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Dear Legion Family,

I'm honored to step into the role of Commander and excited to begin this new chapter with all of you. Our post has always been more than a building-it's a home. A place where service, camaraderie, and community come together.

From the warmth of our first Sunday breakfasts to the excitement of our annual car show, I've seen firsthand how powerful our presence is in this city. These aren't just events-they're traditions that bring people together and remind us why we serve.

As your new Commander, my focus is simple: build stronger connections, serve with purpose, and grow our impact. Together, we'll continue to honor our veterans, support our neighbors, and make this post a place where everyone feels welcome.

The month of June started off on the right foot with 1st Sunday breakfast. Continued our service by hosting the VA Health Outreach Program. Brought together the American Legion Family and the community with the annual car show. We have a wonderful installation event for the Legion, Auxiliary, and Sons of the American Legion. We are currently finishing off the month with attendance of the 2025 American Legion Department of California convention.

There are more people than I could possibly list who have contributed to our Post's events. Everyone's effort and time mean more than I can express and leaves with a sense of pride and appreciation for all that you do. We have a large Post, and there are always opportunities upcoming to lend a hand. To those of you who help bring together all of June's events, Thank you!

Thank you for your trust and your dedication. I look forward to serving alongside you.

Yours in service,

Isaac

Isaac Jantzen
Commander



AMERICAN LEGION JR PAST CMDR.

On behalf of our Post 419 Membership, we thank you Commander Richard Peralez. We appreciate your leadership and dedication to our Post over the past few years. Finally, we recognize your fulfillment of your duty, the honor with which you conducted yourself as Commander and we welcome you to your new role as Junior Past Commander.

Pictured (Right) Al Wong, (Middle Left) Brenda Manley, (Middle Right) Kathleen Hall, (Bottom) New Post 419 Officers Installation conducted by Vice Commander, Area 2 Larry Maggio.



AMERICAN LEGION SONS

Well, here we are, presently down here in Visalia for the Legion / Detachment Convention. For the Detachment, we started on Thursday afternoon at 4pm, Opening ceremonies, including roll call of Officers and the presentation of the proposed budget for the year. Dress attire brought up and the price of fines for cell phones or any other device which interrupts the meeting. Meeting closed.

Friday morning Opening ceremonies started after all delegates provided proof of delegate credentials Roll call again of Officers and the squadrons. All officer reports from those present. Reading of Budget as we were in session. No resolutions, presented to the detachment, which made the day go by quicker. Discussions of programs and the number of hours and miles collected from our CPR's. nominations for the upcoming year, 1st reading. Meeting went into recess at 4:30pm

Reconvened Saturday morning at 9am, 2nd reading of Budget. Introduction of guests. and call for nominations of positions which weren't named. Voting for uncontested officers after lunch. Then for positions with 2 or more nominations held. Introduction of Legion Riders new leadership presented to the detachment.

Official instructions came out for members going up for positions as officers. There will be a background check on those wishing to become officers.

For those going to the National convention, they will need to pay for their own delegate registration and their guests. The national convention will be in Tampa Bay in August. Officers and delegates have all been selected. Meeting ended at 1pm, Installation to be held at 3pm

Our meetings are still on the 1st Thursday of the month at 3pm, if anyone is interested in finding out what we are doing, please come and join us. We don't bite. Our meetings don't go over an hour. The 2026 membership cards will be available

Steve Villegas
Squadron Adjutant



AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

Greetings from the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 419

UPDATES:

- The Auxiliary's **Jewelry Sale** this year at the Car Show was a success! We appreciate as always, the support and are able to continue supporting our Veteran families. There were many lovely and fun pieces that found new homes including a very sweet 8-year-old who flew in on an airplane that her daddy built just for her. WOW Is she lucky or what! (See pictures below.)
- Our new officers for 2025-26, are as follows. Alyne Hazard President, 1st Vice Patricia Brickman, 2nd Vice Susan MacEwen, Secretary Brenda Manley, Treasurer Susan Horvath, Sergeant at Arms Ginny Mears and Chaplain Linda McHaffie.
- “Just Us” Ron and Mike are performing every Friday in the Member’s Bar, 4-6:30pm. Please join us and partake in easy country listening and a drink in our Member’s Bar 🍷 🎸 🎵 [Listen on YouTube](#)

Please keep in mind family & friends that might be eligible & would love to join our Post and support our veterans. Invite them to an event and 1st Sunday breakfast!



Respectfully submitted by,
Patricia Brickman
ALA Unit 419 1st Vice 🇺🇸

ALA meets 2nd Wednesday of the month, 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm.
Social from 6:30 pm to 7:00 pm.



HONOR FLIGHT BAY AREA FOUNDATION

Honor Flight has completed its two spring flights that have transported 50 of our Veterans to Washington D.C. on their three-day excursion to see the memorials dedicated to their service and sacrifice to our nation. The photo below is the send-off photo for Flight #38 showing Alaska Airlines flight crew posing with our Veterans.

We will continue with our planned schedule in the fall to transport another 50 Veterans (25 on each Flight). The 2025 fall flight schedule is:

Flight #39 – September 11 through 13

Flight #40 – October 9 through 11

There is currently a 1.5 to 2 year waiting list for these Flights with WWII and Korean war veterans prioritized on the next available Flight. In order to get onto the waiting list, please access the Honor Flight Bay Area website, complete a Veteran application, and mail it to the address shown on the application. This will set your application date and get you in line for a Flight.

We currently only transport WWII, Korea, and Vietnam war Veterans since there are no memorials for conflicts after Vietnam. Once memorials are constructed for Afghanistan, Gulf, & other conflicts, Honor Flight will begin taking applications for those Veterans.

Since each Veteran must have a Guardian for safety and emotional support, there are opportunities for post-Vietnam active and retired military to apply to be a Guardian for a qualifying Veteran. Please see the Honor Flight Bay Area website for details.

Honor Flight Bay Area – www.honorflightbayarea.org

Honor Flight Bay Area would like to thank Post 419 for its continued support of our Mission over the past 10 years. **Michael Singleton – President, Honor Flight Bay Area Foundation**



AMERICAN LEGION HONOR GUARD



Larry Lynch

US Air Force

Post 99, 40&8, District 13

Several of our colleagues from Post 419, District and 40&8 attended the [Memorial Service](#) for Larry Craig Lynch. Larry was an active member in the community and he will be missed. I had the humble honor of giving he invocation and benediction prayers.



John M. Perez

Post 419

We were notified that John M. Perez had entered Post Everlasting on June 2nd, 2025.



William Patrick Kozlovsky

Rear Admiral

United States Coast Guard

Our District 13 Team Honor Guard conducted the service on June 9th 2025 for Admiral Kozlovsky

AMERICAN LEGION CHAPLAIN

I had the humble honor of the invocation, one of the guest speakers and benediction at Post 419 Member, Ron Britain's Coast Guard Retirement Ceremony in San Francisco on June 7th, 2025.

The ceremony was attended with a cross section of society with Active-Duty, Retirees, Legionnaire's along with family and friends.

Ron is a good friend and he's looking forward to the next chapter in his career. He's looking at the VSO or VA for Service opportunity roles and he'd make a great team member in our cause to help fellow Veterans and their families.



Reaching Inwards: Rescuing the Child Within Healing the Inner Child Trapped by Fear

Part of a warrior's journey towards healing from trauma, especially that which is associated with Military Service, is the step of recognizing invisible wounds. These wounds can manifest themselves into a life of unexplained sadness, a relentless inner critic and recurring patterns of behavior that holds us back.

It is from that perspective, that I wrote this short ([5 minute read](#)) introduction on healing that part of you that is trapped by fear but living life as an adult. My hope is that it may help shine the light on that part of your existence that is still trapped in darkness.



AMERICAN LEGION CHAPLAIN

Veterans Book: *Permission to Walk in Peace*

A new edition is about to be published for the book “Permission to Walk in Peace.” The book provides an insight to what helped Veterans reintegrate back in to society in a healthy and mindful manner. It will take you on a journey from the battlefields, how the Veterans managed to seek help and how they persevered into a better version of themselves today. As Colonel Joe Cotchett (Retired US Army Special Forces, Airborne” states:

*“It **should be mandatory reading for every elected public official** about what war and conflict can do to those who serve, along with their families and community. The title of this book tells that what many veterans, men and women, have done for their country—**much of the battle is fought in the minds of veterans when they return home to walk in peace.**”* Purchase: <https://www.veteranscourage.org>



4 out of 8 Authors

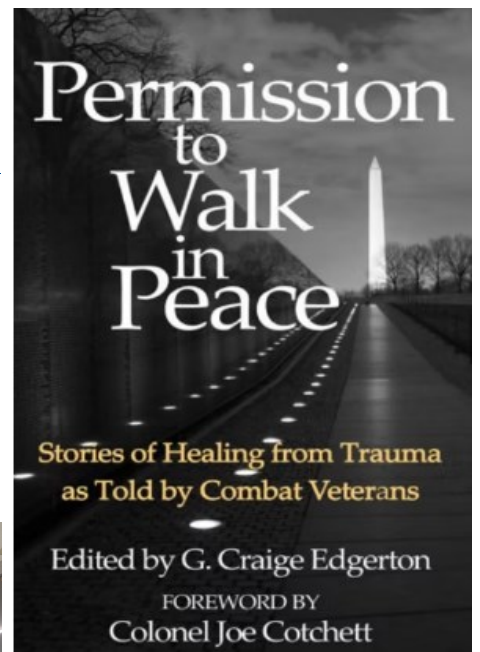
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AMERICAN LEGION SERVICE OFFICER

Several organizations met with the team at [Open Doors to Future Possibilities](#) to align on how we help Veterans and their families. Included was Col. Ray Watts ([MOAA](#)) County Board of Supervisors [Otto Lee](#), many other notable guests and I represented the American Legion. They offer free services for those in need of housing, food, job training, computer skills and mental health treatment. They are expanding across the Bay Area and are led by an all volunteer team led by [Dr. Simone Lundquist](#)

Since April of 2020, we have served over **1,500** Veterans and their families in transitional housing, distributed more than **6,000** food boxes, given over **1,000** pairs of shoes and socks, and countless other essential supplies since the beginning of the pandemic. Additionally, more than **40** Veterans have experienced a smooth transition into civilian life utilizing our counseling services!



Palo Alto VA: VCP Program

I met with the VCP team and we're on track to expand the community partnership program . We have 20+ vetted organizations that are participating and we have many familiar folks who are leading their respective services in healthcare, assisted living, hospice, housing, food as well as many other services.



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AMERICAN LEGION SERVICE OFFICER

The most common thing I hear amongst Veterans is that they never had a moment to sign-up for VA services. As life or health related situations arise, the Veteran is often left scrambling to figure out what they qualify for. The VA has simplified the sign-up process by going online and following the steps on this page:

<https://www.va.gov/discover-your-benefits/goals>

Discover your benefits

Goals Service Separation Discharge Disability Review

1 of 6 Goals

What goals do you want to accomplish? (*Required)
Select all that apply.

- ☐ Get financial support for a service-connected condition
- ☐ Go back to school
- ☐ Plan for my transition or retirement
- ☐ Start a new career
- ☐ Take care of my health and well-being
- ☐ Understand my benefits
- ☐ Plan for my and my family's future

The national American Legion website also has a lot of information that complements the VA programs. Visit legion.org to find out more:



Legion Programs



Member Resources



Education Services



Health Center

OR: Select one of the following “boxes” to the right to find out more about what is available.



MILITARY & VETERAN DATES



Independence Day

July 4th, [A Brief History of the American Revolution](#)

Alive Day

July 17-19th, [An overview of Alive Day on YouTube](#)



National Hire a Veteran Day

July 25th, [Roughly 20,000 military members retire or separate every year](#)

National Korean War Veterans Armistic Day

July 27th, [An overview of the history of the Korean War](#)

Army Chaplain Corps Anniversary

July 29th, [Predates Independence Day and is the smallest unit in the US Army](#)

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POST 419

FOURTH OF JULY

BBQ



**HOT DOGS, HAMBURGERS, SIDE DISHES,
BRING A DESSERT TO SHARE**

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INTERNATIONAL OVERDOSE AWARENESS DAY **SAVE A LIFE**

AUGUST 26, 2025
Menlo Park Division
795 Willow Road
Menlo Park, CA 94025

- **10:30 AM - 12 PM (PT)**
Welcome Center
Bldg. 400, Room 109
- **2:30 PM - 3:30 PM (PT)**
Bldg. 347

VAPAHCS Suicide Prevention and Pharmacy have partnered to provide training for Veterans, caregivers, and staff to learn how to administer the life-saving opioid overdose treatment, Naloxone. In addition to the live demo, there will be educational materials, resources and information on how to receive a prescription of naloxone. This event is open to Veterans and Caregivers.

Join us to:

- » **Learn the signs of overdose**
- » **Learn about naloxone, its availability and how to use it**
- » **Help people struggling with opioid use disorder find the right care and treatment.**



VA



U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
Veterans Health Administration
San Francisco Health Care System



Come join your comrades for Coffee, Donuts & Conversation

Every Thursday - 9 am - 11 am

American Legion Post 419

958 Homestead Rd - Santa Clara

Hostess, Karen Carter

408 560-6691, for more information

No agenda, just fun together sharing stories.

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2025 Calendar of Events

HOST	EVENT	DATE
Post	Post 419 Legion Post Meeting	2-July-25 7-8 pm
SAL	SONS Membership Meeting	3-July-25 3-4 pm
Post	July 4th BBQ	4-July-25 TBD
Post	First Sunday Breakfast	6-July-25 9-11 am
Aux	Membership Meeting	9-July-25 7-8 pm
Post	First Sunday Breakfast	3-Aug-25 9-11 am
Post	Post 419 Legion Post Meeting	6-Aug-25 7-8 pm
SAL	SONS Membership Meeting	7-Aug-25 3-4 pm
Aux	Membership Meeting	13-Aug-25 7-8 pm
Post	Post 419 Legion Post Meeting	3-Sep-25 7-8 pm
SAL	SONS Membership Meeting	4-Sep-25 3-4 pm
Post	First Sunday Breakfast	7-Sep-25 9-11 am
Aux	Membership Meeting	10-Sep-25 7-8 pm
Post	Post 419 Legion Post Meeting	1-Oct-25 7-8 pm
SAL	SONS Membership Meeting	2-Oct-25 3-4 pm
Post	First Sunday Breakfast	5-Oct-25 9-11 am
Aux	Membership Meeting	8-Oct-25 7-8 pm



HAPPY
4TH OF **JULY**



Editors Update

If you have anything you want to include in our newsletter or website, please contact me at the following: sunny@veteranscourage.org

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