

AMERICAN LEGION POST 419

REVEILLE



Veterans Helping Veterans & Serving the Community Since 1932

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958 Homestead Road, Santa Clara CA 95050

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From the Commander

Dear Legion Family,

This holiday season, let's remember the greatest gift we can give—hope. Through the American Legion's Be The One campaign, we stand united to prevent veteran suicide and remind every hero they are never alone. Reach out, listen, and be the one who makes a difference.

I also want to extend my heartfelt gratitude to the entire American Legion Family for your unwavering support of our events and mission throughout the year. Your dedication makes a lasting impact.

There are many hands that contribute daily to keep our post open and active. November was a very active month for our Post. We hosted two dinner/dances, craft faire, a blood drive, 1st Sunday Breakfast, Vet to Vet Cafes, seven veterans group focused meetings, marched as a Legion Family in the Veterans Day Parade, and participated in the City of Santa Clara's Veterans Day Memorial Ceremony. Thank you to everyone who participated helping to keep our post and communicate a warm and welcoming place.

Wishing you peace, strength, and connection this holiday season

Isaac
Commander Post 419

Christmas Party 13 Dec

Buy your Christmas Party tickets
here today. \$30 per person.
See Frances Borg

AMERICAN LEGION

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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 POST NEWS

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



*Thank you volunteers! Trees for
Troops doesn't happen without YOU!*

Marine Corps League 1122

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



**“Christmas is doing a
little extra something
for someone”**

Charles M Schultz



**Remember Honor Teach
Ceremony at Gate of Heaven , Los Altos, at 10 am, Dec 13**

AMERICAN LEGION POST NEWS

Thanks for Giving Dinner



San Jose MEPS at Moffett Field



129th ANG Rescue Wing



63rd RD & DCMA Space Enterprise (AF)



*Local Elementary School children sent us
Thank you cards and pictures*



129th ANG Rescue Wing

*Thank you, Post 419 members, for
supporting our thank you dinner!*

AMERICAN LEGION SONS



So, membership is our main goal for the year, as our 2026 cards are available. We are asking all members who haven't submitted their dues to please do so. Adults is \$25.00. Juniors/Minors, it's only \$15.00.

Our annual Thanks for Giving was well attended. Active duty and their spouses from Moffett MEPS and 129th ANG Rescue Wing as well as Navy enjoyed a delicious meal. Everyone had a great time. Thank you all who made this a successful event.

Toys for Tots is still going on and we should be taking all of the toys the week before Christmas. This year has been really rough on families. Please consider bringing 2 new, unwrapped gifts to put in the bins. Dollar Tree, and Amazon will have some economical gifts.

Legion Family Christmas party is scheduled for the 13th. Contact Frances Borg, 408-243-5832, for tickets

Upcoming program will be Boys and Girls state. Hopefully we will get some extra packs, for the students. Already have students reaching out. 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>

On behalf of Commander and all of the officers, we would like to wish everyone a **Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.**

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 would love for you to join us!

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Villegas

Squadron 419 Adjutant



ZING! ZING! ZING! into the Holidays with..."*THE ZINGERS*"

TRADITIONAL CHRISTMAS MUSIC for the FAMILY

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14 3:00—5:00 PM 1980 HAMILTON, CAMPBELL, CA

The Halloween Party - Folks dressed up in their scariest costumes. A HOT band played all the latest fiery tunes. A spooky time was had by all.



AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY



Greetings from the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 419

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Our Welcome the New Year dinner/dance will be held December 31, 2025, 12-5 pm. Doors open at 12 noon. No Host Bar. Dinner service begins at 1 pm. Menu by Chef Brenda Manley, Salmon Teriyaki or Chicken Cordon Blue. Dancing with DJ Ken, begins at 2 pm. Tickets available for \$50 per person. Contact Frances Borg at (408) 243-5832 or through Brenda at the Post, at the member lounge, or email alaunit419santaclara@gmail.com.

- Thank you to all who made our Halloween dinner/ dance a success! Much fun was had by all! I enjoyed seeing some familiar faces and meeting new ones with the Santa Clara Women's Club in attendance. They are truly wonderful women and the Auxiliary appreciates their support very much. Thank you!
- "Just Us" Ron on guitar and singer Mike, a veteran, will be taking a break during December. They wish you all many blessings through the holidays and appreciate your support.
- Our VA and Rehabilitation Program is overseen by our Auxiliary member, Lucille David, During the Holiday season, as in past years, she once again made contact with Lucky's Markets to purchase \$2500 in \$50 grocery gift cards for our Veteran families. We appreciate you Lucille and thank you for all you do for our veterans.
- Our upcoming **Auxiliary meeting is on Dec 10th**. We will have a short meeting, followed by our Christmas potluck and fellowship. Bring a dish or dessert to share.
- Keep in mind family and friends who might be eligible. Encourage them to join our post and support our Veterans. **Invite them to an event!**
- Coming in 2026, NEW, a Mardi Gras celebration on 21 Feb. Ya'll come now, ya hear!
- The Auxiliary wishes you and yours a safe and happy Holiday season!

Respectfully submitted by,
Patricia Brickman,

ALA Unit 419



1st Vice President

Decorating crew for the
Halloween party!





American Legion Auxiliary Santa Clara Unit 419

New Year's Eve

Daytime Party

Wednesday, December 31st

12-5 PM

Countdown
to
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 DJ Ray
Dinner by Chef Brenda Manley
Salmon Teriyaki or Chicken Cordon Blue

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

The Marines of the Marine League Bay Area and their guests celebrated the Marine Corps 250th Birthday at the Moffett Museum with a delicious luncheon catered by Pasta Market, a traditional, cake cutting ceremony lively guest speaker who gave a colorful and humorous Marine Corps History.



Cake cutting tradition: cut the cake with a sword, the first piece to the oldest Marine present, the next piece goes to the youngest Marine present.



Marine Honor Guard post the colors



Representing AL Post 419, Karen, Pat, Kathleen and Tim.



Veterans Day Parade



AMERICAN LEGION CHAPLAIN

The Christmas Truce of 1914

Christmas Eve 1914, the Great War was in full and terrible swing with many thousands of lives lost. Trenches were gouged into the land for hundreds of miles to form the Western Front. We can't possibly understand the misery of those cold, wet, wretched men as they contemplated that first Christmas at war. But on Christmas Eve something unexpected happened all along the line of the Western Front. After mercilessly slaughtering each other just hours earlier, men laid down their arms and embraced Christmas together.

In one of the most poignant and unusual military events in history, soldiers dropped their weapons, climbed out of their trenches and crossed the shell-blasted no-man's land. Throughout the next day up and down the line these sworn enemies shook hands, sung carols and exchanged gifts. A small number of football matches were played up and down the length of the 500-mile front line, the most famous of which occurred in Belgium, around eight miles south of Ypres. Here, in the fields of the village of Ploegsteert, the British Tommies called it "Plugstreet", men from both sides played a game of football. Sir Arthur Conan Doyle (author of *Sherlock Holmes*) called this short break in fighting "one human episode amid the atrocities which have stained the memory of war".



Land of the Free, Because of the Brave

AMERICAN LEGION SERVICE OFFICER



Post Service Officer (PSO)

A post service officer (PSO) is an important volunteer position that is often the first Legionnaire post members or dependents turn to for help with veteran benefit issues. The PSO's primary duty is to serve as a link between the veteran or dependent and an accredited veteran service officers in the Department of California. [Post Service Officer \(PSO\)](#)

Accredited American Legion Service Officers are specially trained to provide expert assistance, free of charge, to veterans and their families. While the majority of a service officer's work involves an application for VA disability benefits, these compassionate professionals also provide information, referrals, and resources on education, employment and business, death benefits, and other important topics.



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
408-918-4980



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.



National Call Center
for Homeless Veterans
877-424-3838
va.gov/homeless

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

SCOUTING



From Parade to Service: Pack 32's Journey This Fall



Pack 32 Scouts and families are settling into living the Scout Oath and Law in meaningful ways this fall. For many, the Veterans Day Parade was their first time marching. Our Scouts proudly escorted the American flag and den flag, carried the Pack 32 banner, and were honored to meet local veterans. We are grateful for American Legion Post 419's warm hospitality with flags, snacks, and lunch.

Our Arrow of Light Scouts attended WeSTFair, where Silicon Valley Monterey Bay Council troops showcased their programs. AOL's are now visiting local troops to find a "troop home" as they prepare to bridge in March. On November 15, 2025, Pack 32 joined the council-wide Scouting for Food drive, collecting 310 pounds of food and contributing to more than 5,000 pounds of aid—one of the many service projects Scouting America has conducted since 1910.

As the year ends, our Scouts are completing their "Duty to God" adventure at home and celebrating with a holiday campfire, an urban lights hike, and Pinewood Derby car building. Pack 32 is thankful for the continued support and example of our veterans.

Cub Pack 32 had a wonderful turn out to march in the Veterans Day Parade with their charter, American Legion Post 419. Thank you to all the parents that came and supported the group.



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.



US Naval Sea Cadets.

Our Enterprise Division and Training Ship Ellexson cadets had an incredible time marching in this year's Veterans Day Parade. The weather couldn't have been better—clear skies, cool air, and the perfect backdrop for honoring the men and women who have served our nation.

We were proud to march alongside our sponsor, the American Legion, whose continued support makes opportunities like this possible for our cadets. Their partnership continues to inspire our youth and strengthen our connection to the veteran community.

This year, our cadets were also honored to present the Color Guard for the parade—an opportunity they carried out with exceptional professionalism and pride. Their bearing and precision reflected the respect we hold for those who have served.

Our cadets marched with discipline, teamwork, and gratitude—representing both the Sea Cadet Corps and the legacy of our veterans with honor. It was a meaningful day filled with smiles, camaraderie, and respect.

Bravo Zulu to all who participated, and thank you to our veterans for your service.



Welcome New Legion Members

Tom Kiser, USN

Ronnie Percy, USA

Ronald Ramos, USN

**Chris Opsonow,
USA**

Taps Were Sounded For

**John Adams,
USA, WWII**

Betty Em Meyers



Sick Call

Lucille David

Honor Guard

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

Contact Steve Villegas

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

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

"Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable Gift."

2 Corinthians 9:15



 **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

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958 Homestead Rd.

Santa Clara

Complimentary Coffee, Donuts & Conversation

December

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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**LUNCH
SERVICES**
~~TELEGRAMS~~

December 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

December 2025						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4 Chicken Cordon Bleu	5 Grilled Ham and Cheese	6
	7	8	9	10	11 Chicken Parmesan	12 Tuna Melt
	14	15	16	17	18 Meatloaf	19 Pulled Pork
	21	22	23	24	25 No Lunch	26 Chicken Cordon Bleu
	28	29	30	31		27

HOST	EVENT	DATE	
	2025		
Legion	Membership Meeting	Wed	Dec 3, 2025 7 PM
Legion	Vet to Vet	Thurs	Dec 4, 2025 9-11 AM
SONS	Membership Meeting	Thurs	Dec 4, 2025 3 PM
Legion	Jingle and Mingle Cookie Exchange	Sat	Dec 6, 2025 2-5 PM
Legion	First Sunday Breakfast	Sun	Dec 7, 2025 9-11 AM
Auxiliary	Membership Social	Wed	Dec 10, 2025 7 PM
Legion	Vet to Vet	Thurs	Dec 11, 2025 9-11 am
Legion	Army Navy Game Watch Party	Sat	Dec 13, 11 am –5:30 PM
Legion	Legion Family Christmas Party	Sat	Dec 13, 2025 5-9:30 PM
Zingers	Christmas Choral Concert	Sun	Dec 14, 2025 3-5 PM
Legion	Vet to Vet	Thurs	Dec 18, 2025 9-11 AM
Legion	Karaoke	Fri	Nov 21, 2025 7-9:30 PM
Legion	Executive Meeting	Tues	Dec 30, 2025 5:30 PM
Auxiliary	New Years's Eve Daytime Party	Wed	Dec 31, 2025 12-5 PM
Legion	Day of Service	Mon	Jan 19, 2026 10-2
Legion	Super Bowl Watch Party	Sun	Feb 8, 2026 3:30 pm

DECEMBER 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	Post 1Event Link: Scan Me		2 3 MEMBER MEETING 7 PM	4 Vet to Vet 9-11 AM Hot Lunch 11-2 SONS MEETING 3 PM	5 Hot Lunch 11-2	6 Jingle Mingle Cookie Exchange 2-5 PM
7 First Sunday Breakfast 9-11 	8	9	10' AUXILIARY MEETING 7 PM	11 Vet to Vet 9-11 am Hot Lunch 11-2	12 Hot Lunch 11-2	13 Christmas Dinner/ Dance 5-9:30 PM
14 HAPPY HANUKKAH 	15	16	17	18 Vet to Vet 9-11 am Hot Lunch 11-2	19 Hot Lunch 11-2	20 Marine Corps League 1122 10-12 am 
21	22	23	24	25 MERRY CHRISTMAS 	26 Hot Lunch 11-2	27 
28	29	30	30	31 New Year Dinner/Dance 12 -5 pm 	1	

AMERICAN LEGION POST 419



ARMY / NAVY GAME

You're invited to a watch party.

Full Bar Bar Snacks

Member Lounge door opens at 11 AM

DECEMBER

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AT 12 NOON

958 Homestead Road, Santa Clara 95050

*Please RSVP to Americanlegionpost419@comcast.net
by 10 December 2025*

**Looking forward to seeing you there!
Bring your game face!**

