

AMERICAN LEGION POST 419 REVEILLE

Veterans Helping Veterans & Serving the Community Since 1932

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958 Homestead Road, Santa Clara CA 95050

Sept 2025

From the Commander

Spent a wonderful evening hosting the Post table at the 11th annual Sean Walsh K-9 Fundraising Luau. The group has sponsored 48 dogs for law enforcement. The dogs and their handlers were fun to meet and exciting to watch in action. The food was over the top delicious. (Thank you Chef Brenda). I enjoyed the music group and the dancers. Hope you can join us next year.

I want to make a request of all the Legionnaires of our Post. Please, if you are able, attend our meetings. Member meetings are held the first Wednesday of the month at 7 pm. These meetings are your opportunity to have your voice heard. We are always looking for new ideas to help veterans in our community and make our Post a better place for all.

As usual, we ALWAYS looking for volunteers to help out with the events at our Post. If you can help or just need more information, just leave your name with the bar staff or email us at americanlegionpost419@comcast.net.

The post desperately needs someone to step up to be Adjutant. An Adjutant must be a Legion member in good standing. The Adjutant shall have charge of and keep a full and correct records of all the proceedings of all Membership and Executive Committee meeting, keep such records as the department and National organizations require, render reports of membership annually or when called upon at a meeting. And under direction of the Commander, handle all correspondence of the Post". This usually requires 20-25 hours per month. If you can help, please contact me at the post.

Issac Jantzen, Commander

Win a FREE Breakfast!

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

Officers 2025 - 2026

American Legion

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Position Open Chaplain

Position Open Service Officer

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Position Open Sargent-At-Arms

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SONS OF THE LEGION

Al Wong President

Awong49@yahoo.com

Steve Villegas Adjutant, Finance

Pat Manley Chaplain

AMERICAN LEGION ADJUTANT

Adjutant Report

The information below I wrote in the January 2012 Howdy Post 419 newsletter. It is just as true today as it was thirteen years ago. You cannot run an efficient post with just three or four active members.

The one thing you must remember, an organization such as ours only exists and functions because of membership. Without your renewals and participation we can NOT exist; we can NOT support the Veterans functions for which we are charged to do; we can NOT perform services for the community. From what I have seen during my short time as a Legionnaire is most who do renew your membership each year can always find something else to take up your time and not allotting any time for service to the American Legion or District 13 or your Post. It takes a lot of man hours to keep our post operational. I know that time is precious and family's come first, but if you could only donate a few of hours a month, so many other things could be accomplished. There is nothing to compare to the personal reward of doing something for a Veteran who is temporarily in the VA hospital or care facility, Cub/Boys Scout Troop, a little league team, needs support. These are the things which we stand for and we need to maintain. Just belonging to the American Legion for the sake of belonging "???".

Along with volunteering for the officers positions a post needs volunteers to help with the facility maintenance, its janitorial services and general cleanup, its bartenders, its help in the kitchen, and last but not least on its Honor/Color guard. Sign up to help on a committee especially ones which supports children and youth for which we are active in.

The Positions of Chaplain - Service Officer - Adjutant are all necessary for the operation of a post and are appointed by the Commander. So please contact the Commander and let him know you are willing to take on some responsibility for keeping our post alive and well. Because if these positions are not maned and ready the post could surly fail.

Gene Grundstrom,

Adjutant Emeritus Post 419

It's Party Time

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. Dancing with DJ Ken, 7:00 pm to 9:30 pm. Costume contest prizes 🎃 and more! 🎃 Tickets available for \$30, through the Post, or email alaunit419santaclara@gmail.com, or contact Frances Borg, (408) 243-5832.

- Our District 13 President, Leah Williamson, will be attending our September 10th meeting.
- If you've missed Just Us playing on Friday afternoons in the Member's Lounge/Bar, it's because they are taking a sabbatical. We'll keep you updated on when they will return.

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
1st Vice Commander



American Legion Auxiliary Santa Clara Unit 419

YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR ANNUAL
**HALLOWEEN
COSTUME PARTY**

Catering by Brenda Manley & Music By DJ Ken

Costume Contest  Prizes  And More!



Doors Open @ 5pm
Dinner @ 6pm
Dancing @ 7pm

**SATURDAY,
NOVEMBER
1ST**

Tickets

\$30

For Tickets: Contact Frances Borg
(408) 243-5832
or email
alaunit419santaclara@gmail.com

American Legion Post 419
958 Homestead Road,
Santa Clara



AMERICAN LEGION SONS

Welcome to the Month of September

EVENTS:

13 September “SURF CITY” Dinner/ Dance, 5-9:30. Doors open at 5 pm. Pay as you go bar. 6 pm, Chef Brenda Manley is serving her famous Rib/BBQ Chicken dinner. Your choice Ribs or BBQ Chicken, includes green salad, potato salad, beans and corn bread. Dancing by DJ Ken starts at 7 pm. Tickets available for \$30 at the post, member lounge or contact Francis Borg, (408) 243- 5832.

Greetings everyone,

The Legions and Son's National conventions have ended and we will be receiving information from our new National Commander as well as other information from other National Officers. Some of this information we will be receiving during our online Zoom meeting.

As for membership, we have been receiving some member's dues. Also, for those who have taken it upon themselves to renew online, if you would notify us, that you have paid, so we can get your 2026 cards out to you. Dues are still \$25.00 for those over the age of 18. For our junior members it's only \$15.00 If you know of any members who have dropped out, please reach out to them, talk to them and see how they are doing. Invite them to renew their membership.

In the month of November, we shall be having our annual Thanks 4 Giving event This year it will be held on a Saturday, also, we plan on having music for dancing.

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.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Villegas

Squadron 419 Adjutant

Surf City

Sponsored by the
Sons of the American Legion

September 13th 2025

American Legion Post 419

958 Homestead Rd.

Santa Clara

Ribs, or Chicken

Potato Salad and Baked Beans

Green Salad and Cornbread

Tickets \$30

Frances Borg at (408) 243-5832

Post 419 at (408) 244-3050 Ext. 2, or 5

Drinks 5-6 PM

Dinner 6-7 PM

Dancing 7-9:30 PM



AMERICAN LEGION CHAPLAIN



9/11

God of Peace and Mercy, on this anniversary for September 11, we lift up the souls who perished on that day. Welcome them with loving arms into Your kingdom. Comfort their families and friends. Help us to mourn alongside them with a constant compassion that can only be rooted in You. May we look to the first responders that day to inspire us to live bravely and courageously, and to selflessly protect others in need. May we look to those who opened up their homes to the stranded and displaced that day to stir us to be more hospitable. Having seen the face of evil and darkness, may we be steadfast and faithful in pursuing You, our perpetual Light. In Jesus's name we pray.

Land of the Free, Because of the Brave

AMERICAN LEGION SERVICE OFFICER

Veterans Resource Fair

September 12, 2025
12 – 5 PM

Fremont Elks Lodge
38991 Farwell Dr
Fremont, CA 94536



Join us to learn more about the PACT Act and what benefits might be available to you. The following resources and more will be available:

- Member Services
- PACT Peer Specialists
- Housing
- Women's Health
- VBA
- Caregiver Support
- Medical Visual Impairment
- Appointment scheduling
- Medical Mobile Team
- Cost of Courage Foundation (mobile food pantry)
- Advanced Care Planning
- Mental Health

For questions, please contact

Jaime Betancur, VAPAHCS Outreach Coordinator, at Jaime.Betancur@va.gov.

NEED HELP WITH SECURE SIGN-IN?

- **Marina**
 - Every Tuesday
 - 8 AM - 11 AM
- **Palo Alto**
 - Mon. - Fri.
 - 8 AM - 3:30 PM
- **San Jose; Aug. 5, - Sep. 30, 2025**
 - Every Tuesday
 - 8 AM - 3:30 pm



We're here to help you transition smoothly from MyHealtheVet to VA.gov. Join this event to get hands-on assistance with:

- Setting up your Login.gov and ID.me accounts
- Understanding the new features and benefits of VA.gov

To verify your identity, please bring a primary ID:

- Unexpired U.S. driver's license, state ID, passport, passport card

Please bring two supporting documents if possible. Supporting documents are:

- Social Security Card, DD-214, Veterans VA Card, W-2

Find more information at www.va.gov/sign-in-changes.



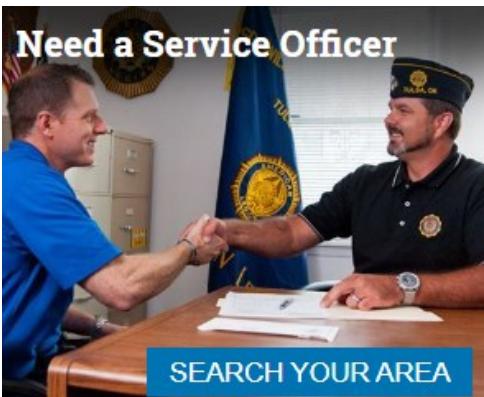
U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
Veterans Health Administration
VA Palo Alto Health Care System

Veterans Services Office

68 N Winchester Blvd
Santa Clara, CA 95050

8 am - 5 pm M-F

Zoom and Walk-in on Tues



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

Eagle Scout Project

To become an Eagle Scout, a Scout must earn at least 21 merit badges (13 of which are Eagle-required), demonstrate leadership in their troop for at least six months as a Life Scout, live by the Scout Oath and Scout Law, complete an approved service project, and pass a board of review. All requirements must be completed before the Scout turns 18, though the final board of review can occur within three months of the 18th birthday.

Aiden started his approved project at home, and worked on it over three weekends. On August 16th, he delivered the planter boxes to the Post. The old cracked, split Home Depot pails that divided the patio from the parking lot are gone, replaced with the new wood planter boxes. The new planter boxes are sporting some handsome succulents. Stop by the Post and check it out!



Cub Scout Pack 32: Building the Next Generation of Leaders

Pack 32 is proud to share that we earned the 2024 Commissioners Challenge Award and are starting 2025 strong. This marks our 39th year with the American Legion as our chartering partner, a relationship that continues to inspire our Scouts to serve with pride. A special thank you to Sheldon Tounzen, for serving as our chartering organization representative.

We kicked off the year with a family BBQ at Bowers Park and a walkabout at Ulistac Preserve. Recruitment Night is set for September 17, followed quickly by our first service project: joining California's Coastal Clean-up on September 20.

October brings big adventures with Cub-O-Ree on October 4, first Pack Show of the year right here at the American Legion Hall, popcorn sales and a fall camping trip to Camp Tamarancho.

Pack 32 is grateful to the American Legion for helping us teach service, citizenship, and camaraderie—the same values our veterans have lived and passed down. Together, we are preparing the next generation of leaders.

Popcorn Sales are in full swing! The Pack 32 scouts are fundraising to support their troop's activities and adventures for the coming year. Just pay with your credit card, Trails End pays the service fee. You can also choose to donate to the "Heros and Helpers" fund, another way to support veterans and first responders. Sales will be open starting September 9th. Here's a link that can be used for popcorn purchases and donations that will go to our Pack account:

<https://trails-end.com/store/scout/G94RSDQW>



HONOR FLIGHT BAY AREA

Flight #39 09/11/2025 - 09/13/2025(COVID Vaccinations not required, masks strongly encouraged.)

Orientation dates:

Santa Clara American Legion Post 419: 08/31/2025 11:30 am

Roseville American Legion Post 169: 09/02/2025 11:30 am

Reunion date: American Legion Post 419: 10/12/2024 (Sunday) 12 noon

Flight #40 10/09/2025 - 10/11/2025 (COVID Vaccinations not required, masks strongly encouraged.)

Orientation dates:

Santa Clara American Legion Post 419: 09/28/2025 11:30 am

Roseville American Legion Post 169: 09/30/2025 11:30 am

Reunion date: American Legion Post 419: 11/02/2025 (Saturday) 1 pm

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!](#)

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

Honor Flight Bay Area has had volunteer support from the Navy's Sea Cadet program and the Young Men's Service League from San Mato, Ca. We thank them for providing the honor guard at the arrival gate and to lead the parade through the terminal.



The United States Naval Sea Cadet Corps (Sea Cadets) is
the Navy's youth development program.

We give young Americans skills, knowledge, and confidence through an amazing variety of training opportunities. Sea Cadets wear uniforms, work as teams in a disciplined environment, and adhere to our core values of honor, respect, commitment, and service.

To learn more about the Navy's Sea Cadet program for youth 10-18 years of age, go to this webpage: <https://www.seacadets.org/>

Welcome New Legion Members

Peter Hernandez

USA

Michael Roman
USMC

Jerry Saterlund
USA

Rufino Ramos
USA

Taps Were Sounded For

Joseph Babb

Kathy Ybarbo



Sick Call

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

Fall is here! Have you thought about coming the Post to watch Saturday afternoon college games? Enjoy a frosty beverage, some tasty bar snacks and hey, try our hot dogs. Our Large screen TV's will let you see all the action. We open at 1 pm.

New! Win a FREE Oct breakfast. Drawing will take place during the September First Sunday Breakfast.

We could use some help in the kitchen on Sunday, 5 October. If you can help, leave your name and contact information with the bar staff.

Tickets are going fast, don't miss out on "Surf City" Rib Dinner/Dance. Sept 13th.

The 2026 American 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

"Taking care of one another is what we do. It's who we are."

Dan K Wiley,
American Legion National Commander

Vet to Vet Café



Vet to Vet Café

Every Thursday Morning

9 am - 10:30 am

Hostess: Karen Carter

Sponsored by

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958 Homestead Rd.

Santa Clara

Complimentary Coffee, Donuts & Conversation

HOST	EVENT	DATE
	2025	
Legion	Membership Meeting	Wed Sept 3, 2025 7:00 pm
Legion	Vet to Vet	Thurs Sept 4, 2025 9-11 am
SONs	Membership Meeting	Thurs Sept 4, 2025 3:00 pm
Legion	1st Sunday Breakfast	Sun Sept 7, 2025 9 to 11 am
Auxiliary	Membership Meeting	Wed Sept 10 2024 7:00 pm
Legion	Vet to Vet	Thurs Sept 11, 2025 9-11 am
SONS	Surf City Dinner/ Dance	Sat Sept 13, 2025 5– 9:30 pm
Legion	Vet to Vet	Thurs Sept 18, 2025 9-11 am
Legion	Marine Corps League	Sat Sept 20, 2025 10-12 am
SC PAL	POW/MIA Veteran Dinner	Sat Sept 20 2025 5 pm
Legion	Vet to Vet	Thurs Sept 25, 2025 9-11 am
Legion	Membership Meeting	Wed Oct 1, 2025 7:00 pm
Legion	Vet to Vet	Thurs Oct 2, 2025 9-11 am
SONs	Membership Meeting	Thurs Oct 2. 2025 3:00 pm
Santa Clara City	Breakfast of Champions	Sat 4 Oct, 2025 8-10 am
Legion	First Sunday Breakfast	Sun Oct 5, 2025 9-11 am
Auxiliary	Membership Meeting	Wed Oct 8, 2025 7 pm
Auxiliary	Halloween Costume Dinner/Dance	Sat Nov 1, 2025 5-9 pm

SEPTEMBER 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3 Member Meeting 7 pm	4 Vet to Vet 9-1100 Hot Lunch 11-2 Zesty Chicken	5 Hot Lunch 11-2 Beef Stroganoff	6
7 First Sun- day Break- fast	8	9	10 Auxiliary Meeting 7 pm	11 Vet to Vet 9-1100 Hot Lunch 11-2 Meatloaf	12 Hot Lunch 11-2 Chicken Marsala	13 Surf City Dinner / Dance 5-9:30 pm
14	15	16	17 	18 Vet to Vet 9-1100 Hot Lunch 11-2 Pork Loin	19 Hot Lunch 11-2 Chicken Cordon Bleu	20 Marine Corps League 10-12 am POW/MIA Veteran Dinner
21	22	23	24	25 Vet to Vet 9-1100 Hot Lunch 11-2 Beef Lasagna	26 Hot Lunch 11-2 Fish & Chips	27
28	29	30	Hot Lunch \$10 Select Entrée or Ham- burger, Cheeseburger			