



# AMERICAN LEGION POST 419 REVEILLE

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## FROM THE EDITOR

Most of us made it through the holidays. Congratulations!

Attached again this month is the announcement from **Legacy Memorial** about the drop-in Vet to Vet coffee sessions that will begin at the Post on Mondays in January 2020. Drop in any time between 8:30am and 10:30am on Mondays. Nothing fancy just coffee, sweets and good conversation. This is hosted by Karen Carter of Dignity Memorial as part of their We Honor Vets program.

Page three (3) contains information regarding the **Honor Flight Bay Area Foundation** by Co-Founder and Director, Past Post 419 Commander and Past District 13 Commander, Don Newton.

When you receive the monthly newsletters, such as this one, always go straight to the calendar in the back of the newsletter for upcoming events.

Don't forget the **ANNUAL CRAB FEED** is being held on January 25. **ALL YOU CAN EAT!** See the attached flyer.

Best regards,

## COMMANDER'S CORNER:

Happy New Year and best wishes for 2020. For the executive officers of the post, fiscal year 2020 started July of 2019. That means, we are half way through our terms—over the hump. But, before we leave, there is still a lot to be done and more fun times ahead. Please join us in the next six months to finish out fiscal year 2020 with fireworks on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

We are all volunteers and we give our time to help with the post issues and activities for members and the community. I know that it is not easy to walk into the post when you do not know anyone. And it isn't much fun when it seems like no one knows who you are. Quite often we ask for volunteers at the meetings with zero results. So, let's not wait to be asked. Just come to the meeting and ask what are some of the immediate volunteer positions needed.

The first opportunity to volunteer would be the 'Crab Feed' on Saturday, January 25<sup>th</sup>. We need about 10-12 people to help serve and clean up. This would only take 3-4 hours of your time for the day. We welcome as much or as little of your time as you can offer. And I will be right there with you.

Due to the holidays, our General Meeting for the month of January will be on the Second Wednesday, **January 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm**. If you have not been able to attend a meeting on the first Wednesday of the month, how about the second Wednesday? Please come and ask me what you can do to help.

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Our Christmas Dinner/Dance was held on Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>. At the beginning of this event, we performed our traditional Post Everlasting Ceremony to honor 19 of our departed Comrades. Chaplain Linda McHaffie of the Auxiliary also announced the Auxiliary members who have passed. Half way through the evening, the Auxiliary presented the post with a generous check of \$1,000. Their work and generosity is a vital part of the American Legion.

Many great prizes for lucky ticket holders. Everyone had a great time dancing or just listening to the Island Wave Band.

Hope to see everyone in the second half of Fiscal Year 2020, beginning on the Calendar Year 2020.

We do not ask you directly to volunteer for obvious reasons. So when you come in, please ask, 'what can I do to help'. Remember, you can always say 'No' and wait for something else to open up.

Al Wong  
Post Commander

## HONOR FLIGHT BAY AREA FOUNDATION

### **Honor Flight Bay Area Foundation — 598 Veterans Honored with trip to Washington, D.C.**

Honor Flight Bay Area Foundation is preparing for its 6<sup>th</sup> year of operation in 2020. Since organizing in 2014, we have flown 598 veterans to Washington, D.C. to visit their war memorials. This is an all-expense paid trip for the veterans and our way of thanking them for their service and sacrifice.

If you are a WWII, Korean or Vietnam war veteran who has not been to D.C. to see your war memorial, you are invited, encouraged, to participate in this trip of a life time. Applications are available at [www.honorflightbayarea.org](http://www.honorflightbayarea.org). Full details of the trip and information about Honor Flight Bay Area is available at our Web site.

Prior to each flight we will conduct an orientation meeting for all participants. This gives you the opportunity to meet your fellow travelers and learn about the trip itinerary. A few weeks after each flight we hold a reunion where participants can share their experiences from the trip. All of this is a truly memorable experience... for the veteran, the guardian and our volunteers.

Many of our senior veterans are concerned with health issues and the ability to make this trip. Let us help you evaluate your situation before you disqualify yourself. Part of the application process involves a private conversation with an Honor Flight Bay Area health professional.

Guardians/escorts, are also needed to assist our veterans. If you are interested in volunteering as a guardian, you can obtain an application at [www.honorflightbayarea.org](http://www.honorflightbayarea.org). Or, if you just want to volunteer to help Honor Flight Bay Area with the logistics and work required to organize each flight, an application for volunteers is available at the Web site.

A huge thank you to Post 419 and to all of the members and volunteers who have helped to make our honor flights a success.

I look forward to everyone's continued support for our 2020 honor flights.

Don Newton

Co-Founder and Director, Honor Flight Bay Area Foundation

Past Commander – Post 419 and District 13



## SONS OF THE LEGION

### SAL COMMANDER'S REPORT

Hello Sons of the Legion.

Hoping that everyone had a great Holiday Season with family and friends.

Our Thanks for Giving Dinner held on Nov 21<sup>st</sup>, was a success. We hosted 8 families. Both adults and children had a great time. Approximately 120 meals served and were catered by Armando's Catering.

A real big **THANK YOU** to **FRANCES BORG** for handling our ticket sales as well as our opportunity drawing. Thanks to Rick Gundo for providing the background music, a very nice touch.

Also a big thank you to the volunteers who stepped up to decorate the hall: **Rick and Bonnie Gundo, Gene and Maydeen Grundstrum, John and Dee Quinn, Frances and Louis Borg, Jeff Driskell, Rich Perales, Mary Ann Villa.**

We are already thinking about next year. From the talk, we should have another great Thanks for Giving dinner.

The post's Christmas dinner was held at the beginning of the month, and again everyone had a good time.

Wreaths across America was held in Los Altos at Gates of Heaven. Our post participated as the District Honor guard.

Membership. The end of the first half of fiscal year 2020 has arrived. Members who have not renewed will be delinquent for the 2020 year. If and when you talk to members please remind them that dues need to be paid. It's now easier for us as far as transmittals, as we are now able to renew our members on line.

Boys State will be starting up at the beginning of the year and we will be sponsoring students along with the post. Schools who will be participating are Arch Bishop Mitty, Christo Rey Charter School and the newest participating school, Harker Academy.

Toys for Tots. I have taken all of the toys which were donated—2 boxes full. Thank You to all who stepped up and donated.

Our January meeting will be held on **Jan 9<sup>th</sup>, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month.** Please remind other members of this change, February's meeting will then return to the 1st Thursday of the month for the remainder of the year.

Happy New Year

Steve Villegas, Squadron Adj



# UNIT 419



## Auxiliary Celebrates 100 Years

The American Legion Auxiliary celebrated 100 Years with the Legion Family at activities in November and December.

The mission of the Auxiliary is to support the aims and purposes of the American Legion as well as handle it's own programs for Veterans Assistance and Rehabilitation, Children & Youth, Community Service, Girls State and many more.

A good example is the year-round support to the Legion from members Frances Borg, Maydean Grundstrom, Lucille David, and others that I don't have room to mention. Get to know us!

Frances is the Legion and Auxiliary's main ticket seller for all events, which is a full-time demanding job. She loves selling tickets, but it's a real nail-biter when people wait until the last minute to buy tickets (hey, it happens, we are all busy, but let's resolve in 2020 to get it together). Do you know that she often has to meet people at the Post to exchange the cash for tickets in the evening? That's dedication.

Maydean is the Auxiliary's Membership Chair whom many of you know because of her James Dean cool denim jacket with the angel on the back (she embroidered). Maydean supports the Legion by making her special spaghetti sauce for Honor Flight and other Legion events. She loves making the fleece scarves and filling Christmas bags with toiletries and other stuff for 50 hospitalized veterans and the Palo Alto VA. If you are interested in membership contact Maydean at [megef@sbcbglobal.net](mailto:megef@sbcbglobal.net) or (408) 732-5257. She is always at the Legion's First Breakfast!

Lucille David is the Auxiliary's Golden Girl and I don't mean age. She handles the jewelry fundraiser for our Children and Youth program and Community Service program. She and Linda McHaffie (Chaplain) and member Joanne Franklin spent some time sifting through new and gently used jewelry and affixing price tags before it is set out on the table at the car show. Many hands make light work. Then Lucille spends the money to buy new toys and stuffed animals for a variety of holiday children's parties. If you have jewelry to donate, contact [lucilledavid@hotmail.com](mailto:lucilledavid@hotmail.com).

I'm Cindy Newman and am the Veterans Craft Faire organizer for Post 419 (with a lot of help from Post members that I've mentioned in earlier newsletters). I'm also the Treasurer and a Past Pres.

The Auxiliary celebrated its 100 years by making keepsake ornaments filled with a red velvet poinsettia and paper tag with the Legion's 100 year emblem on one side and the Auxiliary's 100 Year President's Pin on the other. These were passed out at the Auxiliary's December meeting and the Legion Family Christmas Party. A special extra large ornament was given to the Post 419 Commander and inside was the Auxiliary's check to support the Post, which is in addition to the member rates paid for hall rental. The Auxiliary ended the year with a fabulous New Year's Eve party with great food, music, and a huge World Map "Where Did You or a Family Member Serve" activity.

We are looking forward to another 100 years! Join us and have fun. We meet the 2nd Wednesday of the month with social time at 6:30 p.m. and meeting 7-8 p.m. in the main hall. --Cindy Newman.

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## 2020 Calendar of Events-Page One (1) of Two (2)

Legion	<b>First Sunday Breakfast</b>	Sunday Jan 5, 2020-9-11am
Legion	<b>Annual Crab Feed</b>	Saturday Jan 25, 2020-6pm
Legion	<b>First Sunday Breakfast</b>	Sunday Feb 2, 2020 9-11am
Legion	<b>First Sunday Breakfast</b>	Sunday Mar 1, 2020 9-11am
Legion	<b>St Patrick's Dinner/Dance</b>	Saturday Mar 14, 2020
Legion	<b>First Sunday Breakfast</b>	Sunday Apr 5, 2020 9-11am
SAL	<b>Socks for Vets Dinner</b>	Sat Apr 11, 2020
Legion	<b>Girl's State Orientation</b>	Tuesday Apr 21, 2020
Legion	<b>Delegate's Fundraiser Dinner</b>	Friday Apr 24. 2020
Legion	<b>First Sunday Breakfast-Mother's Day</b>	May 3, 2020 9-11am
SAL	<b>Rib Feed</b>	Saturday May 16, 2020
Legion-Aux-SAL	<b>Installation Dinner</b>	Friday May 29, 2020
Legion	<b>First Sunday Breakfast-Father's Day</b>	Sunday June 7, 2020 9-11am
Legion	<b>Annual Car Show</b>	Saturday June 13, 2020
Legion	<b>First Sunday Breakfast</b>	Sunday July 5, 2020 9-11am
Legion	<b>First Sunday Breakfast</b>	Sunday Aug 2, 2020 9-11am
Legion	<b>First Sunday Breakfast</b>	Sept 6, 2020 9-11am

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Legion	<b>First Sunday Breakfast</b>	Sunday Sept 6, 2020 9-11am
SAL	<b>Surf City Dinner/Dance</b>	Saturday Sept 26, 2020
Legion	<b>First Sunday Breakfast</b>	Sunday Oct 4, 2020 9-11am
Aux	<b>Halloween Dinner/Dance</b>	Sat Oct 31, 2020
Legion	<b>First Sunday Breakfast</b>	Nov 1, 2020 9-11am
Legion	<b>Annual Craft Faire</b>	Saturday Nov 7, 2020
Legion-Aux-SAL	<b>Veterans Day</b>	Wednesday, Nov 11, 2020
SAL	<b>Thanks for Giving Dinner</b>	Thursday Nov 19, 2020
Legion	<b>First Sunday Breakfast</b>	Sunday Dec 6, 2020 9-11am
Legion	<b>Legion Family Christmas Dinner/Dance</b>	Saturday Dec 12, 2020
Aux	<b>New Years Eve Party</b>	Thursday Dec 31, 2020

## ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

### AT-A-GLANCE

#### UPCOMING POST EVENTS & MEETINGS FOR January 2020

**First Sunday Breakfast** Sunday Jan 5, 2020-9-11am

**Annual Crab Feed** Saturday Jan 25, 2020-6pm



#### 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. If you are a 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 2020 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.

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

**Honor Flight Bay Area Foundation**  
**Office: 408-925-1999**  
**E-mail: [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 applying for trips is available by contacting Honor Flight Bay Area Foundation.

#### NEED A BANQUET FACILITY FOR YOUR SPECIAL CELEBRATION OR MEETING?

The Post's banquet facility is available for rent to members and the public. The facility can comfortably seat up to 200 people. The banquet room is equipped with a stage, full service bar and an adjoining kitchen. For complete details call Paul Rivera at 408-244-3050

**Stop by and see what we have to offer.**

We are located at 958 Homestead Rd., Santa Clara, CA 95050.

WEEKLY COFFEE, DONUTS  
AND  
CONVERSATION  
BEGINNING JANUARY 6, 2020

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Would you consider coming to the American Legion Post 419 at 958 Homestead in Santa Clara for coffee, sweets, and visiting with other Veterans? No agenda, just coffee and conversation plus a donut or two.

Your hostess will be Karen Carter

This is part of our "We Honor Veteran" Program

All invited, No charge

It will be **every Monday morning from 8:30 am - 10:30 am**

**Beginning January 6, 2020**

You may drop in anytime between 8:30 & 10:30

or come for the entire 2 hours, your choice

Karen Carter 408 595-3333

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# AMERICAN LEGION POST 419

**ANNUAL ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT**

# Crab Feed!



**Saturday Jan 25, 2020 6:00 pm**

**Doors Open: 4:30pm**

**JOIN US FOR OUR  
ANNUAL CRAB FEED**

**Serving crab, salad,  
and garlic bread**

**ALL-YOU-CAN -EAT FOR \$55.00**

**Lucky Drawing Prizes**

**Full Service Bar**

**Beverages not included in pricing.**

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**POST 419 @ 408-244-3050**

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