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Commander's Corner

Comrades,

Here it is, another month with Covid the biggest topic that can be discussed. We at the Post hope you are doing well, keeping distance and wearing your mask when outside. The only way we can beat this and get back to any kind of normal is to work together.

Though the Post is still closed for regular business, I want to thank Rick and Bonnie Gundo and Gene and Maydean Grundstrom for taking the initiative to cook lunches 4 days a week to bring in some needed funds to the Post. Thanks, also, to all who have helped them set up, plan, and who come and eat. Please support our Legion by joining us for lunch to eat-in or to take-out.

Tom is retiring from doing the bulletin and I want to thank him for keeping it up these last few months. Sunny Dosanjh has volunteered to take it over with the help of Cindy Newman. Thanks to all.

Marty, Stan and Kevin were able to work with the bank and pull back over 10K from charges that were not correctly processed. It took time and grit to work that much needed income back into the system.

Join us for the next General Meeting on Zoom Sept 2. You should get an e-mail with the info. If not contact Gene.

Veterans day is around the corner so get you flag ready to raise as it looks like all activities will still be cancelled.

Wild fires here in California and especially around the local area have had a devastating effect on many folks. You are in our prayers and hopefully there will be a way that we can assist.

Register to vote. Vote. As they used to say in Chicago; "Vote early and vote often".

Keep all in your prayers that we can get back together soon.

Ralph Jacob

Post 419 Commander

ADJUTANT REPORT

I want to thank the members of Post 419 and Squadron 419 and the Auxiliary Unit 419 who have renewed there membership online and via the USPS and in person. Post 419 and Squadron 419 have had an outstanding response this year. Our last report from the Department of California, on 8-27-2020 the Post stands at 59.54%. This is the highest percent I can remember this early in the renewal cycle. I have not received any reports from the SAL's as to what their goals are for 2021 but the Auxiliary Unit 419 has achieved over 50%. If you have not renewed please do as soon as possible.

Lets make 100% of all the goals of the Post, Squadron and Unit family members for the year 2021.

Gene Grundstrom
Adjutant Post 419



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New Officers Installed

Well this was fun! For the first time ever, Auxiliary officers were installed online via ZOOM with a few members in the audience. Here's a picture of your new officers waiving at you. Our President, Cheryl Rafferty, is the one with the Double Wave, bottom left! Come join us live and online at our next membership meeting.

Pictured left to right, top to bottom:
Maydean Grundstrom, Cindy Newman (Treas), Maggie Taylor-Aherne (1st Vice), Brenda Manley (Sec), Liz Silva, Mary Artibee, Cheryl Grundstrom (Pres), and Mary Rodriguez (call in phone icon).



Membership E-Meeting from Home – September 9, 2020

Our next E-meeting is September 9th with social time at 6:30 p.m. and meeting start at 7 p.m. Join us by home phone, computer, smartphone, or tablet/ipad. There is no cost to you and no need to provide personal info, thanks to Maggie's employer Kickfire. The Zoom meeting details are below. Maggie & Cindy are tech support – see contacts below.

Join Zoom Meeting:

By Phone: 1-408-638-0968

By Computer (click on link below):

<https://kickfire.zoom.us/j/799421628?pwd=VSfWOXYOLlFNZlZlRFdLdkZFVStUUT09>

Meeting ID: 799 421 628

Password: 4192020

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Newsletter prepared by Cindy Newman, Treasurer and Past President

ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

HONORING OUR MILITARY VETERANS WWII, KOREAN AND VIETNAM

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



Honor Flight Bay Area Foundation is preparing for its 6th 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 veteran 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. and seen your war memorial, you are invited, encouraged, to participate in this trip of a lifetime. Applications are available at www.honorflightbayarea.org. Full details of the trip and information about Honor Flight Bay Area is available at our Web site.

2020 Flight Schedule Update

All 2020 flights have been cancelled. Stay tuned for 2021 schedule.

ALERT — COVID-19. The continued public health situation requires the cancelling of all 2020 flights. Honor Flight Bay Area is planning to schedule flights in 2021. For those veterans who have already submitted applications, please follow updates on the Honor Flight Web site and join us on FaceBook.

The health and well-being of our veterans and all participants is critical to us. Honor Flight Bay Area encourages everyone to follow the guidelines provided by the CDC and local public health officials in combating this virus.

Note that we are continuing to accept applications during this situation and encourage all veterans interested in an Honor Flight to submit your application. Once this situation is behind us, our practice of reviewing applications and screening applicants will continue as in the past.

As we have done in the past, 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. 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 and to working together to safeguard our veterans and communities at large.

Don Newton

Co-Founder and Director, Honor Flight Bay Area Foundation

2020 Calendar of Events

Host	Event	Date
Legion	First Sunday Breakfast	September 6, 2020 9 - 11am
SAL	CANCELLED Surf City Dinner/Dance	CANCELLED Saturday September 26, 2020
Legion	First Sunday Breakfast	October 4, 2020 9 - 11am
Aux	Halloween Dinner/Dance TBD	Saturday Oct 31, 2020
Legion	First Sunday Breakfast	November 1, 2020 9 - 11am
Legion	Veterans Craft Faire TBD	Saturday November 7, 2020
Legion Aux SAL	Veterans Day TBD	Wednesday, November 11, 2020
SAL	Thanks for Giving Dinner TBD	Thursday November 19, 2020
Legion	First Sunday Breakfast	December 6, 2020 9 - 11am
Aux	Legion Family Christmas Dinner/Dance TBD	Saturday December 12, 2020
Legion	New Years Eve Party TBD	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 messages here any time of the day or night.)

Post Adjutant email contact — www.americanlegionpost419@comcast.net (excellent means for sending information and/or requests to Post officers).



ANNOUNCEMENTS

As mentioned in the article from the Commander, lunches have been served from 11:30 am until 2:00 pm for the last couple of weeks.

The flyer is the menu for week three. Please help us by stopping by and enjoying a simple lunch and a refreshment.

We do need volunteers to help, both in the kitchen and with the setup and take down, if these lunches are to continue. If you would like to volunteer cook the meals or with setup and take down please contact Rick Gundo via email at r-sangers-4-4@att.net, otherwise the lunches will be discontinued after week three.

Gene Grundstrom
Adjutant

American Legion Post 419

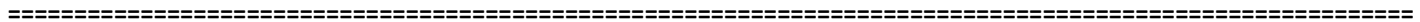
OUTSIDE - DINING MENU LUNCH

WEEK III

All Lunches \$10.00 EA.

- Wednesday - Chicken Tacos**
- Thursday - Lasagna**
- Friday - Spaghetti & Meat Balls**
- Saturday - Hamburger – Hot Dogs**

(Drinks Not Included)



Vet to Vet Coffee and Donuts

Our Monday 9/1 coffee has been cancelled. With the smoke it seemed wise to not meet. We all need to be healthy and safe. Will miss seeing you.

It has been decided to take another break. I will be in touch when we start up again.

Thanks so much for being a loyal supporter.
Best, Karen
Karen Carter
Director Community Relations
Bay Area Dignity Providers



Vet to Vet Café Update

The group has been meeting Monday mornings
at the American Legion Post 419
on Homestead in Santa Clara

Sponsored by Dignity Memorial & Hospice of the Valley

**We will be taking a break until further
notice**

Thank you to all of you who have been attending
It has been a delight to share coffee time with you

Karen

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