

REVEILLE

AMERICAN LEGION POST 419

Veterans Helping Veterans & Serving the Community Since 1932

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November 2023

Hello all,

October is in the rear-view mirror, and the two months left in 2023 are bearing down.

The annual Halloween Dinner and Dance was great. The setup crew, bar tenders, food and music were enjoyed by all. A big thank you to Auxiliary Unit Post 419 for an event well done!

Turn the calendar to November, circle the 4th, and come and enjoy our annual Veterans Craft Faire.

This annual event will not only help our Veterans, but also encourage more community sellers to bring their crafts to sell.

Veterans Day Parade, more information to come as it becomes available.

Thanks for Giving Dinner, November 16, an annual event hosted by American Legion Squadron 419, Sons of the American Legion. Tickets are Reservation Only, so plan and call the post 408 244 3050 X2 or 5, to reserve your tickets.

And of course, First Sunday Breakfast on the 5th this month, and Vets to Vets, conversation and fellowship held every Thursday 9 A.M. to 11 A.M. at the Post.

Phew, a lot of activities are going on at the Post. Please bring a toy to drop off in our Toys for Tots boxes.

Another campaign of interest is the Trees for Troops. An annual campaign that helps purchase trees for those families who have members serving abroad.

Back to the Post, there is a Financial Officer position which will become vacant at years end. If you or know of someone who may be inclined to find more information, don't hesitate to contact the Post.

Hope to see you at the Post.

Richard Peralez

Commander

American Legion Post 419



AMERICAN LEGION ADJUTANT

Some of the activities we have been doing here at Pot 419 our monthly 1st Sunday breakfast which is well received. 1st Sunday for November will be a waffle breakfast come join us. Post 419 and the Santa Clara Parade of Champions put on a pancake breakfast. We had a lot of people in and out of the hall that morning what a success. Another of our projects is supporting the Honor Flight Bay Area orientation and reunion luncheon and this last month we hosted two of them. We will have one more reunion in November and that will conclude the flights for the year. The schedule has been set for 2024 flights and we are looking forward to hosting these events again.

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.

Remember your membership dues are due by December 31 for the 2024 year. Please sign up and join us in our work to help veterans.

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. Last Friday's report has our post at 70.81%. This is good but you can make it a lot better. Send in your renewals or go online and renew.

Gene Grundstrom Adjutant Post 419

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 31st, 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm. Dinner will be served at 1:00 pm. Tickets are \$50. For tickets stop by Post 419 Members lounge 3 -7 pm Wednesday - Saturday or email alaunit419santaclara@gmail.com.

DONATIONS – Mark your calendar!

*We are accepting donated **stuffed animals**, approximately 12 inches in height, for the disabled children at Chandler Tripp School for Christmas. Time is running out. *These items may be dropped off at the Post. Thank you!*

***Toys** are being collected for the children of our Veterans for Christmas. Time is running out. *These items may be dropped off at the Post. Thank you!*

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! 😊

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, President

AMERICAN LEGION SONS

Well, here we are starting the month of November, and 2023 is coming to an end.

Our plates are getting full as the year is ending, with our Thanks for Giving to the Veterans Parade and Christmas activities.

So, starting with membership, our members are sending in their dues slowly. Our dues prices haven't increased. We know that some individuals have dropped out from the start, when Covid hit, and many weren't able to continue due to financial difficulties. If anyone knows of a member has had problems, please have them reach out to us.

As a program of the American Legion, we are here to support the community and post.

Our Thanks for Giving Dinner is to honor our active duty, who are most likely far away from home. It gives a reassurance that there are individuals who are taking the time to validate their commitment. Flyers have been made as well as the tickets. So, please join us as we not only provide a delicious dinner, but also the comradery with our active duty.

Upcoming events are the following, as always, our 1st Sunday breakfast each month.

The annual Craft Faire is scheduled for the 1st Saturday in November. Lots of things to look at and buy as gifts for those certain someone.

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.

Steve Villegas

Squadron Adjutant



AMERICAN LEGION JUNIOR PAST

This month begins Trees 4 Troops donations.

We have a pledge to match up to \$300, so let's get there fast. Will have a Jar at Sunday breakfast and in the club room.

This program is at Battaglia Tree Ranch in San Martin. Weekend after Thanksgiving and 1st weekend of Dec. Trees are sent to Camp Pendleton and given to the families.

Remember, Adjutant and Finance officers have served the post many years and are leaving at the end of the year. Need new Volunteer, please.

The most important member of the post has also given his resignation.

No, not Commander Richard, but the Adjutant, Gene. His job keeps the post from falling apart. Membership, minutes from meetings, contact with other organizations, are all some of what the adjutant does. It is a very interesting position and one that everyone realizes on. Please consider this position. Not a fulltime staff position but several days a week. You work with all members, District, Department, and National staff. Talk to Gene and learn the full scope. He will be leaving 1 July 24, so please do it now.

Ralph Jacob

Junior Past Commander

AMERICAN LEGION CHAPLAIN

Hello all,

The past month has been very difficult for many of us. We watch as war continues in Europe and the new war in the Middle-East. We watch as our institutions come under attack for many a reason, including Education, Political and Corporate. At home, we may be caring for a loved one who may be struggling and suffering from both physical and mental health conditions.

Where does one turn to in these times?

Where does one obtain the courage to marshal on?

And Where does one obtain the Love, to strengthen others?

The VA offers people of all faiths and traditions to attend worship services at the following locations:

Palo Alto VA

3801 Miranda Avenue
Palo Alto, CA 94304
Building 101, Room A1-132

Menlo Park VA

795 Willow Road
Menlo Park, CA 94025
Chapel, Building 322

Livermore VA

4951 Arroyo Road
Livermore, CA 94550
Chapel, Building 64



To schedule an appointment with a VA Chaplain, call 650.493.5000 ext. 65532, Monday thru Friday 7am to 3:30pm PST. They can provide care in the following area:

- Bereavement / Grief
- Post-traumatic stress
- Military sexual trauma
- Comfort & Counseling
- Sacramental ministry
- Moral / Soul Injury
- End of life issues
- Suicide prevention
- Women Veterans
- Hospice & palliative care
- Support for surgeries
- Whole health

As we went to press I received word a long time member of the Unit 419 Auxiliary pass away. Patricia Mahan-Boyles was a member of the Auxiliary for more that 20 years. A Santa Clara local; She served for several years on the Santa Clara City Council and was a past Mayor of Santa Clara. Our condolences and prayers go out to her family. May she rest in the arms of God. Service arrangements are pending.

A couple of members or our Legion Post 419 are currently in the hospital and are not doing so well. Please keep them in your hearts and prayers also. Earl McHaffie and Louis Borg. Robert Dunlap has spent several weeks in and out of the hospital over the last few months,

AMERICAN LEGION SERVICE OFFICER

Hello all,

October 10th was World Homeless Day and the VA has put several programs in place to assist not only the Veteran, but their families also. I called the National Call Center for Homeless Veterans and they were really friendly in providing



VA Homeless Programs <https://www.va.gov/homeless/>

Returns to Homelessness Among Veterans

There are countless reasons Veterans may return to homelessness: losing income, using their limited resources to care for a loved one, or high medical costs, to name a few. Learn why returns to homelessness occur, and what VA is doing to help.

[Learn more »](#)

Goodwill of Silicon Valley

Santa Clara County has the highest percentage of un-sheltered homeless Veterans in the US. The Veteran Family Services (VFS) program serves our Veteran population and is supported by the VA & Goodwill. You can email them at gwsvdfs@gmail.com or call 408.869.9157



Boccardo Reception Center (BRC)

Operates the largest homeless service center in Santa Clara County serving 250 adults nightly. For Veterans, they offer mental health counseling, employment placement, emergency shelter, transitional housing & support for families of Veterans who are at risk of homelessness.



Sunny Dosanjh, Chaplain & Service Officer sunny@veteranscourage.org



AMERICAN LEGION FUNDRAISER

Veterans Craft Faire

November 4, 2023

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 \$10 (hot dog, chips, drink)

Vendors Register

By Oct. 4, 2023 \$40-\$45 (After Add \$10)

Info email: eventsALA419@yahoo.com

Cindy Newman (650) 219-1041

**Info & Registration: Scan QR code
or visit www.alpost419ca.org**





American Legion Squadron 419

Thanks for Giving Dinner

Honoring our Active and their Families

American Legion Post 419

958 Homestead Rd, Santa Clara 95050

Thursday - November 16, 2023

Time: 6:00 PM to 9:30PM

Reservations Only, Tickets - \$25.00 a Person

Contact Post 419 at 408)244-3050 x 2 or 5

leave a message with a Name and phone number

we will get back to you.

Steve Villegas @ 408 - 309 --9158



LEGION FAMILY CHRISTMAS PARTY



Date: Dec. 16, 2023

Catered Dinner by: Golden Harvest

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

\$30.00 per person

For Tickets Contact:

Call 408-244-3050 x 2 or 5

Stop By Post 419

or

Post 419 Lounge

Wed – Thurs – Fri from 3 – 7 and Sat 1 – 7

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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MEMORIAL

HOST	EVENT	DATE
Legion	Membership Meeting	Wed Nov 1, 2023 7 to 8 pm
SONs	Membership meeting	Thur Nov 2, 2023 7 to 8 pm
Legion	Craft Fair 2023	Sat Nov 4, 2023 10 am to 3 pm
Legion	1st Sunday Breakfast	Sun Nov 5, 2023 9 to 11 am
Aux	Membership meeting	Wed Nov 8, 2023 7 to 8 pm
SONs	Thanks for Giving	Thur Nov 16, 2023 5 to 9 pm
Legion	Exec Committee Meeting	Wed Nov 30, 2023 5:30 pm
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

Remaining 2023 Flight Dates:

Flt #	Orientation Date	Trip Date	Reunion Date
32	10/8*,	10/10 - 10/19-21 completed	11/12

HOST	EVENT	DATE	
Legion	1st Sunday Breakfast	Sun Jan 7, 2024	9 to 11 am
Legion	Crab Feed (Subject to Season and Price)	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
Legion	1st Sunday Breakfast	Sun Apr7, 2024	9 to 11 am
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

****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***

****Auxiliary Unit 419 meeting are held on the Second Wednesday 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