

REVEILLE

AMERICAN LEGION POST 419

Veterans Helping Veterans & Serving the Community Since 1932

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Hello everyone! Good to see you're still reading the Reveille.

The weather is changing, days are getting shorter, and watching football takes up a lot of my time.

Our membership is holding steady with renewals and new Legionnaires coming aboard. Our goal is always to increase last year's numbers. October seems to be a great month to campaign new members, it's right before the holidays. Post 419 continues to attract events which helps our financial bottom line. If you or know someone looking for a venue to hold an event, please contact our post phone number: 408-244-3050 email: americanlegionpost419@comcast.net

Post 419 Legionnaires, I invite you to attend our General Meeting which is the first Wednesday of every month. If you have questions or comments, this is the place to be.

Last months was well attended, I was glad to have representation of both Sons of the American Legion, and Auxiliary Unit 419. It would be nice to see a representative from the Riders.

Things to do this month at the Post...

- First Sunday Breakfast
- Vets to Vets
- Halloween Dinner / Dance

Please refer to our website for information <https://alpost419ca.org/>

Please be mindful of the Halloween youngsters Trick or Treating out and about.

Have a great rest of the month. Hope to see you all at our Post.

Richard Peralez, Commander

American Legion Post 419

<https://www.alpost419ca.org>



AMERICAN LEGION ADJUTANT

Adjutant Report

Membership WAS going good until the beginning of September. The past 30 days we have received NO renewals for the 2024 calendar year. Our numbers look like this 9/22/2023

New	PUFL	Mem Paid	Transfers	Total Paid Mem	Goal	%
9	92	139	1 out 2 in	240	370	64.86

We have a long way to go to achieve the 100% mark. My QUESTION is, why haven't you renewed yet????

To the Members of Post 419

I know we keep asking for VOLUNTEERS to help at the post. One of the most unappreciated positions we have at the post, is that of the Volunteer Bartenders in the members lounge. I know that there are new hurtles that have to be met now with new ABC laws.

One option would be, we could set up a study session at the post on a Saturday, bring your laptop or tablets to take the RBS training which takes about 2 to 3 hours, depending on you skill level of taking classes. Then you would need to get signed up to take the Certification Test from ABC, which is an open book test. The post would pick up the cost. The ABC cert test is 50 questions.

The bartending job is usually about 7 hours each shift. Setup - Open - Close.

We are working on project to make coming to the members lounge a more satisfying event by bring in some type of games. We currently have the pool table and a dart board if you like some light competition between friends.

Have you seen the displays of unit badges lately. After the lounge refurbishment we created these displays of unit patches. Well they are looking a little sad. The glue has dried and some are following down. We need help to reset the badges and perhaps to create a couple more displays to pick up some of the more current chevrons and unit patches. Contact the post (408)244-3050 and leave a name and phone number message for the adjutant so we can set up a work party to fix these.

Gene Grundstrom

Adjutant

AMERICAN LEGION SONS

Well, here we are starting the month of October, and it seems like I just finished writing up September's input. Time is flying by too fast.

Well, as far as membership is concerned, we have been having members sending in their dues for the year slowly. I on behalf of our Squadron Commander want to thank all of those members who have submitted their dues.

As far as community involvement, we as a program of the American Legion, have been having dinner dances for both the community and post members. Our most recent event was our Surf City Dinner Dance. A good turnout, with good food, as usual. The opportunity drawing was held, and various tables won. Congratulations to those winners. Music supplied by DJ Ken, and everyone really enjoyed getting out there and danced their hearts out. A big Thank you to all our volunteers who helped to have this event being a big success. Remember without volunteers it's a struggle for each family group to put on events, we are all here to help each other.

As the Covid pandemic had basically shut us down, we are now on the uphill towards returning to where we were.

We all need to be careful since it seems like it is once again creeping about, so please everyone take care of yourselves.

Upcoming events are the following, as always, our 1st Sunday breakfast each month. A special Saturday breakfast is being set up. Please read the other portions of the newsletter for the information.

October the Auxiliary's Halloween Dinner/dance. November has a few events, Craft Show, Veterans Day, and our Thanks 4 Giving Dinner.

Hope that we see you at our post's activities.

Steve Villegas
Squadron Adjutant



AMERICAN LEGION JUNIOR PAST

Hope all are well.

As I look back a few years at my Legion leaders, one stands out and that is Bob Dunlap. He was District commander when I first became active and has supported me in many ways since. He had a heart attack the other day and is now resting at home in Fremont. Let us all pray for his recovery.

Still looking back, I remember when I took over as Finance Officer. We did all the book keeping for 3 accounts using checks and EXCEL. I was not an accountant in any term and learned and asked questions as I went along. During my time we had an IRS audit and a state audit of our books and financial program. We did well.

Why am I writing this?? The post has listed the Finance Officer as an open position for several months now and have no takers. You do not have to be an accountant or financial wizard. Marty and Mike, working with our new accountant have stream lined the system so most of the work can be done in 1 day a week. If you can count money and learn how to post it and deposit it you are half way there. Please consider supporting the post with this task. You actually get a small stipend for your time. Contact the post at 408.244.3050 and talk to Marty.

Come to the meeting on 4 Oct at 7pm and hear how Commander Richard and I spent a week at the American National convention.

The most important member of the post has also given his resignation.

No, not Commander Richard, but the Adjutant, Gene. His job keeps the post from falling apart. Membership, minutes from meetings, contact with other organizations, are all some of what the adjutant does. It is a very interesting position and one that everyone realizes on. Please consider this position. Not a fulltime staff position but several days a week. You work with all members, District, Department, and National staff. Talk to Gene and learn the full scope. He will be leaving 1 Jan 24, so please do it now.

Ralph Jacob

Junior Past Commander

AMERICAN LEGION AULILIARY

Greetings from the American Legion Women's Auxiliary Unit 419!

EVENTS

Our annual Halloween Dinner/Dance Costume Party will be held on Saturday, October 28, 2023, Doors open at 5:00pm, dinner at 6:00pm and dancing at 7:00pm. Tickets are \$30. For tickets contact Frances Borg at (408) 243-5832 or email alaunit419santaclara@gmail.com. Costume Contest, Prizes and more! See flyer below.



New Year's Eve Dinner/Dance will be held on Sunday, December 31st. More information forthcoming.

GIRLS STATE

We plan on having Girls State Recognition at our October meeting. We look forward to hearing from the girls and what they learned and took away at the end of their week.

DONATIONS – Mark your calendar!

*We are accepting donated **stuffed animals**, approximately 12 inches in height, for the disabled children at Chandler Tripp School for Christmas. *These items can be dropped off at the Post.*

***Toys** are being collected for the children of our Veterans for Christmas. *These items can be dropped off at the Post.*

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 CHAPLAIN



October

We welcome the days of Autumn.

Yes, the seasons are changing and it brings forth a time for positive change.

I hope this newsletter finds you and your loved ones in a safe, healthy and loved environment.

Many of you who served in the Navy will no doubt observe the Navy Birthday, 10/13/1775

We also take this moment to pause, reflect and remember those loved ones and strangers from near and far who no longer walk with us...but walk with us in spirit.

It's an amazing grace for those of us who are fortunate to have "3 Hots and a Cot" friends and family. The American Legion is our family and as stated by the leaders of our organization, we all can do one act of kindness...

To quote President Reagan in his 1983 radio address to the nation...

"Veterans know better than anyone else the price of freedom, for they've suffered the scars of war. We can offer them no better tribute than to protect what they have won for us."

AMERICAN LEGION SERVICE OFFICER

New guide for Buddy Checks

Ahead of VA's National Buddy Check Week and Veterans Day, updated resource materials are available for download.

LEARN MORE

TODAY'S HEADLINES

Making connections, saving veterans' lives

From food banks to pay advances, troops have help in a government shutdown

What's affected by the government shutdown

What do you own?


Connecting in the great frontier

[VIEW CALENDAR](#) [MORE HEADLINES](#)

<https://www.legion.org/buddycheck/260215/buddy-check-resources-toolkit-and-door-hanger>


As we continue to recover from the pandemic and face an ever changing world, I hope these links to current resources are useful. I'll add a few service links below, because it takes all of us...

<https://www.legion-aux.org/>



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**National Call Center
for Homeless Veterans**
877-424-3838
va.gov/homeless

Get Involved

Whether hosting a stand down to bring vital health and support services to homeless veterans, or coordinating a welcome-home event for a deployed military unit, ALA members are continuously at work in their communities, demonstrating the compassion and heart we have for those who serve our country and protect our freedoms.

→ How to Join the ALA



VA has extended debt relief to veterans including suspension of action on veteran debt under jurisdiction of the U.S. Treasury and suspension of collection action or extension of repayment terms on preexisting VA debts.

BENEFIT DEBTS VA Debt Management Center 800-827-0648	HEALTH CARE DEBTS VA Health Resource Center 888-827-4817
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These debts will not stop on their own. You MUST call VA to make arrangements.


<https://www.legion.org/sons/about>

<https://www.legion.org/riders>



ABOUT THE SONS

The Sons of The American Legion was founded in 1932. >>



ABOUT THE RIDERS

American Legion Riders chapters are well known for their charitable work >>





BREAKFAST OF CHAMPIONS BEFORE THE PARADE



The American Legion 419
\$12 donation

OCTOBER 7TH | 8AM TO 11AM

958 HOMESTEAD ROAD, SANTA CLARA CA 95050



Buy Online or at the Door. Choose Pancakes, French Toast, Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Bacon, Orange Juice, Coffee or Tea and a Fruit Cocktail. Funds raised support our Veterans at the AL419. Since 1945 we have raised funds to support our

charitable initiatives that support youth, Veterans and Families in Medical Crisis. We are the oldest running, most inclusive legacy event in the History of the City. Our 501c3 continues to exist thanks to our Sponsors and Community. Learn more at www.scp paradeofchampions.org



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!



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

SATURDAY,
OCTOBER
28th

Tickets
\$30



For Tickets: Contact Frances Borg
(408) 243-5832
or email
alaunit419santaclara@gmail.com

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AMERICAN LEGION FUNDRAISER

Veterans Craft Faire

November 4, 2023

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. 4, 2023 \$40-\$45 (After Add \$10)

Info email: eventsALA419@yahoo.com

Cindy Newman (650) 219-1041

Info & Registration: Scan QR code
or visit www.alpost419ca.org



Vet to Vet Café



Vet to Vet Café

Every Thursday Morning

9 am - 10:30 am

Hostess: Karen Carter

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2023 Calendar of Events

HOST	EVENT	DATE
Legion	1st Sunday Breakfast	Sun Oct 1, 2023 9 to 11 am
Legion	Membership Meeting	Wed Oct 4, 2023 7 to 8 pm
SONs	Membership meeting	Thur Oct 5, 2023 7 to 8 pm
Post	Pancake Breakfast See flyer	Sat Oct 7, 2023 8 to 11 am
Aux	Membership meeting	Wed Oct 11, 2023 7 to 8 pm
Legion	Exec Committee Meeting	Thur Oct 26, 2023 5:30 pm
Aux	Halloween Dinner/Dance	Sat Oct 28, 2023 5 to 9 pm
Legion	Membership Meeting	Wed Nov 1, 2023 7 to 8 pm
SONs	Membership meeting	Thur Nov 2, 2023 7 to 8 pm
Legion	Craft Fair 2023	Sat Nov 4, 2023 10 am to 3 pm
Legion	1st Sunday Breakfast	Sun Nov 5, 2023 9 to 11 am
Aux	Membership meeting	Wed Nov 8, 2023 7 to 8 pm
SONs	Thanks for Giving	Thur Nov 16, 2023 5 to 9 pm
Legion	Exec Committee Meeting	Wed Nov 30, 2023 5:30 pm
Legion	1st Sunday Breakfast	Sun Dec 3, 2023 9 to 11 am
Legion	Membership Meeting	Wed Dec 6, 2023 7 to 8 pm

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SONs	Membership meeting	Thur Dec 7, 2023	7 to 8 pm
Aux	Membership meeting	Thur Dec 13, 2023	7 to 8 pm
Legion	Executive Committee Meeting	Thur Dec 28, 2023	5:30 pm
Legion	Post-SONs-Aux 419 Christmas Party	Sat Dec 16, 2023	5 to 9 pm
Aux	New Year's Eve Day Party	Sun Dec 31, 2023	12 to 5 pm

Remaining 2023 Flight Dates:

<u>Flt #</u>	<u>Orientation Date</u>	<u>Trip Date</u>	<u>Reunion Date</u>
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Trip Leaders (TBD)

31	9/10*, comp.	9/12 - 9/21-23 comp.	10/15
32	10/8*,	10/10 - 10/19-21	11/12