

AMERICAN LEGION POST 419 REVEILLE

Veterans Helping Veterans & Serving the Community Since 1932

Issue 1-98

958 Homestead Road, Santa Clara CA 95050

Nov 2025

From the Commander

Dear Legion Family,

Our Legion Family hosted the Breakfast of Champions on Saturday and followed the next day with our 1st Sunday Breakfast. This took a great effort from our Legion Family and community volunteers. From the early risers who helped set up to the friendly faces who stayed to clean up, we couldn't have done it without you. Your enthusiastic support, generous contributions, and joyful presence made the weekend truly special. It's moments like these that remind us how strong and caring our community really is.

As we move into November, we also take time to honor and celebrate Veterans Day. We extend our deepest gratitude to the brave women and men who have served in the armed forces. Their courage, sacrifice, and dedication to protecting our freedoms deserve our highest respect. Whether you're a veteran yourself or have loved ones who've served, we thank you and stand with you in recognition.

Please join us this month at the Craft Faire, on Veterans Day events, Thanks for Giving Dinner/Dance.

Yours in Service,

Isaac
Commander Post 419

Win a FREE Breakfast!

This Sunday, Nov 2nd, Write your name on your breakfast ticket, drop in basket. If you win, next month's breakfast is FREE!

Veterans Day Schedule

10—1120 AM Santa Clara University ROTC, Bronco Battalion hosts a Veterans Day Ceremony. Guests should be seated in front of the Mission by 10 am. The ceremony will include a Posting of the Colors, Wreath placement and speech by Admiral Ellis.

1030 March with Post 419 in the Veterans Day Parade—Downtown San Jose. Parade route: 1 mile. Travels up Santa Clara street, Market passing Cesar Chavez Plaza, to Santa Carlos Street. Contact 2nd Vice Commander @ kshall@aol.com for more information.

1200 Veterans Day Parade—downtown San Jose. Find a place on Santa Clara, Market or San Carlos Streets. Bring your flag and wave to the marchers!

3 pm City of Santa Clara presents a Veterans Day Ceremony at the Veteran Memorial off Kiely Blvd. Guest speakers include Post 419 Commander Isaac Janzen and District 13 Commander Richard Peralez.



AMERICAN LEGION POST NEWS

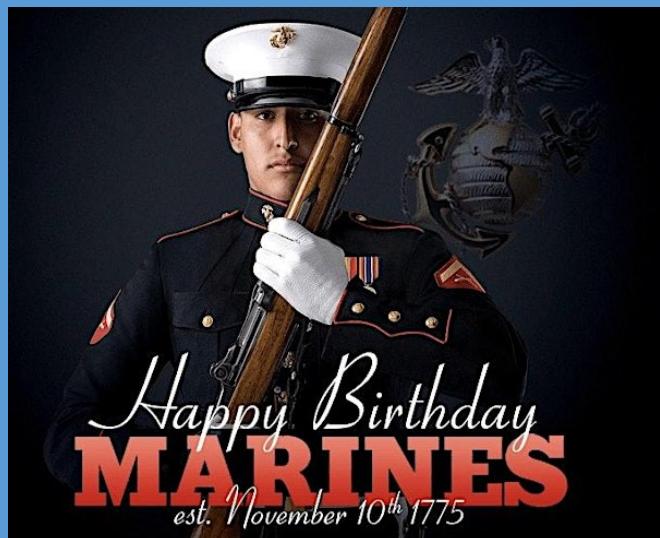
*Vet to Vet held every Thursday from 9-11.
Come and enjoy coffee, donuts and
conversation.*



Ladies Lunch Bunch!



*Karaoke =
Singing,
Dancing and
FUN!*



Marine Corps League 1122

*Meets at the third Saturday of the Month
from 10-12 pm in the
Member Lounge*



*"Honor to the soldier and sailor
everywhere who bravely bears his
country's cause." Abraham Lincoln*



Veterans Day Freebies and Discounts

<https://www.military.com/veterans-day/restaurants-veterans-day-military-discounts.html#vetsdayrestaurantdiscounts>

Check out this website at Military.com for the complete list of Veterans Day discounts.

Food, travel, and shopping discounts await you!

AMERICAN LEGION POST NEWS



The Trees for Troops® program has provided a total of 326,273 free Christmas trees to military members and families over the past 20 consecutive years with the help of **DONORS LIKE YOU!** Fresh cut Christmas trees are collected at farms and retail lots and flown to bases by the program's partner, FedEx Freight. Families who receive a tree say "it's the best present they have ever received"

Post 419 has a matching grant donor who will match our member's donations up to \$400!
WE CAN DO IT!

Donation bin is in the lounge, drop by and drop \$\$\$ in.



Volunteers are needed to man our donation booth at the Battaglia Ranch Tree Farm. Each volunteer shift is only 3 hours! First shift is 9-12, 2nd shift is 12-3 and 3rd shift is 3-closing. Dates for service are Nov 28, 29, & 30th, then Dec 6 & 7. Contact Ralph Jacob rjjiinsj@yahoo.com or 408-244-3050.



CAN WE HOST YOUR NEXT PARTY OR EVENT?

The Post event coordinator is here to assist you with planning your conference, anniversary, reunion, graduation, Quinceanera, promotion, or century birthday party. We do the set-up, preparations and clean-up. Our professional chef will prepare a sumptuous meal. We have a full bar. We have a sound system. We have a dance floor. You do nothing except invite your guests. Call today, and begin planning your **BEST** party ever!

408-854-9546

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY



Greetings from the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 419

EVENTS:

🎃 Our Halloween Costume dinner/dance is November 1, 2025. Doors open at 5:00 pm, dinner at 6:00 pm. Menu by Chef Brenda Manley, Beef Stroganoff or Chicken Marsala. Dancing with DJ Ken, 7:00 pm to 9:30 pm. Costume contest 🎃 prizes 🎃 and more! 🎃 Tickets available for \$30, through Brenda at the Post, at the member lounge, or email alaunit419santaclara@gmail.com, or contact Frances Borg, (408) 243-5832.

- Win a free annual Auxiliary Membership! Just renew your membership before 1 November, and you will automatically be entered for the drawing! See the flyer for more information.
- Just Us will be playing in the member lounge on Friday November 14th and 28th from 4 –6:30 PM.
- 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!
- Come join us as we march in the Veterans Day Parade. See page 1 for information.



We meet on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. **Our social time is 6:30pm to 7:00 pm.** Our meeting begins at 7:00 pm and ends at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,
Patricia Brickman,

ALA Unit 419



1st Vice President

P.S. It's NEVER too early to think about attending the Auxiliary's wonderful welcome the New Year Celebration. Tickets will be on sale soon.



American Legion Auxiliary Santa Clara Unit 419

New Year's Eve

Daytime Party

Wednesday, December 31st

Countdown 12-5 PM

2026

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

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

TICKET \$50 | DOORS OPEN @ NOON

Featuring music by "5150 Band" Crazy for Classic Rock
Dinner by Chef Brenda Manley

Tickets by December 22nd: Brenda at the Post;
email alaunit419santaclara@gmail.com; or Frances 408-243-5832

AMERICAN LEGION SONS



EVENTS:

15 November "Thanks for Giving" Dinner/ Dance, 5-9:30.

Doors open at 5 pm. Pay as you go bar. 6 pm, Chef Brenda Manley is serving your choice of Turkey or Ham with all the fixin's. Dancing by DJ Ray starts at 7 pm. Tickets available for \$25 at the post, member lounge or contact Francis Borg, (408) 243-5832.

November is a really BIG month for the SONS. We march in the Veterans Day Parade, host the Thanks for Giving Dinner/Dance and we begin the Toys for Tots drive.

The Sons invite Active Duty military (and their families) to a delicious Thanksgiving feast to THANK them for their service to our country. Many of these vets are far away from home, and a "home" cooked meal is very welcome. You can help by purchasing a ticket and supporting the event. Your support pays for their meals.

The Toys for Tots collection campaign is underway. This year has been really rough on families. Please consider bringing 2 new, unwrapped gifts to put in the bins. Dollar Tree, Amazon and our Craft Faire will have some economical gifts. Let's make a child's Christmas merry.

We have started the recruitment process for Boys and Girls State. We have received some inquiry phone calls and emails. Many attendees describe their experience as "life altering". Follow this link to find out more about the program. <https://www.legion.org/get-involved/youth-programs/boys-state-boys-nation/boys-state-eligibility-dates> Membership renewals are coming in slowly. SONS annual membership is \$25, Junior membership is \$15. Renew before 11 Nov and get your December Breakfast FREE! Come march with us in the parade. See parade information on page 1.

Our meetings are still held on the 1st Thursday of the month at 3 pm. 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.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Villegas

Squadron 419 Adjutant



THANKS for GIVING

Honoring Active Duty Service Members

Sponsored by the
Sons of the American Legion

November 15th, 2025

American Legion Post 419
958 Homestead Rd.
Santa Clara

Turkey, or Ham, and all the fixin's

Tickets \$25

Frances Borg at (408) 243-5832
Post 419 at (408) 244-3050 Ext. 2, or 5

Doors open at 5:00 PM

Dinner served at 6:00 PM

Dancing to DJ Ray 7:00-9:30 PM



AMERICAN LEGION CHAPLAIN

Veterans Day Prayer

By Alden Solovey

*G-d of compassion,
G-d of dignity and strength,
Watch over the veterans of the United States
In recognition of their loyal service to our nation.
Bless them with wholeness and love.
Shelter them.
Heal their wounds,
Comfort their hearts.
Grant them peace.*

*G-d of justice and truth,
Rock of our lives,
Bless our veterans,
These men and women of courage and valor,
With a deep and abiding understanding
Of our profound gratitude.
Protect them and their families from loneliness and want.
Grant them lives of joy and bounty.
May their dedication and honor
Be remembered as a blessing
From generation to generation.*

*Blessed are You,
Protector and Redeemer,
Our Shield and our Stronghold.*

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Land of the Free, Because of the Brave

AMERICAN LEGION SERVICE OFFICER



Thank You Veterans

by: Justin
Meek Elementary School
5th Grade

Thank You for the Job Well Done
Thank You for the Battles Won
Thank You for the Battles Fought
Thank You for the Freedom Bought

Thank You for the Time You Served
Thank You for the Freedom Earned
Thank Your Families for Sharing You
I Know They Miss You, They Really Do

I'm Sorry for the Lives That Were Lost
Freedom Isn't Cheap,
It comes at a Very High Cost

I Love My Freedom,
My Red, White, and Blue

Thank You Veterans For All That You Do

Veterans Services Office

68 N Winchester Blvd
Santa Clara, CA 95050

8 am - 5 pm M-F

Zoom and Walk-in on Tues
408-918-4980



Open enrollment has started, and we have invited Sylvia Oliverez to have a table at First Sunday Breakfast. Sylvia has helped many Post members with their insurance questions.

"At Be Well Insurance Solutions, we specialize in providing comprehensive health insurance options tailored to your needs—including Medicare Advantage, Medicare Supplement, and Prescription Drug Plans. We're proud to offer dedicated programs for Veterans that coordinate seamlessly with VA benefits and often come with a \$0 monthly premium. Our mission is to simplify your coverage and maximize your benefits."

Ready to explore your options? Contact Be Well Insurance Solutions today (408) 615-1280 and let us help you find the plan that fits your life.

New Secure Log-In procedures will start in 2026. Plan a day to learn how to create a new log-in before the new year.



Flyers are available in the lobby of the American Legion Post 419, 958 Homestead Road, Santa Clara

SCOUTING



November Pack 32 Living the Scout Law with Gratitude

The Scout Law calls every Scout to be Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful, Friendly, Courteous, Kind, Obedient, Cheerful, Thrifty, Brave, Clean, and Reverent. In November we highlight Reverence, honoring our country, our faith, and especially the veterans who secured our freedom.

Pack 32 is grateful for the support of American Legion Post #419. In October, our Scouts sold popcorn at the Legion's First Sunday Breakfast, where they met veterans and community members. Our popcorn fundraiser ends in the beginning of November. This month, many Scouts will bravely march in their first hometown parade alongside the Legion members at the San Jose Veteran's Day Parade.

Service remains at the heart of Scouting. On November 15, our Arrow of Light Den will lead the Scouting for Food drive, collecting food donations in our community. We also begin a new service project this month—creating quilts, continuing through December.

As our popcorn fundraiser wraps up, we reflect with gratitude. The Legion's example of service and sacrifice inspires our Scouts to live the Scout Law each day with courage, kindness, and reverence.

Pack 32 is grateful to American Legion Post #419, Pack 32's chartering organization. Thank you for your support!



*We need YOU to join us in the
Veterans Day Parade, Nov 11th!
Participants can carpool from the
Post or meet the group at the
meeting place downtown. For more
information, email 2nd Vice
Commander Kathleen Hall at
kshall@aol.com
Lunch at the Post after the Parade!*

HONOR FLIGHT BAY AREA



We saw our final flight for the year from October 9th to 11th (Flight #40). We had the privilege of transporting 25 Veterans accompanied by their dedicated Guardians to our nation's capital on this flight. This was our fourth flight of 2025 taking a total of one hundred Veterans on their "Trip of a Lifetime" this year. Witnessing the changing of the guard at Arlington National Cemetery is one of the Veteran's favorite venues. Our four oldest Veterans had the privilege of laying a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier on behalf of their fellow Veterans and Honor Flight.



Flight #40: Reunion date: American Legion Post 419: 11/02/2025 (Sunday) 1 pm

HISTORY OF VETERANS DAY

World War I – known at the time as "The Great War" – officially ended when the Treaty of Versailles was signed on June 28, 1919, in the Palace of Versailles outside the town of Versailles, France. However, fighting ceased seven months earlier when an armistice, or temporary cessation of hostilities, between the Allied nations and Germany went into effect on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month. For that reason, November 11, 1918, is generally regarded as the end of "the war to end all wars."

Veterans Day continues to be observed on November 11, regardless of what day of the week on which it falls. The restoration of the observance of Veterans Day to November 11 not only preserves the historical significance of the date, but helps focus attention on the important purpose of Veterans Day: A celebration to honor America's veterans for their patriotism, love of country, and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good..

Welcome New Legion Members

2026
Membership
is at
67.7%

Taps Were
Sounded For

John Adams,
USA, WWII

Mary Robles



Sick Call

Janet Gaubke

Honor Guard

Are you interested in serving as a member of
the Post 419 Honor Guard?

Contact Steve Villegas

From the Post Manager

Brenda Manley

*Happy November Everyone! We have a busy
month planned.*

*The Hot Lunch program is very popular! Come
by Thursday and Friday to enjoy a delicious meal
bring a friend! Menu on page 16.*

*Karaoke Music Fun awaits you and your friends
on 21 Nov. Won't you join us for a Fun night of
singing and dancing?*

*We are looking for 2 or 3 volunteers to help us
keep the outside areas neat. We have the tools,
you just give us some time. Very flexible hours,
whenever you are available! Contact the post
and leave a message and say when you can help.
Don't be a stranger, we love to see you here at the
post!*

The 2026 American Legion Membership Drive is in full swing. The easiest method to renew is to renew online at mylegion.org. This immediately registers your payment and reports your renewal to your Membership Committee. This saves you postage and us time. In addition by renewing on line it is easy to update your personal information (address, phone, email). Should you forget or lose your card you can access a copy on line at the same site, saving you time. Should you renew at our Post, please pay by check! It is more secure than loose cash and gives your Membership Committee a second check on the spelling of your name. Remember the "coveted 'Early Bird' stamp will be stamped on your 2026 Membership Card to those members renewing prior to Veterans Day. Please note: Anyone applying for new membership, or that is transferring from the California at large Post 1000, you must submit a copy of your DD-214. Active Duty applicants need to provide a proof of Active Duty. Feel free to black out or redact your Social Security number, we also will return it once your membership is approved. We cannot process or approve either without your DD-214, current military ID or Leave and Earnings Statement. Please remember to write your membership number on your check, or if renewing at the Post write it on the membership renewal and/or application (print CLEARLY), you can always just print a copy of your card and include it. This is not necessary if you use the form sent to you in the mail as your card number is already printed on it. As always should you have any questions or concerns feel free to contact me: mike.hamburger@yahoo.com

**“As we express our gratitude,
we must never forget that the
highest appreciation is not to
utter words, but to live by
them.”**

– John Fitzgerald Kennedy



Vet to Vet Café

Vet to Vet Café

Every Thursday Morning

9 am - 11:00 am

Hostess: Karen Carter

Sponsored by

American Legion Post 419

American Legion Post 419
958 Homestead Rd.

Santa Clara

Complimentary Coffee, Donuts & Conversation

JOIN THE CELEBRATION!



**SATURDAY
Nov. 22,
2025
12:00 PM -
2:00 PM**

**BE A PART OF
THE
CONTINUING
TRADITION
CELEBRATING
THE MARINE
CORPS
BIRTHDAY
WITH THE 1ST
MARINE
DIVISION
ASSOCIATION!**



GUEST SPEAKER

COLONEL DANA S. DEMER
SENIOR MARINE REPRESENTATIVE
NAVAL POST GRADUATE SCHOOL

- SILENT AUCTION & RAFFLE
- COMMANDANT'S MESSAGE
- TRADITIONAL CAKE CUTTING CEREMONY
- WITH THE OLDEST AND YOUNGEST MARINE
- BUFFET LUNCH, \$45 PER PERSON



**1ST MARINE
DIVISION
ASSOCIATION**



PLEASE RSVP TO MIKE WELSH
MIKEWELSH53@HOTMAIL.COM
(415) 999-0302



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CHAPTER



The Greatest Generation
"A Salute To Our World War II Veterans"



**TUESDAY
NOVEMBER 11th**

**Downtown San Jose
Parade Starts @12 Noon
Pre-Parade Ceremony @11:00 AM
Plaza De Cesar Chavez**

Including Special Recognition, As We Celebrate
The 250th Anniversary Of Our World Class
United States Army, Navy And Marine Corps



For Additional Information, Please Visit:
sveteransparade.org





Blood Drive
Sponsored by
Rotary Club of Santa Clara
and American Legion
Santa Clara Post 419

Main Hall
 958 Homestead Road
 Santa Clara, CA 95050

Wednesday, November 5, 2025
11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

To schedule your appointment or for more information visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter Sponsor Code: ROTARYSANTACLARA or call 1-800 RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).
 Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the DAY OF your appointment.
 If you have questions regarding your eligibility to donate blood, please call 1-866-236-3276.

Photo identification is required.



Schedule your blood donation appointment today!

1-800-RED CROSS | RedCrossBlood.org | Download the Blood Donor App
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Karaoke Night



Music and Drinks
Friday November 21st
 Open at 7pm

958 Homestead Rd Santa Clara CA 95050

November
2025

November 2025 Lunch Menu

Come to the Post for Lunch. Open to Public

Lunch is served from 11:00 to 2:00 Order your lunch from the club room and enjoy it there or sit down in our outside patio. It is only \$10.00.

We offer a Daily Special or you can get Cheeseburger, Hamburger, or Shrimp Salads.

All lunches come with a daily desert.

Lunches are served Thursday and Friday

November 2025

Veterans helping
Veterans and the
Community

Lunch: \$10.00

11 am-2:00 pm

Hot Entrée
or
Shrimp Salad
or
Hamburger
Cheeseburger
Chips & Desert
Drinks NOT
included

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Santa Clara, CA
95050
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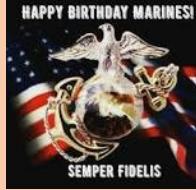
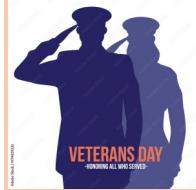
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LUNCH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4	5	6 Roasted Pork Loin	7 Patty Melt	8
9	10	11	12	13 Salisbury Steak	14 Tuna Melt	15
16	17	18	19	20 Baked Ham	21 Hot Turkey Sandwich	22
23/30	24	25	26	27 NO LUNCH	28 Chicken Cordon Bleu	29

HOST	EVENT	DATE		
	2025			
Auxiliary	Halloween Costume Dinner/Dance	Sat	Nov 1, 2025	5-9:30 pm
Legion	First Sunday Breakfast	Sun	Nov 2, 2025	9-11 am
Legion	Blood Drive	Wed	Nov 5, 2025	1000 am
Legion	Membership Meeting	Wed	Nov 5, 2025	7:00 pm
Legion	Vet to Vet	Thurs	Nov 6, 2025	9-11 am
SONs	Membership Meeting	Thurs	Nov 6, 2025	3:00 pm
Legion	Craft Faire	Sat	Nov 8, 2025 10-3	
Legion	Veterans Day Parade	Tues	Nov 11, 2025	1200
SCU	Veterans Day Wreath Placement	Tues	Nov 11, 2025	10 am
Santa Clara City	Veterans Day Memorial Ceremony	Tues	Nov 11, 2025	1500
Auxiliary	Membership Meeting	Wed	Nov 12, 2025	7 pm
Legion	Vet to Vet	Thurs	Nov 13, 2025	9-11 am
Legion	“Just Us” plays in the lounge	Fri	Nov 14, 2025 3:30-6:30 pm	
SONS	Thanks for Giving Dinner	Sat	Nov 15, 2025	5-9 pm
Legion	Karaoke	Fri	Nov 21, 2025 7-9:30 pm	
Legion	Vet to Vet	Thurs	Nov 20, 2025	9-11 am
Legion	Executive Meeting	Tues	Nov 25, 2025	5:30 pm
Legion	Vet to Vet	Thurs	Nov 27, 2025	9-11 am
Legion	“Just Us” plays in the lounge	Fri	Nov 28, 2025 3:30-6:30 pm	
Legion	Jingle and Mingle Cookie Exchange	Sat	Dec 6, 2025	2-5 pm

NOVEMBER 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	Post Event Link: Scan Me					1 Halloween Costume Dinner/Dance 5-9:30
2 First Sunday Breakfast 9-11	3	4	5 Blood Drive 10 AM  Member Meeting 7 pm	6 Vet to Vet 9-11 am Hot Lunch 11-2  SONS MEETING 3 pm	7 Hot Lunch 11-2	8 CRAFT FAIRE 10-3
9	10 	11 PARADE 	12 Auxiliary Meeting 7 pm	13 Vet to Vet 9-11 am Hot Lunch 11-2	14 Hot Lunch 11-2 "Just Us" 3:30 - 6:30 Lounge	15 Marine Corps League 1122 10-12 am Thanks for Giving Dinner/Dance 5-9:30
16	17	18	19	20 Vet to Vet 9-1 am Hot Lunch 11-2	21 Hot Lunch 11-2 KARAOKE 7-9 pm	22
23/30	24	25	26	27 POST CLOSED 	28 Hot Lunch 11-2 "Just Us" 3:30—6:30 Lounge	29

American Legion Santa Clara Post 419

Legion Family Christmas Party

Public Welcome

Pork Loin or Chicken Parmesan

Whipped Mashed Potatoes and Gravy

Hot Vegetables

Green Salad with Dressing

Hot Rolls and Butter

Dessert, Coffee and Tea

Prepared by Chef Brenda Manley

No Host Bar



Saturday December 13

Doors open at 5 pm

Dinner Served at 6 pm

Dancing to DJ 7-9:30 pm

Tickets \$30 per person

Frances Borg at 408-243-5832 or

purchase at the Members Lounge (Wed-Sat ~3-7pm)

alpost419ca.org 408-244-3050 958 Homestead Road, Santa Clara



AMERICAN LEGION FUNDRAISER

Veterans Craft Faire

Saturday, November 8, 2025

10 am - 3 pm



American Legion Post 419
958 Homestead, Santa Clara

**Buy American
from Local Crafters
And Support Veterans**

- ✓ Free Admission
- ✓ Hourly Drawings
- ✓ Hand Made Crafts & Collectibles
- ✓ Fundraiser for Veterans Programs
- ✓ Lunch \$15 hot dog, chips, cookie, drink

Vendors Register

By Mon. Oct. 13th \$35-\$70 (After—Add \$10)
Info/Register: www.alpost419ca.org/VCF

Questions?

Email: eventsALA419@yahoo.com
Cindy Newman (650) 219-1041
Maydean Grundstrom (408) 732-5257

