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Commanders Report

As we head into the holiday months I hope you are all staying healthy and well. I again want to thank all who have worked hard to keep the post running and clean.

Because you have been taking the Covid restrictions seriously Santa Clara County has moved into a less restrictive rating. Because of this we have been able to start indoor food service and some smaller rentals. The club room may move forward with outdoor service and will be discussed more at the next Exec board meeting. Join us for the General meeting on Zoom Nov 4 7pm.

Lunches are going well and I want to thank Brenda Manley and Maydean Grundstrom for all the work they have been doing to keep the lunches going. They are coming up with great menus and if you haven't been by to eat so it soon. If the weather is cool you can now eat indoors with seating set up with correctly distanced tables.

The 13th District Honor Guard, made up of many Post 419 members, has been busy. We have been doing 2 or more funerals a week for the past several months. If anyone is interested in becoming a member contact Rick Gundo or Gene Grundstrom. We do services for all veterans not just Post 419 members.

Please take care of yourselves. Now is not the time to think Covid has been beaten. Get your flu shots, wear masks, follow the guide lines. We have served our country during our service time and now need to lead the way during this trying time. We may still be in these conditions during the winter months but Spring will come.

Hope to see you at the 1st breakfasts (remember Dec is free for early bird members) and lunches.

Happy Thanksgiving.

Vote. Vote. Vote.

Ralph Jacob
Commander

AUXILIARY REPORT

As we see the end of summer and winter takes hold I hope that everyone is doing well and keeping their heads up. The auxiliary continues to help support the post as they began to have first Sunday breakfast and have added lunches back into the fund raisers. Always wanting to help is our core of our group. There have been many ladies that have volunteered with their time and hands for both the first Sunday breakfast and the lunches.

Meetings: Join us on Zoom at 7 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month: **By Phone:** 1-408-638-0968 **OR computer** (click on link below):

<https://kickfire.zoom.us/j/799421628?pwd=VStWQXY0L1FNRzI2RFdLdkZFVStUUT09>.

Meeting ID: 799 421 628 **Password:** 4192020

Membership report: Our membership is going very strong. Unit 419 has the following number of members: 97 seniors, this includes both senior and Paid Up For Life members, and 10 juniors for a total of 107 members. In district 13, unit 419 has the most members that have renewed out of the 5 units in the district. The State of California has 30 districts and district 13 is 7th in the state.

Squadron Adjutant

Greetings from Squadron 419

I apologize for not having any input for our squadron members for the last couple of months.

For starters, we are slightly above 50 % for membership. Another round of reminders will be going out to those members.

I do wish to thank those members who already have renewed and for our new members "Welcome"

As everyone knows, we haven't been very active due to this Covid, and no matter what we will get the best of it and start having our events. Thanks for Giving would have been held next month, but until we are cleared, we will just have to move forward.

Presently we have been having outdoor dining and it has been working, of course we do need volunteers to help. If you could do 2 hrs, a day that would really help out the volunteers who have been here working daily. This comes under community service which can be reported on our yearly report.

Helmets for Hero's is ongoing and we do have those helmets for coins and those occasional dollar bills.

The Fox campaign for Michael Fox for next year's National Commander is still going, and we still have tickets for the Kawasaki 4x4 Quad.

Our meetings will be starting up shortly and we will continue to move forward.

Steve Villegas

Squadron Adjutant

Special Coffee Dates for Vet to Vet Café



Monday, November 23rd
9:00 am - 10:30 am



Monday, December 21st
9:00 am - 10:30 am

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Gold Star Families and Veterans granted Free Access to National Park System

DES MOINES, Iowa — Today, in support of America’s military members and families, U.S. Secretary of the Interior David L. Bernhardt announced at the Iowa Gold Star Museum that Gold Star Families and U.S. military veterans will be granted free access to national parks, wildlife refuges and other Federal lands managed by the Department of the Interior starting on Veterans Day (Nov. 11) this year and every day onward.

For purposes of this program, a veteran is identified as an individual who has served in the United States Armed Forces, including the National Guard and Reserves, and is able to present one of the following forms of identification:

- Department of Defense Identification Card
- Veteran Health Identification Card (VHIC)
- Veteran ID Card

Veterans designation on a state-issued U.S. driver’s license or identification card

Gold Star Families are next of kin of a member of the United States Armed Forces who lost his or her life in a “qualifying situation,” such as a war, an international terrorist attack, or a military operation outside of the United States while serving with the United States Armed Forces.

Entrance fees for the National Park Service and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and standard amenity recreation fees for the Bureau of Land Management and the Bureau of Reclamation sites will be waived for veterans and Gold Star Families. They will have free access to approximately 2,000 public locations spread out across more than 400 million acres of public lands, which host activities to fit any lifestyle, from serene to high octane, including hiking, fishing, paddling, biking, hunting, stargazing and climbing.

Many Department managed lands have direct connections to the American military, such as frontier forts, Cold War sites, battlefields, national cemeteries, and memorials. These special places pay tribute to our veterans and serve as reminders of their courage and sacrifice throughout the history of our nation, from Minuteman National Historic Park where colonists stood in defense of their rights, to Yellowstone National Park, which was protected from vandalism and poaching by the 1st U.S. Cavalry before the National Park Service was established, to Mount Rushmore where modern warriors attend reenlistment ceremonies.

The Interagency America the Beautiful National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass Program already includes a free annual pass for active duty members of the U.S. Military and their dependents. Other free or discounted passes are available for persons with permanent disabilities, fourth grade students, volunteers, and senior citizens age 62 years or older.

The Department also offers free entrance days for everyone throughout the year to mark days of celebration and commemoration including the birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr., National Public Lands Day, Veterans Day, and the signing of the Great American Outdoors Act.

Thanks to Gene Grundstrom for forwarding this update.

Chaplain Report

I hope that you and yours are safe and well during these uncertain times regarding the COVID-19 pandemic. For those of you who have recently lost a loved one, whether family, friend or someone you knew, I'd like to express my deepest heartfelt condolences. If anyone wants to talk, whether online or in a social distance approved location, please reach out to me at 408-209-2142 or sunny@dosanjhusa.com

We Honor Veterans Pinning Ceremony

I have the good fortune of assisting Kindred Hospice on November 9th with conducting a We Honor Veterans Pinning Ceremony at the Palo Alto Commons Senior Living facility. There will be 7-9 Veterans who will be recognized for their Military Service and presented a Certificate of Appreciation, a personalized poem and a We Honor Veterans Pin. On November 10th, we'll conduct a virtual pinning ceremony for 10-20 Veterans. For more information about Kindred Hospice, please visit the following link:

<https://www.kindredhealthcare.com/locations/hospice/san-jose-ca-6872>

Honor Guard, District 13

For those of you who are interested in participating with our District 13 Honor and Color Guard, please contact Rick Gundo at Post 419. Services have resumed with the required protective facemasks and social distancing guidelines. For more information about the American Legion Honor Guard, please visit this link:

<https://www.legion.org/honor/honorguards>

5 Facts about Veterans Day

For those of you who may be interested in learning some interesting details about Veterans Day, please access the following link:

<https://www.defense.gov/Explore/Features/story/Article/1675470/5-facts-to-know-about-veterans-day/>

As always, it's an honor to be of service as the Post 419 Chaplain. Please know that there is good in this world and that help, support and love are only a phone call or an email away. In closing...

May your Life be full of Grace
May your Mind be at Peace &
May your Heart be filled with Love

Sunny Dosanjh
Chaplain

Service Officer Report

Hello all,

The following are a few updates that you may find beneficial:

Veterans Services Office: Santa Clara

Due to COVID-19 and Shelter in Place guidelines, the County of Santa Clara Office of Veterans Services lobby is closed to the public. The Veterans Services Representatives are working remotely. Please call (408) 918-4980 to speak with a Veterans Services Representative. Operation Hours: Monday—Friday from 8am—5pm. The office is closed from noon to 1pm. For more information, please use the following link:

<https://www.sccgov.org/sites/veterans/Pages/home.aspx>

San Jose Vet Center

The office is open for limited in-person services, and screening all visitors for symptoms due to the coronavirus COVID-19. For individual and group counseling, they recommend using the telehealth services. If you need to talk with someone confidentially, please call them anytime 24/7 at 877-927-8387. For a complete list of hours, address, and services, please use the following link:

https://www.va.gov/find-locations/facility/vc_0615V

Veteran Owned Small Business (VOSB)

The following link provides access to the VA VetBiz Newsletter for Fall 2020. It highlights how to remain competitive and help your business grow during these uncertainty due to COVID-19.

<https://www.va.gov/OSDBU/images/Fall-Newsletter-2020.pdf>

Operation Gratitude

Pathways Hospice is working with Operation Gratitude to send letters to Veterans who live at the Veterans Homeless Shelter in San Jose. The letters will be delivered on Veterans Day. If you like to see how to get involved please visit the following link: <https://www.operationgratitude.com/>

Buddy Check

The American Legion has created a “buddy check” program to help Veterans cope during COVID-19. Please go to the following link to learn about the program and available tools:

<https://www.legion.org/buddycheck/tools>

Sunny Dosanjh
Service Officer



2020/21 Calendar of Events

HOST	EVENT	DATE
Legion	First Sunday Breakfast	November 1, 2020 9-11 am
Legion	Annual Craft Faire	Saturday November 7, 2020
Legion/Aux/SAL	Veterans Day	Wednesday, November 11, 2020
SAL	Thanks for Giving Dinner	Thursday, November 19, 2020
Legion	First Sunday Breakfast	December 6, 2020 9-11am
Legion	Legion Family Christmas Dinner/Dance	Saturday December 12, 2020
AUX	New Years Eve Party	Thursday December 31, 2020
Legion	First Sunday Breakfast	January 3, 2021 9-11am
Legion	First Sunday Breakfast	February 7, 2021 9-11am

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)

Post Adjutant Email Contact: americanlegionpost419@comcast.net

HELP WANTED

Battaglia Tree Farm in San Martin is looking for seasonal part time help at the tree farm. They need delivery drivers, customer service personnel to help sell trees, to assist customers, warehouse help to inventory trees and to help when customers come to pick up their trees. This is a paid position.

The shifts would be 8 hours, or we can arrange for shorter shifts to fit the needs. We need personnel to work weekdays, evenings, and weekends for about 3 weeks. There would be no hard-manual labor required. We have plenty of help to do the physical jobs. Just need some dependable, competent, and reliable help.

Contact Paul Battaglia 408-221-6274 to confirm employment dates.