

AMERICAN LEGION POST 419 REVEILLE

Veterans Helping Veterans & Serving the Community Since 1932

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September 2023

Happy September everyone.

August has been a busy month for the American Legionnaires.

National Convention was held in Charlotte, North Carolina, and Post 419 was well represented. During the convention Post 419 was able to present the Department of Hawaii a donation to aid in the devastation of events facing their department. Without the participation of many at our Post, this would not have been possible. A sincere thank you.



Future changes at the Post:

Financial Officer has submitted a resignation notice as of December 31, 2023. Adjutant submitted a resignation letter as of June 30, 2024. If you know of candidates for the prementioned, please feel free to contact our post.

Email: americanlegionpost419@comcast.net Phone: 408-244-3050 #5. Of course, word of mouth is best.

Looking forward to September!

Patriot Day is recognized on September 11. National POW/MIA Recognition Day, third Friday of the month. The whole month of September is National Service Dog Month. This month-long celebration honoring the hard work and life-changing impact service dogs make on people every day.

If you're able check in every now and then to the Post, events, 1st Sunday breakfasts, and our member's lounge.

I hope to see you all soon.

All the best,

Richard Peralez

Post 419 Officers 2023 -2024

Commander	Richard Peralez	1st Vice Commander	Isaac Jantzen
2nd Vice Commander	Jeff Driskell	Adjutant	Gene Grundstrom
Service Officer	Sunny Dosanjh	Chaplain	Sunny Dosanjh
Judge Advocate	Jeff Driskell	Junior past Commander	Ralph Jacob

Executive Committee Members at Large

Kathleen Hall - Mike Roosevelt - Todd White

POST 41 ADJUTANT

The membership numbers are finally published. Below is the numbers and goals for the 2023 2024 membership year. The goal for Post 419 I will be 370 members. It is a hard job and need everyone's help to achieve our goals. Due to the lack of extra help from our total membership, we have not been able to achieve our assigned goal for many years. So this year when I send out your 2024 membership card I will again enclose an application for each of you to use for recruiting new members to the American Legion Post 419.

DISTRICT 13 Commander LARRY MAGGIO (AREA 2)									
Department of California - 2024 MEMBERSHIP REPORT									9/1/2023
POST	Name	City	New	PUFL	Members Paid	1000/DMS Transfers	Total Members	Goal	%
99	West Valley Memory	Campbell	0	44	66	0	110	195	56.41%
217	Gilroy	Gilroy	4	44	91	0	139	205	67.80%
318	Willow Glen	San Jose	0	34	45	1	80	159	50.31%
375	Palo Alto	Palo Alto	0	2	1	0	3	27	11.11%
419	Santa Clara	Santa Clara	7	92	127	0	226	370	61.08%
558	Los Altos	Los Altos	0	32	5	0	37	84	44.05%
564	Mission City	Santa Clara	0	43	59	0	102	189	53.97%
642	Stevens Creek	Cupertino	0	16	25	0	41	66	62.12%
791	Mayfair	San Jose	1	35	58	0	94	144	65.28%
809	Clifford R Rodriguez	San Jose	0	9	12	0	21	39	53.85%
858	Northside	San Jose	0	22	7	0	29	89	32.58%
881	William A Moffett	Moffett Field	0	18	14	0	32	47	68.09%
Total			12	391	510	1	914	1,614	56.63%

The Post is very much in need of members to step up and taking on the positions of the FINANCE OFFICER and the ADJUTANT. Effective December 31, 2023, Marty McCormick is stepping down after many years of doing the finances of the post and I have already given my notice effective June 30, 2024, which will give my replacement time to learn my jobs. Please DO NOT procrastinate until the last month or so to take on these positions. Neither of which is just step in and start work.

We also need volunteers to help keep our parking lot clean and plants watered and trimmed.

Gene Grundstrom
Adjutant Post 419

AMERICAN LEGION SONS

Greetings to all once again.

Well, here we are entering our third month of the legion year for 2023-24. As far as membership, we have had 28 members renewed so far and there are quite a few who haven't. I will be sending out a 2nd reminder, there have been some returns for members who have moved and left no forwarding addresses. They will be dropped if no contact can be made.

Reminder that our meetings are scheduled for the 1st Thursday of the month at 6:30pm, in the clubroom.

Our Surf City dinner/dance is scheduled for the 22nd, which is on a Friday this year. The entertainment will be by DJ Ken, and it should be a fun night, and yes, we will be having our opportunity drawings. Flyers are down at the post and Francis Borg is once again helping us out by selling tickets. Ticket price is \$25.00 per person, No walk-ins. Brenda Manley will be providing us with a delicious meal, so get your tickets before we run out.

The National Convention in Charlotte, NC, has just ended and some dialog has already been transmitted. California's Past Detachment Commander James Fisher was elected and Installed as the National Vice Commander-West. Congratulations to him as he takes this office.

Committees are in place for us to work in the community, we are a program of the American Legion, and our support is greatly needed. As the Covid pandemic had basically shut us down, we are now on the uphill towards returning to where we were. It is taking time, but each day is a step in the right direction.

Upcoming events from memory are the following, as always, our 1st Sunday breakfast each month. October the Auxiliary's Halloween Dinner/dance. November has a few events, Craft Fair, Veterans Day, and don't forget our Thanks 4 Giving Dinner when we honor our Active duty military members.

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

Steve Villegas

Roster of Officers 2023-2024

Commander	Pat Manley	1 st Vice Commander	Jeff Driskell
2 nd Vice Commander		Adjutant	Steve Villegas
Finance Officer	Steve Villegas	Chaplain	
Judge Advocate		Sgt-at-Arms	Al Wong
Historian			

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

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

EVENTS

We are off to a busy start and planning our first event in September. We are calling our event Fancy Hat Ice-Cream Social, to be held on Sunday, September 24th, from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. Public is welcome. No charge. We will be accepting donations for our Veteran programs. Flyer attached.

Mark your calendar for our Halloween Dinner/Dance to be held on October 31st. More information forthcoming in the next Reveille newsletter.

GIRLS STATE

Maggie Taylor Aherne recently went to Girls State for a week in Old Town Sacramento. We plan on a Girls State Recognition at our September meeting. Along with legislature, government, etc., our young girls learn about democracy in a non-partisan teaching environment. It will be fun to hear from the girls and what they learned and took away at the end of their week. Great job Maggie and a big THANK YOU!



DISTRICT 13 MEETING

My first District 13 meeting for 2023-2024, was held at Post 564 on Sunday, August 6th. We received the 2023-2024 Unit Checklist which included due dates for forms/checks which are required to be sent to the Department Office. A few items on the list are Poppy Orders, Girls State Application and Fees, Donation/Membership for Book of Reports, & Poppy Financial Report. We will be hosting our District 13 President, Leah Williamson when she visits next year.

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 also 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 6:30 pm 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

We Will Never Forget



*Please join Oak Hill Funeral Home and Memorial Park
September 11, 2023 at 10 am
At the 911 Memorial located in
Oak Hill Memorial Park 300 Curtner Ave. San Jose, CA 95125*

Inspiring speakers, light refreshments and
civic pride highlight this event.

Please ask any Dignity Memorial Professional for more information

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AMERICAN LEGION CHAPLAIN

9/11 We Remember, The Brave...



*Twin Towers
New York City*

*Pentagon
Arlington*

*United Flight 93
Shanksville*

September

As the winds of change are upon us, I hope you and yours are in a position to take a break and enjoy the Labor Day Weekend.

Schools are back in session, summer holidays are but a memory and life kicks into a different gear.

For others, it's back to work, the beginning of Fall and watching their favorite ball game.

I hope that you find moments to pause, slow down and reflect on those who once walked with us on this journey we call life.

If a smile does come across your way, which wipes away your tears of sorrow, just remember whose light shines within you.

Yes We Live

Yes We Do Laugh

Yes, We Do Love

It's what makes us ... US Military Veterans, American Legionnaires with love for our family, friends, God and Country. So as we remember those we lost on 9/11, we also remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice. May their Souls Rest in Peace.

It is with great sadness I have to report two of our members have transferred to Post everlasting.

Russell R Banko 429 Fernandez Ct Santa Clara, CA 95050-6407 WWII AL 30 year USN

Thomas E Tabash 1603 Marshfield Ct Salinas, CA 93906-4481 Vietnam AL 3 year USAF

AMERICAN LEGION SERVICE OFFICER



Newly elected National Commander Daniel J. Seehafer

Wisconsin Legionnaire calls for continuation of suicide-prevention initiative while also touting legislative advocacy, membership and fundraising for Veterans & Children Foundation.

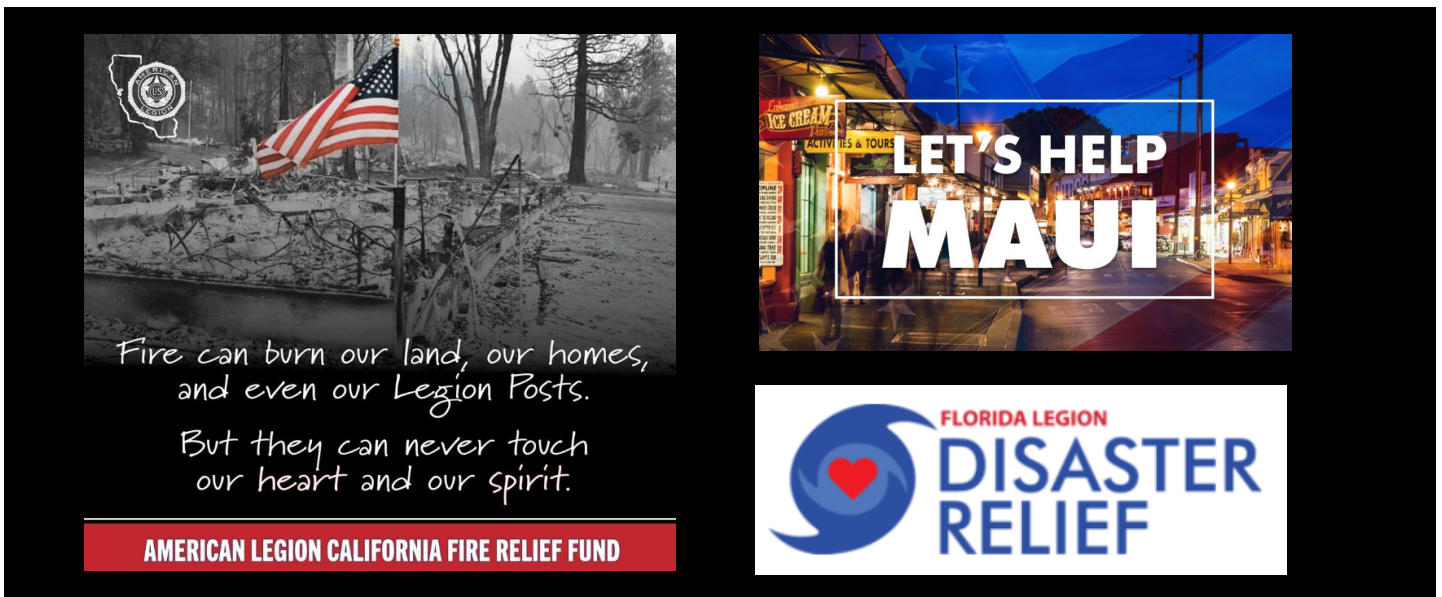
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TODAY'S HEADLINES

- Be the One podcast series debuts
- Newly elected National Commander Seehafer: Continue to Be the One
- Palou can clinch series championship with top-three finish in Portland
- Fourth Estate Award winners honored during national convention
- Task Force Movement adds health-care career portal

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

August was a difficult month weatherwise for many parts of our country. Whether related to the fires in Hawaii and California or the hurricanes in Florida, the American Legion in each of those states stepped up to provide aid and assistance



Fire can burn our land, our homes, and even our Legion Posts. But they can never touch our heart and our spirit.

AMERICAN LEGION CALIFORNIA FIRE RELIEF FUND

FLORIDA LEGION DISASTER RELIEF

THE AMERICAN LEGION BENEFITS CALCULATOR

Welcome to The American Legion Benefits Calculator!

By answering a few simple questions, we are able to help you determine your eligibility for hundreds of available benefits.

After completing the questions, you will be delivered a customized report to provide to your Department Service Officer.

[Get Started](#)

The American Legion Benefits Calculator allows you to enter data to help provide an unofficial readout of your benefits.

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VA Official: PACT Act Deadline
September 30, 2023



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



Sunny Dosanjh, Chaplain & Service Officer

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AMERICAN LEGION

958 Homestead Rd., Santa Clara, Ca



SURF CITY DINNER DANCE

September 22, 2023

Chicken or BBQ Ribs



\$25 per person with fixins

(Make checks payable to S.A.L Squadron 419)

Music by DJ.Ken

Doors open 5 pm, Dinner at 6 pm.

Dancing 7—9 pm

Reservations ONLY-Post #408-244-3050 ext. 5 or contact
Steve Villegas at 408 309 9158 } (No walk-ins).

Francis Borg at 408 243 5832



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Auxiliary Unit 419 Santa Clara



FANCY HAT ICE-CREAM SOCIAL

Fancy Hats Admired, But Not Required

Sunday, Sep 24, 2023 1 PM - 3 PM

Public Welcome - Donations to benefit
veterans programs!

958 Homestead Rd, Santa Clara, CA
95050





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




Remaining 2023 Flight Dates:

Flt #	Orientation Date	Trip Date	Reunion Date
Trip Leaders (TBD)			
31	9/10*,	9/12 - 9/21-23	10/15
32	10/8*,	10/10 - 10/19-21	11/12

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 veteran who has 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.

If you haven't submitted an application, please do not hesitate to do so. We are accepting applications for our 2024 travel year. Details are available on our Web site or by calling or emailing us. Don't hesitate to participate in this trip of a life time.



This cups for YOU!

Vet to Vet Café every Thursday

Coffee and Donuts

9 am - 11 am

for all Military and Veterans

NO agenda just conversation

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2023 Calendar of Events

HOST	EVENT	DATE
Legion	1st Sunday Breakfast	Sun Sept 3, 2023 9 to 11 am
Legion	Membership Meeting	Wed Sept 6, 2023 7 to 8 pm
SONs	Membership meeting	Thur Sept 7, 2023 7 to 8 pm
Aux	Membership meeting	Wed Sept 13, 2023 7 to 8 pm
SONs	Surf City Dinner/Dance	Fri Sept 22, 2023 5 to 9 pm
Aux	Fancy Hat Ice-Cream Social	Sunday Sept 24, 2023 1 to 9 pm
Legion	Exec Committee Meeting	Thur Sept 28, 2023 5:30 pm
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
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

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)

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HOST	EVENT	DATE
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
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

2024 Calendar of Events

HOST	EVENT	DATE	
Legion	1st Sunday Breakfast	Sun Jan 7, 2024	9 to 11 am
Legion	Crab Feed (Subject to Season and Price)	Sat Jan 27, 2024	5 to 9 pm
Legion	1st Sunday Breakfast	Sun Feb 4, 2024	9 to 11 am
Aux	Valentine Dinner / Dance	Sat Feb 10, 2024	5 to 9 pm
Legion	1st Sunday Breakfast	Sun Mar 3, 2024	9 to 11 am
Leigion	St Patrick Day Dinner/Dance	Sat Mar 16, 2024	5 to 9 pm
Legion	1st Sunday Breakfast	Sun Apr7, 2024	9 to 11 am
SONs	Sock for Vets Dinner/Dance	Sat Apr 20, 2024	5 to 9 pm
SONs	May the 4th Be With You Dinner/Dance	Sat May 4, 2024	5 to 9 pm
Legion	Annual Car Show	Sat June 8, 2024	10 am to 3 pm

****Post 419 meeting are held on the First Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm Please join us***

****SAL Squadron 419 meeting are held on the First Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm Please join us***

****Auxiliary Unit 419 meeting are held on the Second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm Please join us***

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