

AMERICAN LEGION POST 419 REVEILLE

Veterans Helping Veterans & Serving the Community Since 1932

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American Legion: Commander's Report

Welcome to the month of September.

Before August gets far away in the rear view mirror, I'd like to thank a few people. We had many changes in August. Lunches were concluded, Good luck to Brenda in her new job, thanks to all who supported her and those that helped in the kitchen.

Gene did a hell of a job getting dinner set up for the folks from Department and the DEC. The hall looked great and the food was excellent. Special thanks to those who volunteered to make the evening elegant.

Finally thanks to KD Poynter who has single handedly gotten the tree cut back and worked with the state to get the parking lot fixed. He will be leaving in September.

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.

Thru the last 18 months we have been able to keep the doors open and the post growing. We need support from all 450 members of the post. If you have an idea for a project let us know. If you want to volunteer there are many activities that we can support with help. No help, no programs. Don't just sit and complain become a true member of the American Legion.

I remember when I first joined, I was working and going to college, so little time was spent at the post. As I became more active, I met new friends at the post and through out the state. You know your commitments and what you can spare, get involved.

We always need new people to support the Honor Guard and other activities. Contact Gene.

See you at Breakfast Sunday September 5th. Actually I'll be in Texas but my heart will be with you. Several people will be gone that Sunday and the breakfast folks could use some help. Let Richard Peralez know if that is you.

Commander Ralph



Sons of the American Legion: Squadron Adjutant's Report

Greeting for the month of September

1st off, I would like to thank Brenda Manley and all of the volunteers who stepped up for the short notice dinner for the D.E.C. members of both the Legion and the Detachment. You all did a great job, Thank You all.

As you all know, membership is needed to run a squadron, not just having members, you need individuals to take positions and work to have a successful squadron. Membership cards are on hand. If you have sent in a check or cash, your cards will be sent out. We will have the cards at our next membership meeting on Sept 7th. Meeting starts at 7pm.

On the Aug 21 and 22, the Detachment had a D.E.C. Workshop here in San Jose at the Hayes mansion. Many things discussed to help the Detachment to succeed within the squadron levels.

Membership ideas, one was creating a family tree and finding out if there were family members who served. This could be a huge task, but someone might be surprised learning a bit of family history.

Meetings – A bit of a discussion, the meetings are not really having a positive effect on squadrons. Number of members attending meetings has dropped, even before Covid.

Meeting material has become boring, we need to spice it up to get members to attend. We have about 30 programs to choose out of to get recognized for and have a positive outcome. Just a takes time and a bit of commitment. Yes, we are all busy, but there had to be a real good reason why you joined.

Our Incoming National Commander for the Son's has 1 program as his main objective. Flags for Veterans in cemeteries' who have been either forgotten or lost in time.

It will be listed under Flying Flags for Hero's. there will be a website to gain more information. This project is to get 1 million flags on the grave sites of veterans in cemeteries' large and small in our communities. This appears to be a large undertaking, but it is feasible.

Now on Sept 18th, our squadron is going to be holding its first event for the year. Surf City Dinner Dance. Tickets are \$25.00 per person. DJ Ken will be providing entertainment and Opportunity drawing as well. Ribs or Cornish Game hens for dinner. Tickets are available. Reservations only, No walk in's

DJ Ken will be providing the entertainment.

That's about it for now

Steve Villegas

Squadron 419 Adjutant



WELCOME BACK

Join us for an evening of dining and dancing

We all deserve a good time of friendship and camaraderie



AMERICAN LEGION

958 Homestead Rd., Santa Clara, CA

SURFCITY DINNER DANCE

September 18, 2021



Cornish Game Hen

OR

BBQ Ribs



\$25 per person with fixins

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

*******Music by "DJ Ken"*******

Doors open 5 p.m. Dinner at 6 p.m.

Dancing 7 – 9 p.m.

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

"Come and support your community American Legion"

American Legion Auxiliary: President's Report

Hello everyone

Greetings from the members of the Auxiliary. As we come to the end of another month and beginning of the next we must always remember why we are here. Thankfully we as well as the post and sons are able to plan our first events. The Auxiliary is excited to let everyone know that our first official event will be the Halloween dinner dance.

The event will be on *Saturday October 30th*

Ticket prices are \$30.00 and the dinner will be cooked by our wonderful chef and Auxiliary secretary Brenda Manley. If you want tickets you can contact Frances Borg or the other members of the Auxiliary.

Our membership is going strong but we always want to add as many new faces to our group. Please remember that anyone can spread the word of what we do and encourage new people to join.

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 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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American Legion: Service Officer / Chaplain

Hello,

We as Veterans and our family & friends who are a part of the American Legion are going through some challenging times as we come to the realization that America's longest war in Afghanistan is over. As we know, the war is never truly over...

All Gave Some

Some Gave All

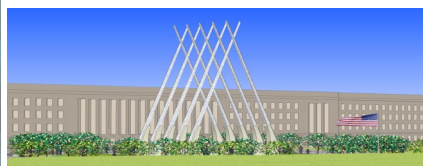


We are blessed that we have generations of Veterans, from many wars, campaigns and missions, who understand what it means to have served...and how we can serve Veterans who are undoubtedly struggling during these times. Now more than ever, It's imperative to reach out to our fellow Veterans who are feeling demoralized and feeling a personal sense of loss.

September will evoke even more feelings and emotions due to the 20th Anniversary of 9/11. You may find yourself in remembrance and experience a wave of grief, loss, sadness, frustration and anger that may wash over you. Please know there is another wave of reflection, gratitude, appreciation and grace that may comfort you during this time. Allow yourself the time to acknowledge these feelings and emotions and reach out to anyone in the Legion family if you need to talk. You are not alone!



We as American Legionnaires have had the honor and privilege to wear our country's military uniform and serve our nation. We are part of the fabric which weaves together our American Family. First Responders are also part of that fabric who serve our nation. On this, 9/11 20th Anniversary of the attack on our nation, we come together as one family, to reflect, honor and respect the memory for those who made the ultimate sacrifice.



Sunny Dosanjh, Service Officer / Chaplain



The Post has been busy doing lunches for civic organization. Each week, this last month or so we have been hosting the Santa Clara Rotary to their weekly lunch. This has been possible by an arrangement made by our Chef as a catering contract which also produces income for the Post.



Another Special event the Post hosted was a dinner for the American legion Department of California Executive meeting (D.E.C.) which was attended by delegates from Legion Districts from all over the state. We received thanks from all and kudos for the Chef and the Volunteers. My personal thanks go out the all the Legionnaires and SONs who helped set up and made this happen on such short notice. Special guest included the AL Department of California Commander Autry James, the Department Sgt-at-Arms Henry Sanchez and the Department Adjutant Barbara Lombroso.



Gene Grundstrom
Adjutant Post 419

We have been doing our best to improve our property, below are some indications we have been working very hard. Many thanks to Al Wong, KD Poynter, Stan Ferro, Gene Grundstrom and a few other Members of the Post for their labors and financial help.



Just a reminding that we are still meeting on Thursday mornings. Hope you can join us. The stories are most interesting and great conversations. It is a real treat to be together. I always leave feeling uplifted.



**Vet to Vet Café will begin meeting on
Thursday mornings
August 5, 2021
9 am – 10:30 am
American Legion Post 419
958 Homestead Rd. Santa Clara**

Hostess, Karen Carter
408 560-6691

Craft Faire is Sat., November 6, 2021 - 10 am to 3pm

- Crafters register NOW
 - Buy American from Local Crafters & Support Veterans
 - Shop for birthday and holiday gifts here. Crafters register by October 11th.
- Visit the [Craft Faire page](#) on this website!



AMERICAN LEGION FUNDRAISER
Veterans Craft Faire
November 6, 2021
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

Vendors Register
By Oct. 11, 2021 \$40-\$45 (After Add \$10)
Info email: eventsALA419@yahoo.com
Cindy Newman (858) 219-1041
Online Registration Available at
<https://forms.gle/LuK3hPSdMKJTa68A>



2021/22 Calendar of Events

HOST	EVENT	DATE
Legion	First Sunday Breakfast	5-Sep-21 9-11 am
SAL	Surf City Dinner / Dance	18-Sep-21
Legion	First Sunday Breakfast	3-Oct-21 9-11am
AUX	Halloween Dinner / Dance	30-Oct-21
Legion	Annual Craft Faire	6-Nov-21 10am-3pm
Legion	First Sunday Breakfast	7-Nov-21 9-11 am
Legion SAL AUX	Veterans Day	11-Nov-21
Legion	Legion Family Christmas Dinner /	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)



The American Legion Family