People...

Remember, Reflect & Honor



The 9/11 Memorial in New York City stirs many emotions, feelings and thoughts. The sense of loss and tragedy washes over you. Grief starts weighing you down until you're on one knee praying for all.

How We Rise as One People, United, is a continuing test for our Great Nation. We Strive Forward...To Form a More Perfect Union. We as Veterans, know all to well, The Price Paid for Liberty, Justice & Freedom.

May all who have sacrificed and continue to sacrifice and serve our Great Nation, not be forgotten. So on this Veterans Day, support your fellow Veterans and Citizens as together We Stand, March and Cheer as we Celebrate the Living as much as we Honor the Dead.



# AMERICAN LEGION SERVICE OFFICER

## 2022 Veterans Day Free Meals & Restaurant Deals and Discounts



## Five Things To Know



## History of Veterans Day

Image: Soldiers of the 353rd Infantry near a church at Stenay, Meuse in France.

This picture was taken at 10:58 am on November 11th, 1918 two minutes before the armistice ending World War 1 went into effect.

I had the humble Honor of conducting a [We Honor Veterans](#) Pinning Ceremony for Two Navy Veterans this past month. Mr. Robles (Redwood City) served in WWII and is 99 years old. He insisted on a second helping of cheesecake! Mr. Thomas (Hayward) served in the Korean War and has a smile that could light up any room! Both had family members present as well as the Hospice social workers and care givers.

A funeral service was also conducted for Frank Uemura at the Willow Glen Funeral Home. Frank was drafted into the US Army during Vietnam. Frank was my Uncle and he had a great love for racing hot rods around San Jose, Morgan Hill and Fremont. He had a great smile and it was a humble Honor to preside over his Military Funeral Service. May He Rest in Peace.

Sunny Dosanjh, Chaplain & Service Officer <https://www.legion.org/>



## AMERICAN LEGION FUNDRAISER

# Veterans Craft Faire

**November 12, 2022**

**10 am - 3 pm**



American Legion Post 419  
958 Homestead, Santa Clara

**Buy American  
from Local Crafters  
And Support Veterans**

- ✓ Free Admission
- ✓ Hourly Drawings
- ✓ Hand Made Crafts & Collectibles
- ✓ Fundraiser for Veterans Programs
- ✓ Lunch \$10 (hot dog, chips, drink)

### Vendors Register

By Oct. 11, 2022 \$35-\$60 (After Add \$10)

Info email: [eventsALA419@yahoo.com](mailto:eventsALA419@yahoo.com)

Rich Peralez (408) 750-4066 after 5 pm

**Info & Registration:** Scan QR code or  
visit [www.alpost419ca.org](http://www.alpost419ca.org)



# American Legion Squadron 419

Thanks for Giving Dinner

Honoring our Active and their Families

American Legion Post 419

958 Homestead Rd, Santa Clara 95050 Thursday  
- November 17, 2022

Time: 6:00PM to 10:00PM

Reservations Only, Tickets - \$25.00 a Person

- Contact Steve Villegas @ 408) 309- 9158
- Frances Borg @ 408) 243-5832
- Post 419 @ 408) 224-3050

Members Bar or Adjutant



**Sons of the American Legion  
Squadron 419  
958 Homestead RD, Santa Clara**

**Toys for Tots**

**November 1 thru December 20, 2022**

**Donation Boxes in Hall and Clubroom**





# **Vet to Vet Café**

**Thursday mornings**

**9 am – 10:30 am**

**American Legion Post 419**

**958 Homestead Rd. Santa Clara**

Hostess, Karen Carter

408 560-6691

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# 2022 Calendar of Events

HOST	EVENT	DATE
Legion	Membership Meeting	2-Nov-22 7:00 pm
SONs	Membership meeting	3-Nov-22 7:00 pm
Legion	First Sunday Breakfast	6-Nov-22 9:00 am
Aux	Membership Meeting	9-Nov-22 7:00 pm
Post/Aux/SONs	Veterans Day	11 Nov 22 10 - 3
Legion	Annual Craft Fair	12-Nov-22 10:00 am - 3:00 pm
SONs	Thanks-for-Giving Dinner	17-Nov-22 6:00-10:00 pm
Legion	Post Executive Committee meeting	1-Dec-22 4:30 pm
Legion	First Sunday Breakfast	4-Dec-22 9:00-11:00 am
Legion	Membership Meeting	8-Dec-22 7:00 pm
SONs	Membership Meeting	9-Dec-22 7:00 pm
Aux	Membership Meeting	14-Dec-22 7:00 pm
Legion	Post Christmas Party	17-Dec-22 5:00 pm
Legion	Post Executive Committee Meeting	29-Dec-22 4:30 pm
Aux	New Years Eve Dinner/Dance	31-Dec-22 12:00-5:00 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)

## Honor Flight Bay Area Foundation

Honor Flight Bay Area Foundation, an authorized affiliate of The Honor Flight Network.

If you are a WWII, Korean War or Vietnam War veterans and If you have NOT had the opportunity to visit your national memorial in Washington, D.C., please contact us. This is an all expense paid trip for WWII, Korean War and Vietnam War veterans.

Visit our Web site for details or you may contact us at:

Honor Flight Bay Area Foundation

Office: (408)499-1739

Email: [admin@honorflightbayarea.org](mailto:admin@honorflightbayarea.org)

Be sure to send in your application. Applications for Veterans, guardians and volunteers are available on line at [www.honorflightbayarea.org](http://www.honorflightbayarea.org).

Guardians for the trip are volunteers who pay their own way to accompany the Veterans and provide personal assistance throughout the trip. Local assistance in

Here is our 2023 Trip Schedule. Please advise if we have any conflicts.

<u>Flight#</u>	<u>Orientations</u>	<u>Trip Dates</u>	<u>Reunion</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Notes</u>
	Post 419	Carmichael			
29	3/19	3/21	3/30-4/1	4/23	
30	4/30	5/2	5/11-13	6/4	Trip on Mother's Day weekend
31	9/10	9/12	9/21-23	10/15	
32	10/8	10/10	10/19-21	11/12	