COMMANDER’S CORNER:

I hope that everyone is doing well as Spring is upon us, as well as daylight savings.

Our next First Sunday breakfast is on April 4, 2017 and I hope that many of our Legion Family Members will be in attendance. It is a great breakfast of Hot Cakes, French toast, Scrambled eggs, Hash brown potatoes, sausage, bacon plus orange juice, fruit cocktail, coffee and tea for only $8.00. Service is from 9:00 am to 11:00 am.

Honor Flight Bay Area held their first meeting for this year, the orientation meeting for Honor Flight #11, at the Post on March 26, 2017. There is information about Honor Flight Bay Area on the table by the front door to the hall for anyone interested, or go to their website (www.honorflightbayarea.org). The schedule for 2017 flights is available now for those who may wish to attend either a departure or return flight.

Please visit our rebuilt post website. I hope everyone will be able to check it out and pass on any suggestions to make it more user friendly. A lot of information has been added recently and the more people who can visit it the better. http://alpost419ca.org/

The Post 419 SAL Squadron will be having the ever popular Sock Hop on April 8, 2017. Tickets can be purchased at the Clubroom or by contacting Frances Borg (408 243-5832).

Post 419 will host a dinner/dance (Italian menu) on April 21, 2017 to raise money for the convention delegates attending the California Dept. convention this June. Please attend the dinner to help support those who will be representing the post at convention.

Another reminder to please get in your Fisk Reports of hours and mileage traveled this past fiscal year to the office by April 15th so that the numbers can be put together to be presented to District 13 and then to Department of California for the convention in June.

The MOC band is back on Sunday afternoons, a good crowd was here on March 19th, with the next performance scheduled for April 30th, 2017 from 3:00 to 6:00 pm. Those who enjoy Big Band, Swing and Jazz music come on in for a fun afternoon.

Some of the other items to keep in mind are the nominations of Post officers for the upcoming year, and election of delegates to Department of California convention will be held at our April meeting and Officers will be elected at our May meeting.

Jeff Driskell
Commander Post 419
ADJUTANT CORNER:

Update on Post Officers:

Due to other commitment by some of the elected and appointed officers of Post 419 and the difficulty of finding replacements the following decisions have been made. As the Commander I here by appoint the following persons to the following positions.

1st Vice Commander: open
2nd Vice Commander: Gene Venechanos - Assistant Rick Gundo
Adjutant: Gene Grundstrom
Finance Officer: Mel Irvin - Assistant Marty McCormick and Stan Ferro

Remaining at their position for the rest of the fiscal year will be:

Commander: Jeff Driskell
Chaplain: Gene Venechanos
Service Officer: Marcel Pajuelo-Schwartz
Historian: Ralph Jacob
Judge Advocates: Steve Villegas

Post Elections:

We are heading into the months which we will be nominating the Post Delegates for District 13 and the California American Legion Convention. The Delegate nominations will took place in March and the elections will be held in April. During the meeting in April we will be nominating the Post Officers for the 2017-2018 Legion year with the election being held during the May membership meeting. It is very important that you attend these meetings and nominate and vote for your choice for the Post Officer. Officer positions open for nomination/election will be the Commander, 1st Vice Commander, 2nd Vice Commander and the three members at large for the Executive Committee.

The newly elected Post Commander will make his recommendation for appointment to the following position, Post Adjutant, Post Finance Officer, and Post Sgt-at-Arm, Historian and Judge Advocate and submit these names to the Executive Committee at the end of May.

During the June meeting appointments for the position Post Adjutant, Post Finance Officer, Post Sgt at Arm, Historian and Judge Advocate will be presented to the attending membership.

If you can be of help to Post 419 by taking the responsibility for any of these positions please let the Adjutant or Commander know so we can pass on your name to the new commander for consideration.

Gene Grundstrom
Post 419 Adjutant
Second Vice Commander:

Well folks, we’re starting to wrap up the month of March already and there was a good time had by all at the St. Patrick’s Dinner and Dance held on Friday, March 17th. The food was prepared by Bonnie Gundo and Paul Rivera and there were a lot of great comments on both the quality and quantity by those attending. Something new at the Post was that we had volunteer Servers taking the plates to the guests. Everyone was surprised and appreciative that they didn’t have to carry those heavy plates risking spilling the food on the floor. The initial results shows a net profit of approx. $2,500.00 so it was a good event. Thanks to all of our volunteers: Bonnie Gundo, Paul Rivera, Maydean Grundstrom, Frances and Loui Borg, Gene Venechanos, Kirk McClelland, Terry Alameda, Sylvia Venechanos and her fiend Marilyn, Rich Souza, John and Diana Quinn, Steve Villegas and Maryann, Tim Hoogesteger and lastly Chou, one of newest volunteers.

Music was provided by the Island Wave Band, who provided a good variety of dance music from several different eras. This is a great band who I think will be used often at future Post events.

The Car Show preparation activities continue as we get closer to the Saturday, June 10th date. As usual, we would appreciate any donations, whether cash, new or slightly used items, vacation stays, etc. which can be used for either raffles, the silent auction or by the Auctioneer. Lunches of either linguica or sausage patties or BBQ chicken quarters along with the usual side dishes will be sold for $10.00. Music to be provided in the parking lot by the Rockin Blues Express.

Please plan to join us and support your Post 419.

Rick Gundo
Jr. Past Commander
Event Coordinator

Auxiliary Report:

Each year National sets a goal for membership throughout the United States. The goal for Unit 419’s was ultimately set at 130. I am very proud to say that we met the goal that national set by December 30, 2016. Also, District 13, which Unit 419 is a part of, is in 1st place for membership in the state of California. So I would like to thank all of you for that. Please give yourself a pat on the back for helping us reach our goals.

On February 11th The Auxiliary held its Valentine Dinner/Dance. It was very well attended by members of the unit, the Legion, the SON’s and the community. Everyone who attended this event had a good time and are looking forward to next year’s event. See you next year at the Auxiliary Valentine Dinner/Dance.

The food, which was delicious, was prepared by Armando. We had hors d’oeuvre before the main course. For the main course we had rolls, green salad, a pasta salad, rice, mash potatoes and gravy, and green beans. Then you had your choice of chicken, salmon, and roast beef.

After dinner was over, our guest could listen or get out on the dance floor and dance the night away. The music was provided by DJ Ken. He had a wide range of music, from the 20’s, thru the 50’s to current style of music.
Squadron 419 Report

Hello to you all once again. I hope that everyone had a great month, and drank plenty of green beer on St. Patrick's Day! I hope that all who attended had a great time at the post party.

We need all S.A.L members to attend our meeting this month! There are some things that we need to discuss and finalize, and we need input from you all. Input and ideas will not be heard in the club room. If you have an idea, or are against an idea, bring it up at the meeting. We will be happy to hear what you have to say.

For those of you who stop drinking for Lent, I am hoping that Easter comes as fast as possible. I certainly wish you all a very happy Easter holiday, and be safe.

In closing, I sincerely hope you all attend our meeting, which is the 1st Thursday of the month, in the rental hall at the post. I hope to see you all!

Dwayne Patterson
S.A.L Commander
American Legion Post 419

Chaplain’s Report

Our deepest sympathy goes out to our Post Commander, Jeff Driskell and his family. Jeff’s Mother passed away this month. She was 92 years young.

Two Post 419 members had their Memorials in March. Joe Frankina, and Bud Thomas. They each received Honors from the District 13 Honor Guard, which is based at Post 419. Also, LeRoy Renner is recuperating from a knee replacement. We wish LeRoy a speedy recovery. Make sure your DD214 (and a copy or two) are available to family along with your wishes.

The Auxiliary Unit 419 President Callie Russel is doing well after having surgery and several days in the hospital. Please join us in wishing her a speedy recovery.
SOCK HOP!!!

APRIL 8TH 2017 (SATURDAY NIGHT)

MUSIC BY HARD DRIVE ENTERTAINMENT

TICKETS
$25.00
ON SALE
IN CLUBROOM
408-244-3050
OR FRANCIS BORG
408-243-5832

TIME
DOORS OPEN @5PM
DINNER AT 6PM
MEATLOAF / HAZELNUT PARMESAN
CRUSTED BREAST OF CHICKEN
W/ RED PEPPERS COULIS

SHOW OFF YOUR STYLE
BRING YOUR SWEETHEART
POODLE SKIRTS, JEANS,
DIPPITY DO/BRILL CREAM
HAVE SOME FUN

DANCING FROM 7 - 10 PM
COME AND SUPPORT THE SONS OF AMERICAN LEGION FUNDRAISER
958 HOMESTEAD RD, SANTA CLARA, CA
American Legion Post 419
VETERANS HELPING VETERANS AND THE COMMUNITY
958 HOMESTEAD ROAD, SANTA CLARA, CALIFORNIA

Annual
CAR SHOW

Saturday, June 10, 2017
10 am to 3 pm
Come join us for a fun day of Live Music, BBQ,
Drawings, and some terrific Vehicles
Lunch: $10 (Kids under 12 $5)
Call 408-244-3050

NET PROCEEDS BENEFIT POST 419’s
VETERAN SUPPORT PROGRAMS.

REGISTRATION FORM

Name ___________________________ Phone ____________ Email ___________________________
Address _________________________ City ___________________________ State ____________ ZIP ____________

Year, Make & Model of Vehicle(s):
$35 donation per vehicle (includes 1 lunch). Number of vehicles: __________ x $35 = __________
Additional lunch tickets @ $10 each. Number of lunches: __________ x $10 = __________
Make checks payable to: American Legion Post 419
Mail registration form and checks to:
Legion Car Show, 958 Homestead Road, Santa Clara, CA 95050

Signature ___________________________ Date ____________

* Pre-Registration cost per vehicle is $35.00. Day of the event registration cost per vehicle is $40.00

I understand that by signing below I am accepting full responsibility for all acts of injury and/or damages which may occur as a result of participating in, observing or transporting to and from, the event known as American Legion Post 419 Car Show.

Name ____________________________________________

Date ___________________________
Spaghetti Feed

Menu
Spaghetti & Meat Balls
Green Salad &
Garlic bread

Catered by Tony & Alba:s

April 21, 2017
$20.00
Doors Open 5:00pm
Dinner 6:00pm
Music by

Dancing 7:00 -10:00 pm

Help support our delegate’s expenses
Annual California American Legion Convention in
Riverside, CA.
For Tickets contact Post 419
(408)244-3050, or
Gene @ (408) 203-8162
or Frances @ (408) 243-5832
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Event Schedule Subject to Change
### Upcoming Events & Meetings

**2017**

- **Apr 2** — First Sunday Breakfast 9:00 am—11:00 am
- **Apr 5** — Post Membership Meeting - 7:00 PM
- **Apr 6** — SON' Squadron 419 Membership Meeting 7:00 PM
- **Apr 8** — Son' Squadron SOCK HOP
- **Apr 12** — Auxiliary Unit 419 Membership meeting 7:00 PM
- **Apr 21** — Convention Delegates fundraiser 5:00 –10:00 PM

- **May 3** — Post Membership Meeting - 7:00 PM
- **May 4** — SON' Squadron 419 Membership Meeting 7:00 PM
- **May 7** — First Sunday / Mothers Day Breakfast 9:00 am—11:00 am
- **May 10** — Auxiliary Unit 419 Membership meeting 7:00
- **May 29** — Memorial Day Render Honors for Our Veterans
- **Jun 1** — SON' Squadron 419 Membership Meeting 7:00 PM
- **Jun 4** — First Sunday / Father’s Day Breakfast 9:00 am—11:00 am
- **Jun 4** — District 13 Caucus 2:00 pm
- **Jun 7** — Post Membership Meeting - 7:00 PM
- **Jun 10** — Annual Car Show 10:00 am—3:00 pm
- **Jun 14** — Auxiliary Unit 419 Membership meeting 7:00
- **Jun 21-26** — Department Convention @ Riverside, Ca.

- **Jul 2** — First Sunday Breakfast 9:00 am—11:00 am
- **Jul 4** — Post participate in Games at VA Menlo Park 9:00-3:00

**Need a Banquet Facility for Your Special Celebration or Meeting?**

The Post’s banquet facility is available for rent to members and the public. The facility can comfortably seat up to 200 people. The banquet room is equipped with a stage, full service bar and an adjoining kitchen. For complete details call Paul Rivera at 408-244-3050 or 408-644-5338. Stop by and see what we have to offer. We are located at 958 Homestead Rd., Santa Clara, CA 95050.

**Activities and Events**

### Honoring Our WWII Veterans

**Honor Flight Bay Area 2017 Flight Schedule**

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A hearty THANK YOU to all who have participated in an honor flight and to those who have helped in Honor Flight’s success.

Don Newton, Past Commander Post 419 and District 13 Honor Flight Applications

Be sure to send in your application. We are booking now for flights. Please hurry and do not hesitate.

Applications for Veterans, guardians and volunteers are available on line at [www.honorflightbayarea.org](http://www.honorflightbayarea.org).

Guardians are volunteers who pay their own way to accompany the Veterans and provide personal assistance throughout the trip. Local assistance in applying for trips is available by contacting Honor Flight Bay Area Foundation.

**Contact Information**

Visit our Web site for details or you may contact us at:

Honor Flight Bay Area Foundation  
Office: 408-925-1999  
E-mail: admin@honorflightbayarea.org

**Don’t Forget Sunday Breakfast – Jan 8th, Feb 5th Mar 5th**