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AMERICAN LEGION POST 419

Veterans Helping Veterans & Serving the Community Since 1932

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Legion: Commander's Report

Here we are already in the month of Oct. As the year speeds past we can look past at getting the post going again with numerous changes and look forward to getting back to normal activities. Still thru all of this trying to get Covid in the background with everyone's help.

I have been gone for a month and want to thank Jeff and all the others who kept the post heading in the right direction. I saw a lot of e-mails from Gene about happenings and many memorial services. Got back in time to attend one on Sunday and another one on the 1st.

Learned a lot at National convention I will be sharing as the next few months come about. Our new National Commander is from Texas, Paul Dillard. Both National and the State have been asking for extra funds to help victims of fires and hurricanes. If you can give a few dollars please do. For example one of the posts near Susanville, Sorry cannot remember the name, was totally destroyed. The thought they did well when all historic items and records were removed to a safe place only to not just loose the building but the safe place was destroyed also. Nearly 100 years of history. We need to look at getting our history on another storage device and stored in two separate locations.

Sorry to hear work on the parking lot has again been delayed. Al will be keeping up with the state to complete the work started by KD. That will be reported to you as soon as we know.

At the General meeting for Oct Steve will explain what the SONS program is and how it supports the Legion. I will bring you up to date on the Children and Youth programs. Both programs are large and will take up several sessions.

If you or someone else has hearing problems and can use a phone that amplifies and displays the words there are FREE systems available. I have some information and will be asking for a representative to come and speak at the weekly Vets to Vets program in the near future.

Folks Post 419 has been a gathering place for veterans and their families for nearly 90 years. Dances, meals, parties, and general gathering. We as a post have overcome differences between people and ideas. Bring your ideas and suggestions to the meetings or just pass them to the officers. We are open to anything that will enhance our future.

I hope the Halloween party is still on. Just remember the little goblins that will be out later this month and take care of yourselves.

Make sure your families know your last wishes. STAY SAFE

Ralph



Sons of the American Legion: Squadron Adjutant's Report

Greeting once again.

So, first off I would like to thank those who stepped up for the Surf City Dinner Dance. This was our first event for this year and it's a good start.

Members of the post and Auxiliary stepped up to help, and it is very appreciated.

Now, membership renewals has slowed down and there are many who have not paid. Dues are still \$25.00, so, if you haven't renewed, please do so.

Our membership meetings are still monthly on the 1st Thursday of the month, so please come down and get involved. Time 7:00pm Our meetings usually last only an hour, no longer than that.

For those, who would like to attend the Area 2 Meeting (Districts 8,9,10,13,26 and 28), it is scheduled for Oct 9, 2021. Location is the Hayward Post 68, 22737 Main St. Hayward. Meetings start at 9am. Son's meeting is usually the 1st or 2nd of the day. Come up and meet some other members from other squadrons. Yes, they do have coffee and pastry for those who need a kick start.

So on the same weekend of the Surf City party, there was a race down in Laguna Seca in Monterey. American Legion sponsored a racecar and there was also the Helmets 4 Hero's booth. So, did anyone know about this?

Our National Commander is from California and his Mantra for his time in Office is "***We need to be a united Brotherhood***".

At this point in time, we need to keep the history of our Fathers and Grandfathers stories alive. Our younger generations are not learning how this country was founded and the tragic events which took place. Case in point, the state of Missouri, which I didn't know had 37 battles during the Civil war. Look it up.

Now, we were going to have the Thanks for Giving event prior to Thanksgiving Day. We have decided to cancel this event due to no one else stepping up to come down and help. It is what it is.

Veteran's Day Parade is apparently on track, more information to follow.

Don't forget 1st Sunday Breakfast Oct 3rd

Submitted

Steve Villegas

Squadron 419 Adjutant



Adjutant Report

WHAT IS THE AMERICAN LEGION ORATORICAL CONTEST

“A Constitutional Speech Contest”

The American Legion Oratorical Contest exists to develop deeper knowledge and appreciation for the U.S. Constitution among high school students. Since 1938, the program has presented participants with an academic speaking challenge that teaches important leadership qualities, the history of our nation’s laws, the ability to think and speak clearly, and an understanding of the duties, responsibilities, rights and privileges of American citizenship. The program has featured numerous politicians and prominent contestants over the years, including former presidential candidate [Alan Keyes](#), national television commentator and talk radio host [Lou Dobbs](#), and former U.S. Vice President [Mike Pence](#).

Young orators earn some of the most generous college scholarships available to high school students. Over \$203,500 in scholarships can be awarded each year. The overall national contest winner gets a \$25,000 scholarship. Second place takes home \$22,500, and third gets \$20,000. Each department (state) winner who is certified into and participates in the national contest’s first round receives a \$2,000 scholarship. Those who advance past the first round receive an additional \$2,000 scholarship. The American Legion’s National Organization awards the scholarships, which can be used at any college or university in the United States.

High school students under age 20 are eligible. Competition begins at the post level and advances to a state competition. Legion department representatives certify one winner per state to the national contest, where department winners compete against each other in two speaking rounds. The contest caps off with a final round that decides the three top finishers.

Speaking subjects must be on some aspect of the U.S. Constitution, with some emphasis on the duties and obligations of citizens to our government. Speeches are eight to 10 minutes long; three- to five-minute speeches on an assigned topic also are part of the contest.

For more information:

americanism@legion.org

If you know of a High School Student who is a good speaker and knows the US Constitution please take advantage of this American Legion Program. Contact Post Adjutant at 408-244-3050

No Veteran Should Be Without a Place to Call Home

Free Help for Homeless Veterans Dial 1-877-4AID-VET (1-877-424-3838) for 24/7 access to VA services for homeless and at-risk Veterans

[Homeless Veteran Chat](#) Confidential, 24/7 online support for homeless Veterans and friends

<https://www.va.gov/homeless> for more information

Are You a Veteran in Crisis or Concerned About One?

Did you know that VA offers same day services in Primary Care and Mental Health at 172 VA Medical Centers across the country? [Make the Connection Resource Locator](#)

American Legion Auxiliary: President's Report

Hello Everyone,

Well as another month passes and the weather starts to get colder we reflect about how we made so many strides forward through one of the craziest times ever. The auxiliary is here as always to support and as we do.

With the anniversary of 9/11 just passing 3 of our ladies Maggie Taylor-Aherne, Cindy Newman attended several memorials at Los Gatos and San Jose to lend the heart of the auxiliary to these events.

As we go into the spooky month of Oct. the auxiliary wants to remind everyone that our Halloween dinner dance is still on the books for Oct. 30th. Please see the flyer for details.

At the dinner we want encourage everyone to please bring a small stuffed animal to donate for our children and youth program, so that many children will have something of their own to snuggle with.

With all our love and heart, we send love to you all for the next month.

Cheryl Rafferty

ALA Santa Clara Unit 419 President



ALA Fast Stats

- ★ 4 million hours volunteered in serving veterans and military
- ★ \$1.1 billion value of members' mission outreach
- ★ More than 8,000 local units
- ★ 32,034 volunteer hours spent on and at ALA Girls State
- ★ \$1.4 million presented in annual scholarships
- ★ 3.6 million collected from distributing handmade poppies to benefit veterans programs
- ★ Learning opportunities through our Mission Training events and ALA Academy courses
- ★ Part of a membership that makes up The American Legion Family



American Legion: Chaplain & Service Officer

Hello All,

I hope this newsletter finds you in good health and decent spirits. We had the humble honor of sharing a message with the Gold Star Mothers, Fathers, Families, and Friends at Oak Hill Cemetery on the National Remembrance Gold Star Mothers Day, Sunday September 26. This is the 5th year this ceremony has been held on the last Sunday in September. It is sponsored by Dignity Memorial who also was instrumental having the memorial created. Thank You to Dignity and the Gold Star Family committee for honoring our fallen veterans families.



Sunny Dosanjh, Service Officer / Chaplain



American Legion: Chaplain & Service Officer



A Mother's tears were shed today
For a battle long ago,
Her precious gift to a warrior son,
Whose fate she'll never know.

Not Heroes shiny medals,
For courage through their fears,
No ribboned badge of honor
Can match A Mother's tears.

A Mother's tears are courage,
A Mother's tears are hope,
For the babe once at her bosom,
Led away in a captive's rope.

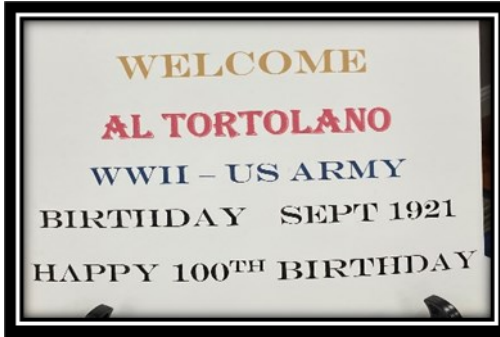
Her badge of honor, "Mothers Tears,"
More precious than the gold,
In all the shiny medals
Of warriors brave and bold.

A Mother's tears forever,
Undimmed by grief and years,
Never tarnish ... never fade,
God's Diamonds ... A Mother's Tears.

~ [Marsha Burks Megehee](#) ~
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September 5, 2021
Birthday Celebration



It has been a longtime sense we have been able to have a party. The time finely came and even though it was a small event, hopefully the progress to the next and the next will increase attendance until we fill the house, that was the days. Thank you all to those who did attend the Surf City dance, sponsored by the SON's Squadron 419. Young and even us old folks have a great time at these events. Please join us at our scheduled events we do have a lot of fun good food and drinks.



The next fundraiser event planned for Post 419 family will be the Auxiliary Unit 419 Halloween Dinner/ Dance scheduled on October 30, 2021. Contact Frances Borg at 408-243-5832 or the Post members lounge for tickets. Doors open at 5:00, Dinner at 6:00, Dancing at 7:00, Music by DJ Ken. Tickets \$30.

AMERICAN LEGION FUNDRAISER
Veterans Craft Faire
November 6, 2021
10 am - 3 pm



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Buy American
from Local Crafters
And Support Veterans

- ✓ Free Admission
- ✓ Hourly Drawings
- ✓ Hand Made Crafts & Collectibles
- ✓ Fundraiser for Veterans Programs

Vendors Register
 By Oct. 11, 2021 \$40-\$45 (After Add \$10)
 Info email: eventsALA419@yahoo.com
 Cindy Newman (650) 219-1041

Online registration: Scan QR code or
 visit <https://forms.gle/LsX1hP5diMJTa68A>




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American Legion Auxiliary Santa Clara Unit 419

YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR ANNUAL
HALLOWEEN
COSTUME PARTY

Catering by Brenda Manley & Music By DJ Ken

Costume Contest 🎃 Prizes 🎃 And More!



SATURDAY,
OCTOBER

30th

Doors Open @ 5pm
Dinner @ 6pm
Dancing @ 7pm



SCAN QR CODE TO
BUY TICKETS ONLINE
OR CALL

Frances Borg (408) 243-5832

Tickets

\$30

Each

*Event Subject
to change due
to COVID *

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**Vet to Vet Café meeting every
Thursday mornings**

9 am – 10:30 am

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958 Homestead Rd. Santa Clara

Stop by for Donuts and Coffee and Conversation

Hostess, Karen Carter

408 560-6691

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2021 Calendar of Events

HOST	EVENT	DATE
Legion	First Sunday Breakfast	3-Oct-21 9-11 am
AUX	Halloween Dinner / Dance	30-Oct-21
Legion	Annual Craft Fair	6-Nov-21
Legion	First Sunday Breakfast	7-Nov-21 9-11 am
Legion SAL AUX	Veterans Day	11-Nov-21
Legion	Annual Craft Faire	6-Nov-21
Legion	First Sunday Breakfast	7-Nov-21 9-11 am
Legion	First Sunday Breakfast	5 Dec-21 9-11 am
Legion	Legion Family Christmas Dinner / Dance	11-Dec-21
AUX	New Years Eve Party	31-Dec-21
Legion	First Sunday Breakfast	2-Jan-22 9-11 am

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)