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Hello American Legion Family,

Summer came in right on que, with bright sunny days. What a great time to be part of a Legion Family. Speaking of family, I would like to invite you and yours to Post 419's, Annual Free Fourth of July picnic / BBQ Celebration.

What: Free Fourth of July picnic / BBQ Celebration

Where: American Legion Post 419, Santa Clara

When: 11:00 A.M to 3:00 P.M

What a great way to give back to our community. I hope to see you there.

Summer also brings in our Post Officers for the coming year. A big thank you to you who have stepped up to be part of the Executive Committee Membership and Officers of the post. The Installation will be July 12, 7:30 P.M. at Post 419. Come early and enjoy a beverage in the Member Lounge before the ceremony.

Thanks to the following:

- Commander: Richard Peralez
- 1st Vice Commander: Issac Jantzen
- 2nd Vice Commander: Kathleen Hall
- Adjutant: Jeff Yeagley
- Finance Officer: Ralph Jacob
- Service Officer: Sunny Dosanjh
- Chaplain: Sunny Dosanjh
- Sergeant at Arms: Mike Hamburger
- Member at Large: Al Wong
- Member at Large: Todd White
- Member at Large: Stan Ferro

If you get a chance to meet an Officer don't be shy. We would like to hear from you.

AMERICAN LEGION COMMANDER

Although July is just around the corner, June had the Car Show. I give a big thank you for all that made this year's Car Show a success.

It's great to know that the monies collected from this event are to fund our VA&R (Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation). Veterans helping Veterans.

It's time for the 105TH Department of California Convention. It's held once again in beautiful Visalia California, June 27-30, 2024. I'm pleased to announce that Post 419 has several Delegates attending. The Convention gives one an opportunity to exchange ideas, processes, procedures and history.

We'll be getting our membership cards after the Convention. The amount of work entailed in processing approx. 350 members is a large task. If you would like to learn about processing memberships, please don't hesitate to contact the Post, I'll be glad to hear from you.

I give a salute to Jeff Yeagley and Gene Grundstrom. Jeff Yeagley for stepping up to the Adjutant and Gene Grundstrom for training Jeff. Jeff will only be able to be an Adjutant for six months. With that said the Post will need an Adjutant to finish the year.

Jeff, Gene and I are more than happy to talk about becoming the Adjutant.

I'll will also like to mention anyone who would like to Volunteer their knowledge about financial budgets, QuickBooks and Excel. Here again I'll be more than happy to talk about it. All the Post 419 family are welcome.

And with that, filling the car with gas, turning the radio up, blowing the air conditioning and heading to Visalia.

Don't be shy, if you see someone with a military cap on, go say hi. Maybe bring them to one of our first Sunday breakfasts.

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Helping
Veterans**

Richard Peralez

Commander

American Legion

Post 419



AMERICAN LEGION ADJUTANT

Adjutant Report

I am excited to have a replacement for the Position of Post adjutant. I feel Jeffrey is capable of taking up the reigns. Other projects which I have been responsible for has been the Post monthly newsletter and keeping the Post Website up to date. Sunny has been doing an excellent job of creating the beginning draft with the input from the Post Commander's and Auxiliary President's and his dual role in the post. This made it much easier to finish up editing, publishing and distribution each month.

I will still be around the post doing other things but it is these jobs which need to be delegated to new and fresh ideas. So, if you know anyone who is able to handle the Microsoft Publisher and taking on the task of Web Master let us know.

Gene Grundstrom

(MEMBER OF POST 419)



Partnership Launches Free Taxi Rides For Veterans In Santa Clara County

A partnership with the County of Santa Clara, Silicon Valley Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America, (MOAA-SVC), and Yellow Cab of Silicon Valley is now providing free transportation assistance for veterans in Santa Clara County. Veterans will be able to schedule a free taxi ride to medical appointments, job interviews, employment services, school or education activities, and other essential appointments. Scheduling a ride is easy, just call the County's Office of Veterans Services at 408-918-4980 to schedule pick-up – see included flyer.

“Since taking office we have focused grant funding into our URJGENT program and supporting local organizations caring for our community. MOAA-SV came to us with an outstanding proposal for our veterans, and we're so excited to see the program get underway,” said Supervisor Otto Lee.

The free ride program is thanks to a micro-grant from the Office of County Supervisor Otto Lee to the MOAA-SVC, who coordinates the rides with the County's Veterans Services Office, (VSO). The first grant allocated \$5,000 and a second grant awaiting approval will provide another \$5,000. Rides are currently available for scheduling.

Supervisor Lee added, “Our veterans must have access to the services and resources that they earned through their service to us. Getting a ride should not be a barrier for veterans to visit a doctor, attend class, or engage with their community.”

“This taxi service is a game changer for veterans,” proclaimed MOAA-SVC President Ret. Col. Ray Watts. “Providing reliable and accessible taxi services for veterans can significantly improve their quality of life and motility. Veterans, especially those with disabilities or limited mobility, often face challenges in transportation, making it difficult for them to attend medical appointments, run errands, or participate in social activities, this really helps reduce stress and anxiety too,” he added.

Dedicated taxi services offer veterans the opportunity to enjoy the following benefits: independence, convenience, and timely access to services. This service aligns well with MOAA-SVC's primary mission to support veterans and active-duty military members, and their families. Founded in 1950, the Silicon Valley Chapter is fully committed to transparency and operational excellence while adhering to the Warrior Ethos. Ret. U.S. Army Colonel Ray Watts serves as President. Information available at svcmoaa.com.

VSO Director Darlyn Escalante shared, “Despite being a basic necessity, transportation has become increasingly challenging for veterans, especially in the Bay Area, due to high gas prices and the cost of public transit. I am thrilled to be part of a partnership that will address this need and better serve our veteran community. This will not only provide reliable transportation but also enhance the quality of life for our veterans, ensuring they have access to the essential services and opportunities they deserve. Together, we are dedicated to making a tangible difference and honoring the sacrifices made by our veterans.”

The VSO is a County and State funded agency established in 1944 to assist Veterans, Military Personnel, and their families in obtaining federal, state, and local benefits earned through active-duty military service. Their office is located at 68 N. Winchester Boulevard, Santa Clara, CA 95050 and may be reached by phone at 408-918-4980, by email at vets@vets.sccgov.org, or online at veterans.sccgov.org/home.

Yellow Cab Director of Business Development Diana Melegrito shared the following, “Yellow Cab is proud to launch this new transportation program dedicated to serving our nation's heroes. This initiative is designed to ensure that veterans have reliable, comfortable, and convenient access to transportation.”

“Yellow Cab has always recognized the tremendous sacrifices made by our veterans and we are honored to be a part of this collaboration to support our veterans' mobility. Our commitment is to provide a service that reflects our gratitude and respect for those who have served our country. This program is more than just a ride; it's a way for us to give back to the individuals who have given so much for our freedom,” concluded Director Melegrito. Yellow Cab has been proudly serving Silicon Valley residents since 1938.

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

Greetings from the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 419!

EVENTS

- We had a good inventory for selling jewelry at the Car Show in June. Thank you to all who helped support us! Our sales were successful and again, we thank the Post for their support.
- We are asking for toiletry donations of shampoo, conditioner, soap and lotion. Travel size or what you find in a hotel/motel. We fill 50 Christmas bags with approximately 15 items in each bag for our Veteran's at Menlo Park VA Medical Center.
- Stanford Blood Mobile will be at the Post on August 28th. More details coming in the near future.
- On July 12th, in the Member's Bar, "Just Us" will be playing from 4:00pm to 6:30pm. Check them out and support them! They are great fun and singer Mike is a Veteran! As picture below.

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

Hello everyone,

The month of June is almost over, and we headed into July.

Well, here we are in Visalia at the 85 Detachment of California's convention. So, we have been through the process of registering as delegates, so that we can take part in discussions and being able to vote.

Part of the process also includes reports which entails what squadrons have been doing. Therefore, for our squadron, I had reported on all our activities, from our squadron dinner/dances to Memorial Day participation. You may or may not realize it, but we are a very busy squadron. From the help in the kitchen to helping in getting the main hall ready for other events. Our Boys and Girls state students are all home now from their experience. So far, I have been contacted by one student who thoroughly enjoyed himself and learned a lot, he informed me that he worked as an attorney and media producer. This is what it's about, the ambition and willingness to step up and make a mark. I am sure this will really benefit him in the future.

Now, I have picked up our membership cards for 2024/25 and upon my return, I will be sending reminders out to everyone and for those who have already started sending in their dues, your cards will be in the mail shortly.

Our meetings are on the 1st Thursday of the month at 3pm, but for July we are backing it up a week since the first Thursday is July 4th. If you can attend a meeting, it would be something worthwhile, we encourage our members to participate. Remember that our dues are \$25.00, and for Juniors it's only \$15.00.

Reports are a main going project, keeping track of your activities in not only the squadron and other organizations to which you may belong is a task. We report our activity hours and milage and it all goes before congress from each state, so that they know how much time and milage we volunteer. I am revamping my worksheet to make it easier for you all to record your Miles and hours that you spend volunteering.

Steve Villegas

Squadron Adjutant



Sons of The American Legion honor the legacy of sacrifice

AMERICAN LEGION CHAPLAIN

Hello all,

It feels like a blessing to have this opportunity to share a few thoughts...but I'll share a few images instead...



AMERICAN LEGION CHAPLAIN

I had the humble honor of sharing a few thoughts at Pathways Home Health and Hospice a few weeks back regarding what's involved in the last days of sitting with a Veteran and their family.

Here's a snippet of the panel presentation:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZknDHxb9Gqc&t=123s>



Many of us have a way to decompress, a method to take a pause from the hustle and bustle of everyday life...Some turn to religion, some to sports, others...like me...enjoy a cigar. Throughout the past 8 years of my ups and downs, I've always sought the council and wisdom of Father Bob. He recently acquired a cigar shop called West Coast Cigars and his fellow business –partner, Kyle (pictured below, US Army Veteran) have started to carry a Military line of stogies. By Veterans, For Veterans. 1650 Almaden Rd. San Jose, CA 95125. 408.326.2274 or info @westcoastcigars.net and tell them “Sunny” says hello :)



Sunny Dosanjh, Chaplain Post 419 and District 13

AMERICAN LEGION HONOR GUARD

We had the humble honor of providing a Color Guard for the California Dental Hygienists conference at the Signia Hotel (Former Fairmont) in San Jose. The Color Guard Team from Post 809 stepped up to assist the District 13 Color Guard Team. Many thanks to Miguel Gastelo and his team.



Our Post 419 Honor Guard team conducted a service as the District 13 Honor Guard team for a fellow Military Veteran, US Army Robert Nulk. May he Rest In Peace.



Sunny Dosanjh, Honor & Color Guard Captain, Post 419 and District 13

AMERICAN LEGION SERVICE OFFICER

Hello all,

I hope the month of July finds you in calmer waters, brighter skies and with a smile. We Veterans are a different bunch...and its good to know that there are fellow Veterans out there who “get us”

It’s from that vantage point that we remember, reflect and celebrate our country, our Veterans, our Legion.

- July 4th Independence Day
- July 25th National Hire a Veteran Day
- July 27th National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day
- July 28th National Buffalo Soldiers Day
- July 29th Army Chaplain Corps Anniversary



We also encourage to visit our American Legion national website for the latest updates regarding issues that impact our Military Veteran family and community.

A banner with a background image of American Legion members. On the left, text reads "Multi-Year Membership now available" and "Take advantage of our online multi-year membership option to lock in your current dues rate for the next 3 years and avoid any potential dues increases." with a "JOIN US" button. On the right, "TODAY'S HEADLINES" lists several news items: "Army stiffens rules barring extremist, gang activity among soldiers", "Florida Boys State embraces innovation while maintaining tradition", "‘The Women’: Author, Vietnam nurse describe book's effect", and "Final days to beat the national dues increase". It also includes "Driving VA health-care solutions in Albuquerque" and buttons for "VIEW CALENDAR" and "MORE HEADLINES".

If you’re interested in helping an initiative that we’re spearheading for Veterans suffering from PTSD, then I would encourage you to visit [Veterans Courage](#) ... a website that augments the American Legion and VA websites for the latest therapies for PTSD. We’re exploring the worlds of light, sound and vibration along with frequency resonance to determine if PTSD or Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) can be alleviated.

VETERANS COURAGE

- YOU ARE NOT FORGOTTEN
- VIDEOS OF HOPE
- AI SOLUTION FOR PTSD
- NEWSLETTER
- PEOPLE WHO HELP
- CHAPLAIN'S CORNER
- CANDLES OF REMEMBRANCE
- ABOUT US

**WE HELP MILITARY VETERANS
COURAGE IS WHAT WE USE
TO LIVE TODAY IS OUR MISSION**

Sunny Dosanjh, Service Officer





*Join us for our Annual 4th of July BBQ
American Legion Post 419
958 Homestead Rd
Santa Clara, California
11:00 am to 3:00 pm*

Donation accepted

Vet to Vet Café



Vet to Vet Café

Every Thursday Morning

9 am - 10:30 am

Hostess: Karen Carter

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American Legion Post 419

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Complimentary Coffee, Donuts & Conversation

July Lunch Menu

Come to the Post for Lunch.

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, and now serving Shrimp Salads All lunches come with a house baked cookie.

Lunches are served Thursday and Friday

**July
2024**



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June 2024

*Lunch:
\$10.00*

*11 am-2:00
pm*

*Hot
Entrée
or*

*Hamburger
Cheeseburger*

*r
Chips &
Desert*

*Drinks NOT
included*

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July 2024						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4 Post 419 BBQ	5 NO LUNCH	6
7	8	9	10	11 Fajitas - Chicken or Beef Rice and Beans	12 BBQ Chicken Mac Salad	13
14	15	16	17	18 Chicken Cordon Bleu Rice Pilaf & Veg.	19 Italian Sausage Sandwich	20
21	22	23	24	25 Chicken Marsala Rice Pilaf & Veg	26 Tuna Melt	27
28	29	30	31			

HOST	EVENT	DATE
	2024	
Legion	Membership meeting	Wed July 3, 2024 7:00 pm
Legion	Post 419 Annual BBQ	Thru July 4, 2024 11 am to 3 pm
Legion	1st Sunday Breakfast	Sun July 7 2024 9 to 11 am
Auxiliary	Membership Meeting	Wed Jul 10,2024 7:00 pm
Legion SONs Aux	Installation of Officer	Fri Jul 12,,2024 3:30 pm

HONOR FLIGHT 2024

Flight #35 09/19/2024 - 09/21/2024 (COVID Vaccinations not required, masks strongly encouraged.)

Orientation dates:

Santa Clara American Legion Post 419: 09/08/2024

Roseville American Legion Post 169: 09/10/2024

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

Flight #36 10/24/2024 - 10/26/2024 (COVID Vaccinations not required, masks strongly encouraged.)

Orientation dates:

Santa Clara American Legion Post 419: 10/13/2024

Roseville American Legion Post 169: 10/15/2024

Reunion date: American Legion Post 419: 11/10/2024

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!](#)

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