

Issue 1-70

958 Homestead Road, Santa Clara CA 95050

July 2023

Well, here we are another month almost gone. For those of you who I have not met yet, my name is Richard Peralez and I look forward to meeting and working with you hare at post 419.

This month was our annual American Legion car show. I first want to thank everyone who helped make this a smooth and successful event. It takes several months, allot of planning, and allot of thought to put on this event. We could not have done it without our great car show committee members and numerous volunteers.

Congratulations to our winners.

First place went to a 1942 Jeep.

Second place went to a Corvette.

Third place went to a 1956 Jag XK

I attended the Department of California American Legion convention in Visalia Ca.

The energy was electrifying, training sessions were well attended.

I'm looking forward to advocating for our Veterans and inviting all to join in the process.

Richard Peralez

Commander Post 419



AMERICAN LEGION ADJUTANT

Membership Dues

July is the start of the Membership Renewal Drive for the American Legion Post 419. Our dues are still \$45.00. I already has your membership cards and will process yours as soon as I receive your payment. If you wish to renew online as a lot of our members do, I check that file daily and try to process your renewal within a few days.

Those of you who did not renew for the 2023 calendar year, you are no longer considered a member in good standing and not entitled to any legion benefits, such as voting privilege at any membership meeting, lounge privilege or legion discounts. You can still renew for 23 but will also have to pay for 2024 by December 31.

Besides the Honor of being the coordinator of the District 13 Honor Guard I also coordinate the Post 419 Color Guard. This past month we presented Colors at annual Safety Officers award ceremony in Sunnyvale and at the Zinger Coral group at their solute to Veterans concert.

District 13 Honor Guard.

We need new members. Currently we only have 15 names on the team and at least 4 can no longer take part due to family and health reasons. 12 of the 15 names are from Post 419. This is a District 13 Honor Guard. The other 10 or 11 post should be taking part in this activity. Post 419 has the equipment to perform the service. If another post wishes to take on the responsibility of coordinating the District 13

Honor Guard please inform the District 13 Commander

Post Projects.

KD Poynter and I presented the Manager of the Home Deport Campbell with a Certificate of appreciation for the volunteers work he and his crew did in the landscaping and new patio furniture donation from Home Depot. Post 419 issued certificates to all the volunteers that helped that day. The HD District 50 office coordinated the volunteer assignment from several location, Colma, Daily City, San Carlos, East Palo Alto, Campbell, Sunnyvale, and San Jose's Bollinger stores. The remaining certificates will be presented by the District Manager upon his return from vacation.



Post 419 Officers 2023 -2024

Commander Richard Peralez 1st Vice Commander Isaac Jantzen

2nd Vice Commander Jeff Driskell Adjutant Gene Grundstrom

Service Officer Sunny Dosanjh Judge Advocate Jeff Driskell

Junior past Commander Ralph Jacob

Executive Committee Members at Large

Kathleen Hall - Mike Roosevelt - Todd White

AMERICAN LEGION JUNIOR PAST

Junior Past Commanders Report July 2023

Hope you are enjoying the summer so far. Heat comes this week so take care. Make sure you drink a lot of water or other non-alcoholic drinks.

I want to thank all who have worked with me during the past 3 years. We have accomplished much coming out of the covid cloud. Still there is much to do and we need to support Commander Richard.

Richard has done a fine job with everything he has been asked to do since he became 2nd Vice Commander. He can be proud of his accomplishments especially this years car show.

As I constantly say don't be afraid to volunteer a few hours at the post. Honor Guard especially need more help.

Come to the 4th of July picnic. The Marine Corp League showed us how to have a family BBQ, now it is the posts turn.

11am to 1 pm.

Breakfast is Sunday June 2. I think it is with waffles so I can have an easy time in the kitchen.

See you at the meeting 5 July at 7 pm. We will be welcoming new members and a surprise finish. Take an hour to join us. Let's start Richard's year with a good crowd.

Have a good month

Ralph Jacob

JR PAST Commander



AMERICAN LEGION SONS

Well, as the Detachment year 2022 /23 has come to an end, we now step into the next chapter.

Our new squadron commander Patrick Manley has been our Squadron Chaplain as well as 1^{st} Vice Commander and was willing to step up. We encourage our members to at least come to the meetings and provide us with input to have a successful year and more in the future.

The years events for the squadron have been almost the same as previous with maybe the name changes. This shows that we are listening to our members to encourage others to speak up and give us their opinions, we always need input, for the future of the squadron.

Membership is still the strength of the squadron, again as well as participation. New cards should be arriving soon as the American Legion Convention just ended on Sunday 6/24/2023. Therefore as soon as those cards are delivered we will start sending out notices, and our dues are still \$25.00 a year. There is no plan on increasing the dues prices.

Our new Detachment Commander is Shawn Braydon from Southern California, not twenty-one yet, but very committed to the organization. One of the detachment's plans started 2 years ago to help eliminate the long hours which we have had in the past is to have 2 monthly zoom meetings. This does help in getting things addressed soon than later. The first meeting is devoted to membership from all squadrons within the state, and usually lasts 30 minutes. Our 2nd meeting will last a little bit longer than an hour, but then there is a lot to discuss. Here the Area 2 and District Commanders are encouraged to submit written reports, leaving the rest of the time for commission and committee reports. This is an insight into how the detachment works and try to keep everyone informed. Also, our consolidated report for each squadron is utilized as to our community service, by having all members keep track of their hours and mileage. I will be sending out simple forms for which all you need to do monthly is just write them down and then turn them in. If you are a member in any other orgs, you can add that time in as well. Many of us do belong to a few different organizations and serve the community.

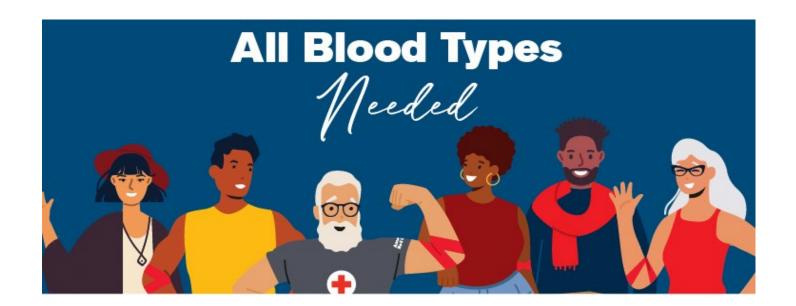
Now, our squadron meetings are still on the 1st Thursday of each month, our time has been moved up by 30 minutes. So, the meeting is now at 6:30pm. The location is still A.L. Post 419, 958 Homestead Rd, Santa Clara. Meeting s will be held in the main hall unless rented, then in the clubroom.

Steve Villegas

Squadron Adjutant



Please Make an appointment or stop by and DONATE.



Blood Drive

Rotary Club of Santa Clara and American Legion Post 419

at American Legion Post 419 Main Hall 958 Homestead Road Santa Clara, CA 95050

Wednesday, July 19, 2023 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.





Vet to Vet Café



Vet to Vet Café

Every Thurday Morning

9 am - 10:30 am

Hostess: Karen Carter

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AMERICAN LEGION CHAPLAIN

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Lord,
May Our Fourth of July
Be Blessed
With
The

Spirit of Peace
Spirit of Power
&
Spirit of Love
Amen





AMERICAN LEGION CHAPLAIN

Chaplain's Day of Service

Our District 13 Honor Guard Team started off the Day, June 17th, **11:30am**, Saratoga Conducting <u>Honor Guard Services</u> for US Army Veteran, Lt. George Hutzchason



Sunnyvale Pathways

We Honor Veterans
Hospice Panel, 12:30pm

Marine Corp League Detachment #1122 BBQ

AL Post 419, **1:30pm**



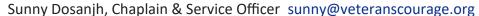














AMERICAN LEGION CHAPLAIN

Tribute to Our Hero's Concert

Karen Carter and "The Zingers" provided a great concert honoring our Military Heroes on Saturday June 17th, **4:00pm** at the Christian Reformed Church in San Jose. Post 419 provided the Color Guard Service and the singing was truly inspired!

Thank You to the "The Zingers"





AMERICAN LEGION SISTER POST, UK

Our Sister Post, Royal British Legion, Isleworth London, England has placed our Santa Clara Post 419 Plaque next to the late Queen Elizabeth II.





June 22, 2023, Isleworth, London England. Upon the River Thames

American Legion Santa Clara Post 419, Chaplain Sunny Dosanjh

Member Royal British Legion Posts: <u>Isleworth</u>, <u>Liverpool</u>, <u>Peterborough</u>al & <u>London</u>

AMERICAN LEGION SERVICE OFFICER

US Marine Ronald Bannister, update. Thanks to all who helped Ron get his bus ticket to Georgia.

Post 77 in Conyers, Georgia were contacted and we had introductions to the Officers who will assist Ron.



Raymond
Osgood
Brackett









Request:

A new Finance Officer is required for the Post and training will be provided for a month or two. Please contact me and I can forward your information to the current Finance Officer.

Join Today for just \$45 per year



2023 Calendar of Events

HOST	EVENT	DATE	
Post	1st Sunday Breakfast	2 July-23	9:00am-11:00am
Post	Membership Meeting	5-July-23	7:00pm
Aux	Membership Meeting	-12-July-23	7:00pm
Post	Hosting Blood Drive	19-JuLy-23	11:00am-5:00pm
Post-Sons-Aux	Event Planning Meeting 2023-2024	TBD	

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)