

# AMERICAN LEGION POST 419 REVEILLE

Veterans Helping Veterans & Serving the Community Since 1932

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Wow! The Holidays have rolled in fast!

It seems to me that just yesterday I was trying to get a lawn mower to start to cut the grass on a sunny warm day. And today I woke up to frost on my neighbor's roof, and the all-day lovely sounds of delivery trucks roaring up and down the streets, looks like the weather is finally changing.

Sons of American Legion completed another community Thanksgiving (Thanks for giving) meal, and it was once again a huge event of deliciousness food, friends and families gathering catching up on their lives. We also had a wonderful Veterans Day starting off with the parade, back for lunch then to the park for a memorial service. A big thanks to you for all returning every year! I'm humbled to see these selfless people take time out of their busy lives during the holidays to help and serve others in our community.

Okay, on to December, a lot planned, along with our own busy lives and jobs, the post has events going on also. Of course, our first Sunday breakfast, Vets to Vets, are at the normal times and place. I'm pleased to announce that the Legion Family Christmas Party is up and running. To buy your \$30 ticket, contact the post, stop by the Members Lounge, or at the First Sunday Breakfast. I'm hoping to see you all there!

Where would the holidays be without a great New Year's Eve party, our Auxiliary has once again put together a Ringing in the New Year party. Stop by the post, call the post, or stop in to buy your \$50 ticket. Doors will open at noon, yup that's right 12:00. This has always been a great time for all, so I hope to see you all there.

As with many organizations a lot of our service is behind the scenes and not visible to all. The impact is nevertheless important. I'm humbled to see our volunteers giving unselfishly to our Veterans in our community who truly look forward to our mission of Veterans helping Veterans. Dropping a toy in the Toys for TOTS boxes can make a difference in a life of another.

With that I hope everyone has a great holiday and New Year. Looking forward to seeing all of you at your post, POST 419.

Commander,

Richard Peralez



# AMERICAN LEGION ADJUTANT

The final month of 2023 is upon us. Most of us look back and think we are just starting March at least it seems like that. As I have told you before our membership is sorely behind. At my last count we still have at least 120 members from 2023 who have NOT renewed their membership for 2024. Your reasoning is unclear to me but I hope it is you just forgot. Remember the membership drive period is from July 1st to December 31st each calendar year and you are issued your membership card for the following calendar year. The advance payment is so that the national and department can have funds in the bank to support the budget for the up coming year.

Currently our members' lounge is open only on Wed – Thurs – Fri from 3 – 7 and Sat 1 – 7. If any of you know of someone who could **volunteer** as a bartender one or two shifts a week please contact the post Bar Manager. RBS cert is required. We can help you receive that.

If you get the weekly newsletter from department you can see how our membership stands within the district and department and a lot of other information. Friday's 12/01/2023 report has our post at 77.57%. This is good but you can make it a lot better. Send in your renewals or go online and renew.

Again I want to remind you all I have submitted my resignation as the Post Adjutant effective 6-30-2024. This was done a few month ago and there has been NO response from anyone to step up and learn the position of Adjutant. It is not all in the book, especially work involving computer (IT) work.

Gene Grundstrom  
Adjutant Post 419

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## Members of The American Legion California District 13.

We have for many years had a well-developed rifle team which has render the military ritual, of the military rifle solute for departed Veterans, and in many services playing of Tap. It is getting to the point where we are unable to meet the needs with full teams and present an image of non-participation when just three or four show up. I know that is not the personnel but the thee voiles that are the solute but it is also an image which we are presenting.

If the District is going to continue to be represented by a team more members from other posts need to step up. Currently there are only three names (out of 15) on the team from a post other then Post 419. Post 419 can no longer carry the load alone.

Beginning this month, December 2023 Sunny Dosanjh will be coordinating the team for its assignments.

We will be putting the word out to all the cemeteries, Mortuary and the military branches on the contact change.



This past month I had the privilege of receiving a check from the Santa Clara Rotary Club. This is the second in the series of three \$1,000.00 donations they have pledged to Post 419 for its work in supporting Veterans and the community of Santa Clara.

A very big thank you to the Santa Clara Rotary for their support.

Gene Grundstrom

Adjutant Post 419



From Post 419

We are STILL looking for someone for the position of Post 419 Finance Officer. The position can receive a small stipend. Legion Member preferred but will consider Legion Family member.

We have an outside bookkeeper who also does our taxes and Payroll. The accounting system we use is "QuickBooks for non-profits". You set your own hours, Cash count and deposit are done weekly. You normally work less than 10 hours a week.

You also need to be available to attend two meetings a month, last Thursday 5:30 pm (2 hr) and the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday 7:00 pm (2 hr+).

The present FO will train the replacement in December 2023

Contact Post 419 at 1-408-244-3050 (select menu 4 or 5 Leave a message) or email us at [americanlegiopost419@comcast.net](mailto:americanlegiopost419@comcast.net)

Richard Peralez

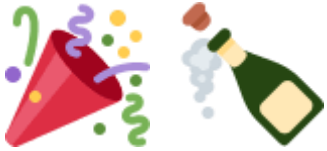
Commander

# AUXILIARY REPORT

Greetings from the American Legion Women's Auxiliary Unit 419!

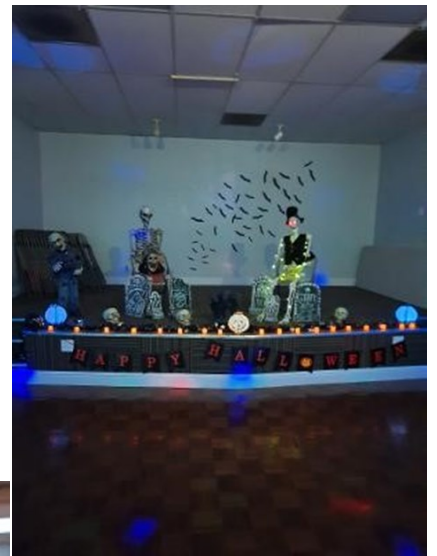
## EVENTS

Our New Year's Eve Dinner/Dance will be held on Sunday, December 31<sup>st</sup>, 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm. Dinner will be served at 1:00 pm. Tickets are \$50. For tickets come into the Post, call the Post at (408) 244-3050, or email [alaunit419santaclara@gmail.com](mailto:alaunit419santaclara@gmail.com). See our flyer below.



**Thank you** all who made our Halloween dinner/dance a success! Thanks to our Chef Brenda for the delicious fajitas.

There are many programs we support including Children & Youth, VA&R, Poppy, Legislative, Americanism, & Girls State/Education. Outreach is an important function for membership. Keep in mind family & friends that might be eligible & would love to join our Post and support our Veterans. Invite them to an event! ☺



# AMERICAN LEGION SONS

A.L. Squadron 419

Hoping that everyone had an enjoyable Thanksgiving. So, we participated in the Veterans Day parade. I do believe that Commander Patrick had a great time, riding instead of walking. Our Thanks for Giving dinner was an evening of fun, Opportunity drawing was good as always. Dinner was of course delicious as always. Thank You Brenda and crew for having a great meal for us. For those of you who came and supported the Craft Faire thank you very much, hope that many of you picked up a couple of gifts for the season. I know that I did, and they were very much appreciated.

Now we come to our standard message, membership. As you all know it is the lifeblood of our organization. If you know of anyone who is a descendant of a veteran, just ask if they would be interested in joining. We do many things to support the community, invite them to a 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday breakfast, or any of our events. Remember that we are supposed to be a family and supporting each other.

Upcoming events are the following, as always, our 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday breakfast each month. We will also have our Toys for Tots boxes out to help provide some happiness to children who probably may not have a Christmas.

Hope that we see you at our post's activities.

On behalf of the Officers and members of Squadron 419, we wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Steve Villegas

Squadron Adjutant



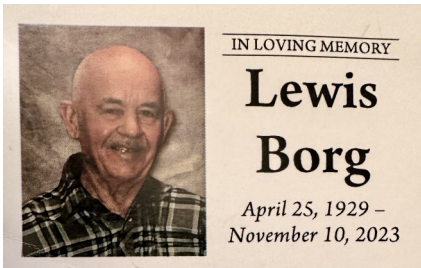
# AMERICAN LEGION CHAPLAIN

Hello all, I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving and had an opportunity to share time with loved ones, family and friends. We are blessed to be living in the United States where we can express our gratitude of love towards one another and thanks to Almighty.

We also recognize those less fortunate who are alone, or have lost loved ones during this past month. Our Honor Guard team conducted several services for rendering Military Honors at both District 13 level and for Post 419.

I'd like to take this opportunity to recognize the late Lewis Borg, who passed on November 10th. Our Post 419 Honor Guard detail conducted services this past Wednesday and we honored his memory at a luncheon at our Post.

Many of us who knew Lewis will always remember his smile. He had a positive energy about him and amongst the many memories of him, we'll remember him lately collecting funds and providing tickets at our Post events. During the Post monthly meetings, he was ever present with a smile and a handshake. He will be missed and may his Soul Rest in Peace. Our condolences also go out to his wife, Francis, who has the grace and charm that the Borg family espoused so well as well as the family at large.



It is with a sad heart that we also had to say goodbye to a couple of other friends and family members.

This past month we also lost another member who was in the hospital at the same time as Louie. Unfortunately, Earl McHaffie also has transferred to Post everlasting. Earl volunteered for many years around the post but it wasn't until a few years ago was he able to become a member because of a policy change in eligibility granted by the US Congress. However, he fell ill a couple of years after joining and was unable to take part in our activities. Our prayers go out to all three families who have lost loved ones in the past couple of month. Earl's service will be on Monday December 4th at 10:30am, Lima Family Santa Clara Mortuary.

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If anyone is interested in the year end Remembrance Services for those who have passed during 2023, we have a couple of organizations that will be conducting their December Candle lighting services.

**PATHWAYS: 12/10 2pm** Skylawn Funeral Home, CA-35 at Highway 92, San Mateo, 94402

**OAK HILL: 12/14 7pm** Oak Hill Funeral Home, 300 Curtner Ave, San Jose, 95125

I have the humble honor of speaking at both events and helping those who are grieving the loss of a loved one.

Finally, December is also a month where Holiday traditions and numerous religious services are observed and celebrated. May you find a moment to reflect, smile and ring in the New Year with a smile. Happy Holidays, Blessings and a Prosperous New Year to one and all!

Sunny Dosanjh, Chaplain & Service Officer [sunny@veteranscourage.org](mailto:sunny@veteranscourage.org)

# AMERICAN LEGION SERVICE OFFICER

Hello all,

The Holiday Season is full of promise for many to be celebrated with the ones we love. It is also a time where we can help our fellow Veterans and their families through any number of organizations. The American Legion has launched a program called "Giving Tuesday" which provides an opportunity to donate to this worthy cause. Additional information can be found on the Legion website: <https://www.legion.org/>



**Support our veterans and the nation's children**

Please consider a donation this Giving Tuesday to The American Legion Veterans & Children Foundation.

**DONATE HERE**

**AMERICAN LEGION**

**GIVING TUESDAY**

The office of our local Congressman, Ro Khanna, has reached out to our Post regarding the types of services that would be beneficial for our fellow Veterans and their families. I'm putting together bullet points of issues and actions that we would welcome their support on. If you have any suggestions, please forward them to me:

[sunny@veteranscourage.org](mailto:sunny@veteranscourage.org)

As mentioned by our Post Leaders, we have several initiatives on-going in December to help kids and families, either with toys, trees or other donations. 'Tis the Season to Give and we as Veterans know what it means to serve and give.

As always, I am grateful that we have a strong Post that represents itself well in our community. It's not always easy, we have our challenges, but we know how to persist and persevere. Here's to a 2024 that allows us to continue our service to our Great Nation!



Sunny Dosanjh, Chaplain & Service Officer [sunny@veteranscourage.org](mailto:sunny@veteranscourage.org)

# Legion Post 419 Family Christman Party



**Date: Dec. 16, 2023**

**Catered Dinner by: Chef Manley**

Carved Roast Beef  
Fried Chicken

Whipped Potatoes with Gravy  
Hot Vegetables

Dinner Rolls & Butter

Tossed Green Salad & Dressing  
Pasta Salad and Fruit Tray

**No Host Cocktails**

**Doors Open: 5:00pm**

**Dinner: 6:00pm – 7:00pm Dancing  
to DJ Ken: 7:00 – 9:30pm**

**For Tickets Contact:**

*Post 419 at 408-244-3050 Bar x3, Adj x 2 or Cmdr. x5 to reserve your ticket or Stop By Post 419  
Please consider donating a new unwrapped gift Toys 4 Tots which will be distributed by Christmas.*



American Legion Auxiliary Santa Clara Unit 419

# *New Year's Eve*



## **Daytime Party**



**Sunday, December 31st**

**12-5 PM**

*Countdown  
to*  
**2024**

Ring in the New Year  
with a champagne toast  
and a salute to our troops  
around the world!

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**American Legion Post 419  
958 Homestead Road, Santa Clara, CA**

**TICKET \$50 | DOORS OPEN @ NOON**

**Featuring music by the Island Wave Band**

**Dinner by Brenda Manley**

**Tickets: Legion Post 419 (408)244-3050  
(Bar x3, Adj x2 or Cmdr. x5) or stop by Post Bar  
or email - [alaunit419santaclara@gmail.com](mailto:alaunit419santaclara@gmail.com)**

## Vet to Vet Café

Conversation and Fellowship Plus  
Coffee and Donuts for all Veterans

You are invited to drop in  
Every Thursday - 9 am - 11 am

Hostess, Karen Carter

Where?

958 Homestead Rd, Santa Clara  
American Legion Post 14 graciously  
provides the room



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HOST	EVENT	DATE	
Legion	1st Sunday Breakfast	Sun Dec 3, 2023	9 to 11 am
Legion	Membership Meeting	Wed Dec 6, 2023	7 to 8 pm
SONs	Membership meeting	Thur Dec 7, 2023	7 to 8 pm
Aux	Membership meeting	Thur Dec 13, 2023	7 to 8 pm
Legion	Executive Committee Meeting	Thur Dec 28, 2023	5:30 pm
Legion	Post-SONs-Aux 419 Christmas Party	Sat Dec 16, 2023	5 to 9 pm
Aux	New Year's Eve Day Party	Sun Dec 31, 2023	12 to 5 pm
<b>2024</b>			
Legion	1st Sunday Breakfast	Sun Jan 7, 2024	9 to 11 am
Legion	Luau	Sat Jan 27, 2024	5 to 9 pm
Legion	1st Sunday Breakfast	Sun Feb 4, 2024	9 to 11 am
Aux	Valentine Dinner / Dance	Sat Feb 10, 2024	5 to 9 pm
Legion	1st Sunday Breakfast	Sun Mar 3, 2024	9 to 11 am
Leigion	St Patrick Day Dinner/Dance	Sat Mar 16, 2024	5 to 9 pm
SONs	Sock for Vets Dinner/Dance	Sat Apr 20, 2024	5 to 9 pm
SONs	May the 4th Be With You Dinner/Dance	Sat May 4, 2024	5 to 9 pm
Legion	Annual Car Show	Sat June 8, 2024	10 am to 3 pm

## Honor Flight 2024 Travel Season

Flight #33 - 04/11/2024 - 04/13/2024 (COVID Vaccinations not required, masks strongly encouraged.)

Orientation dates:

Santa Clara American Legion Post 419: 03/24/2024

Roseville American Legion Post 169: 03/26/2024

Reunion date: American Legion Post 419: 04/28/2024

Flight #34 05/16/2024 - 05/18/2024 (COVID Vaccinations not required, masks strongly encouraged.)

Orientation dates:

Santa Clara American Legion Post 419: 05/05/2024

Roseville American Legion Post 169: 05/07/2024

Reunion date: American Legion Post 419: 06/01/2024 (Saturday)

Flight #35 09/19/2024 - 09/21/2024 (COVID Vaccinations not required, masks strongly encouraged.)

Orientation dates:

Santa Clara American Legion Post 419: 09/08/2024

Roseville American Legion Post 169: 09/10/2024

Reunion date: American Legion Post 419: 10/06/2024

Flight #36 10/24/2024 - 10/26/2024 (COVID Vaccinations not required, masks strongly encouraged.)

Orientation dates:

Santa Clara American Legion Post 419: 10/13/2024

Roseville American Legion Post 169: 10/15/2024

Reunion date: American Legion Post 419: 11/10/2024

Gate Access Pass

[Click here to obtain a gate access pass if you would like to send off your veteran from SFO or greet them on the return home!](#)

[\(Send-offs are at 5:30am on the day of travel and 7:00pm on the day of return.\)](#)

***\*Post 419 meeting are held on the First Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm Please join us***

***\*SAL Squadron 419 meeting are held on the First Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm Please join us***

## 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: [www.americanlegionpost419@comcast.net](mailto:www.americanlegionpost419@comcast.net)