



Veterans Helping Veterans & Serving the Community Since 1932

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FROM THE EDITOR

I am pleased to announce that I have agreed to take the position of volunteer newsletter editor and publisher for Post 419. I have been somewhat inactive since 2017 due to a service-connected medical condition and a stroke suffered by my wife, Jeri.

Gene Grundstrom published the newsletter for many years and served in nearly every capacity in Post 419. He is owed a debt of gratitude by our members. He has agreed to act as a consultant on the newsletter if I need any assistance.

I encourage our members to offer suggestions and constructive criticism regarding the Reveille. I am planning to improve the newsletter as we move forward at Post 419 and welcome your comments. I will be publishing each monthly newsletter on or around the 25th of the previous month.

As Gene Grundstrom stated in the January 2017 Reveille, *“get involved, keep it [the Post] growing so you can help more of our fellow Veterans”*.

Yours in service to Veterans,

Mel Irvin

COMMANDER'S CORNER:

For the month starting with my trip up north, even though it was for the 40 & 8, the legion at Lebanon Post 51 were very accommodating and friendly with all. The post members and auxiliary are very active. Both the kitchen and bar are active. Even though we had our meetings there we met many of their post members. Their Honor Guard team was there since they had performed Military honors for a deceased veteran.

Sock Hop was held and we had 40 people in attendance, everyone had a good time and good food, catered by Golden Harvest.

Meeting with all other past district commanders discussing this up coming years cadre of officers, seems we all have the same issues.

Honor Services participation as best as possible with my schedule.

Meeting with Gene G and Sunny Dosanjh, for presentation about the American Legion and the potential with younger veterans to the R.O.T.C whom will be here on May 3rd.

Area 2 Meeting scheduled for this Saturday.

Submitted

Steve Villegas, Post Commander

FIRST VICE COMMANDER

	Prior Month	Renewed	Adds	Total	% of target
March	388	7	4	399	89.46%
15-Apr	399	2	7	408	91.48%

In last month's quick newsletter, I stated that we were at 399 and just needed 2 more to get over 400.

As you can see, we got the 2 renewals and extras. Now, all we need is 38 to hit 100%. Do you think we can do that by the end of this fiscal year, which is just 2 months away?

As of April 15, 2019, we have added 33 new members to the Post with 3 more pending acceptance in May's general meeting. Thanks to the many transfers from Post 1000 and a few from other posts that just wanted something different. Most of all, BIG Thanks to OUR MEMBERS that signed up or referred new members to the Post. You all can help too by sending new veterans to our 'First Sunday of the Month Breakfast'. Be sure to have them bring in their DD214 and dues in the amount of \$45.00. Remember, fiscal year 2019 ends in 2 month and the 2020 fiscal year membership drive starts in July 2019.

Post 419			
Sunnyvale	C A	9408 7	Korea
Antelope	C A	9584 3	Persian Gulf
Bloomington	M N	5543 7	Vietnam
San Jose	C A	9512 7	Vietnam
Mountain View	C A	9404 3	Vietnam
Fremont	C A	9453 6	Vietnam

Post 1000			
Santa Clara	C A	9505 4	Korea
Menlo Park	C A	9402 5	Korea?
San Jose	C A	9512 5	Lebanon/ Grenada
Milpitas	C A	9503 5	Vietnam
San Jose	C A	9513 6	Vietnam
San Jose	C A	9514 8	Vietnam
San Jose	C A	9512 3	Vietnam
San Jose	C A	9512 0	Vietnam

Calling All Coast Guards

I had an inquiry from a Coast Guard member of Post 1000. He wanted to know if we had any coast guard members in Post 419. I told him that we have 6, but am not aware if they attend the general meetings or participate in any of the events. But, here are my lists and idea – Invite them all for Sunday Breakfast? – Good Idea? - Working on it.

Al Wong
1st Vice Commander



Chaplain's Report:



We Honor Veterans (WHV)

I delivered a presentation the WHV program at a Foundation Service for Pathways \ Home Health and Hospice. The presentation covered Veteran end of life services and the significance of letting our fellow dying Veterans know that they are not alone. I also had the honor of conducting the WHV Pinning Ceremony for a WWII Retired Navy Veteran in Brisbane.

If anyone requires more information regarding WHV or the Pinning Ceremony, please contact me at 408.209.2142 or sunny@dosanjhusa.com

Address: Pathways, 585 North Mary Avenue, Sunnyvale CA 94085

Website: <https://www.pathwayshealth.org/veterans/>

Bay Area Hospice Veterans Partnership (BAHVP)

BAHVP is a program coordinated with Palo Alto VA, Regional Hospitals i.e. Sutter Health and Hospice Providers. They are coordinating an event with a national program called "Carry The Load" with regional caregiver organizations. Pastor Penny Phillips of Palo Alto VA is leading the initiative for the May 3rd South Bay event.

Website: <http://www.carrytheload.org/site/PageServer?pagename=relay>

Best regards,
Sonny Dosanjh
Post 419 Chaplain

HONOR GUARD CAPTAIN

District 13 Honor Guard (D13HG)

Post 419 members of the District 13 Honor Guard detail assisted with 7 Veteran Rifle/Bugle Services during the March & April timeframe.

The Post members represented 39 of the 42 participants. We are currently researching the possibility of obtaining a Ceremonial Sabre that will be utilized by the Honor Guard Captain during both Color and Honor Guard ceremonies. Serving members and other veterans,

Sonny Dosanji
Honor Guard Captain

SERVICE OFFICER

Veteran Service Office (VSO)

Reminder to those Veterans who have pending service connection claims to submit paperwork in a timely manner. Pending claims that do not have any supporting evidence within a year will be subject to denial. VSO has drop in service on Mondays. I met with the VSO counselors and they recommend setting up an appointment for any number of services that they offer.

Address: VSO, 68 North Winchester Blvd., Santa Clara, CA 95050

Website: <https://www.sccgov.org/sites/va/Pages/Office-of-Veterans-Services.aspx>

San Jose Veteran Center (SJ Vet Center)

The Vet Center will host a Commemoration Reception for Vietnam Veterans for recognition of their heroic service. Family members are welcome. Space is limited to the third floor conference room 301/302 and will be held on Thursday May 9th from 12pm to 3pm. Stop by anytime and stay for part or the whole event. Other counseling services are also available for Veterans suffering from PTSD.

Address: VA Clinic, 5855 Silver Creek Valley Place, Suite 120, CA 95138

Website: <https://www.sanjosevetcenter.com/sj-vet-center.html>

Bay Area Legal – Veterans Legal Clinic

This free, walk-in legal clinic is held on the 3rd Monday of each month and serves veterans in Santa Clara County. I met with Hagar Dickman, Bay Legal attorney who can help clinic attendees with information and referrals on topics including veterans' benefits, other public benefit programs, healthcare access and coverage, family law, housing law, and consumer legal issues.

Address: Bay Legal, 4 North Second Street, Suite 600, San Jose, CA 95113

Website: <https://baylegal.org/get-help/find-an-office/santa-clara-county/>

Helping our veterans,

Sonny Dosanji
Service Officer
Post 419



American Legion Auxiliary

UNIT 419



It's May and May is ALA Poppy Month! The red poppy came to symbolize the blood shed protecting Americans' freedom following publication of the wartime poem "In Flanders Fields" written by Lt. Col. John McCrae, M.D., while serving on the front in WWI, to honor soldiers killed in battle. During the month of May, you may see Auxiliary members distributing paper poppies, which are handcrafted by disabled and hospitalized veterans. One hundred percent of the donations given in exchange for a poppy directly support the needs of our local veterans, military, and their families.

Main Auxiliary Unit 419 Highlights:

Elections were held at our April meeting, we still have the position of 2nd Vice vacant and are looking for an interested Auxiliary member.

Doing a little spring-cleaning? Tidying up your jewelry box? If you have any jewelry items that don't "bring you joy" anymore, please consider donating them to the Auxiliary Jewelry Sale held at the Post's June Car Show. Items can be dropped off at our May membership meeting on May 8th.

The Auxiliary is very pleased to announce that at our April meeting, our members voted to donate a combined \$1,500 in raised funds to three causes: the Veterans Housing Facility located at 10 Kirk Avenue, San Jose; the Mental Health Center at our local VA Hospital; and, a program that supports homeless women veterans that is supported by our California ALA Department President, Joan Cannon.

On April 6th our Post and Auxiliary hosted the California ALA Department President, Joan Cannon, at a fantastic luncheon.



Blessings to all of our veterans, Auxiliary members, your families and our active service members.

In service not self,
Maggie Taylor Aherne
ALA Unit 419 President

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2019 CALENDAR OF EVENTS-PAGE NUMBER ONE (1)

Legion	Post Membership Meeting	Wednesday-May 1, 2019-7pm
SON's	SON's Membership Meeting	Thursday-May 2, 2019-7pm
Legion	1st Sunday/Mother's Day Breakfast	Sunday-May 5, 2019-9-11am
Auxiliary	Auxiliary Unit 419 Membership Meeting	Wednesday-May 8, 2019-7pm
SON's	Rib Feed Dinner	Saturday-May 18, 2019 5-10pm
Legion/SON's/Aux	Legion/SON's/Aux Installation Dinner	Thursday-May 31, 2019-7pm
Legion	1st Sunday/Father's Day Breakfast	Sunday-June 2, 2019-9-11am
Legion	Post Membership Meeting	Wednesday-June 5, 2019 7pm
SON's	SON's Membership Meeting	Thursday-June 6, 2019-7pm
Legion	Annual Car Show	Saturday-June 8, 2019-10am-3pm
Auxiliary	Auxiliary Unit 419 Membership Meeting	Wednesday-June 12, 2019-7pm
Legion	Post Membership Meeting	July 3, 2019-7pm
SON's	SON's Membership Meeting	July 4, 2019-7pm
Legion	1st Sunday Breakfast	July 7, 2019-9-11am
Auxiliary	Auxiliary Unit 419 Membership Meeting	July 10, 2019-7pm
Legion	1st Sunday Breakfast	Sunday-August 4, 2019-9-11am
Legion	Post Membership Meeting	Wednesday-August 7, 2019-7pm

Event Schedule Subject to Change (Continued on Next Page)

**The
Reveille**



2019 Calendar of Events-Page Number Two (2)

SON's	SON's Membership Meeting	Thursday-August 8, 2019-7pm
Auxiliary	Auxiliary Unit 419 Membership Meeting	Wednesday-August 14, 2019-7pm
SON's	Surf City Dinner Dance	Friday-September 14, 2019
Auxiliary	Halloween Dinner Dance	Saturday-October 26, 2019
Legion	Veterans Craft Faire	Saturday-November 9, 2019
SON's	Thanks for Giving	Thursday-November 21, 2019
Legion	Legion Family Christmas Party	Saturday-December 7, 2019
Auxiliary	New Years Eve Day Party	Tuesday-December 31, 2019

Sons of the American Legion Presents:

Barbecue Dinner & Dance

Live Country Music With:

Country Cougars

www.countrycougars.com

Saturday

May 18, 2019

\$35.00 Adults

\$15.00 Kids Plate (under 12)

Menu:

½ Rack Baby Back Ribs,

BBQ Chicken,

Chili Beans, Salad,

Corn on the Cob,

Bread Rolls

Catered by Armando



Doors Open: 5:00pm
Dinner: 6:00-7:30
Dancing: 7:30-10:00pm

Full Bar With
No Host Cocktails

No Ticket Sales At The Door
Dine in legion hall only, no food to go

Tickets at Post 419 (408) 244-3050, 958 Homestead Road, S.C., CA 95050
or contact Frances Bora (408) 243-5832



American Legion Post 419

VETERANS HELPING VETERANS AND THE COMMUNITY 958 HOMESTEAD ROAD, SANTA CLARA, CALIFORNIA

Annual

CAR SHOW

**Saturday, June 8, 2019
10 am to 3 pm**

Come join us for fun day of music, BBQ, drawings and some terrific vehicles.
Lunch: \$10.00 (Kids under 12-\$5.00)

Call 408-244-3050



REGISTRATION:
\$ 35 per vehicle*
(car, truck or motorcycle)



**NET PROCEEDS BENEFIT POST 419'S
VETERAN SUPPORT PROGRAMS.**

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REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____ Phone _____ Email _____
 Address _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____
 Year, Make & Model of Vehicle(s): _____
 \$35 donation per vehicle (includes 1 lunch). Number of vehicles: _____ x \$35 = _____
 Additional lunch tickets @ \$10 each. Number of lunches: _____ x \$10 = _____ Kids Lunches _____ x \$5 = _____
 Total: _____

Make checks payable to: American Legion Post 419

Mail registration form and checks to:
Legion Car Show, 958 Homestead Road, Santa Clara, CA 95050

Check-in: 8 - 9:30 am

I understand that by signing below, I am absolving The American Legion Post 419 of Santa Clara and it's members of any liability for injury and/or damages which may occur as a result of participating in, observing or transporting to and from, the event known as American Legion Post 419 Car Show.

Signature _____ Date _____

* Pre-registration cost per vehicle is \$35.00. Day of the event registration cost per vehicle is \$45.00

ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

UPCOMING EVENTS & MEETINGS

2019

May 1 -Post Membership Meeting— 7:00 PM
 May 2—SON's Membership Meeting—7:00 PM
 May 5— First Sunday/Mother's Day Breakfast 9:00-11:00 AM
 May 8—Auxiliary Unit 419 Membership Meeting 7:00 PM
 May 11- Legion/SON's/Aux Installation Dinner 5-9 PM
 May 18 – Rib Feed Dinner (SONs) 5-10 PM

Jun 2 - First Sunday/Father's Day Breakfast 9:00-11:00
 Jun 5 -Post Membership Meeting— 7:00 PM
 Jun 6—SON's Membership Meeting—7:00 PM
 Jun 8— Annual Car Show 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM
 Jun 12—Auxiliary Unit 419 Membership Meeting 7:00 PM

Jul 3—Post Membership Meeting— 7:00 PM
 Jul 4 —SON's Membership Meeting—7:00 PM
 Jul 7—First Sunday Breakfast 9:00-11:00 AM
 Jul 10—Auxiliary Unit 419 Membership Meeting 7:00 PM

Aug 4—First Sunday Breakfast 9:00-11:00 AM
 Aug 7—Post Membership Meeting— 7:00 PM
 Aug 8—SON's Membership Meeting—7:00 PM
 Aug 14—Auxiliary Unit 419 Membership Meeting 7:00 PM



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.

2019 Flight Dates:

Flt #	Orientation Date	Trip Date	Reunion Date
Trip Leaders (TBD)			
20	April 14, 16*	April 28-30	June 9
21	May 19, 21*	June 2-4	June 23
22	Aug 25, 27*	Sep 12-14	Sep 29
23	Oct 6, 8*	Oct 17-19	Oct 27

* Citrus Heights orientation at Rosie's Country Kitchen



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.

Contact Information

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

If you haven't submitted an application, please do not hesitate to do so. We are accepting applications for our 2019 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.

Applications

Be sure to send in your application.

Applications for Veterans, guardians and volunteers are available on line at www.honorflightbayarea.org.

Guardians 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.

DON'T FORGET SUNDAY 2019 BREAKFAST May 5, June 2, July 7, 2019