COMMANDER’S CORNER:
Another month has passed here at Post 419 and we are into another busy month. Please be reminded that 1st Sunday Breakfast is on February 5, 2017, which happens to also be Super bowl Sunday.

Please be advised that our planned catered breakfast and the Super bowl Party has been cancelled due to lack of sales, however our usual $8 breakfast will be held from 9:00—11:00 am. February 5, 2017

We will continue to support “Honor Flight Bay Area” with their meetings being held at the Post and sending off and bringing home the WWII veterans and their campions. We have information flyers at the Post, on the table by the front door, that’s tells you about Honor Flight Bay Area and how to contact them in the hall for anyone interested or go to their website (www.honorflightbayarea.org). The schedule for 2017 flights are posted on the website under (Tours) so that all who wish to attend either a departure or return flight can do so.

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. http://alpost419ca.org/

Post 419 Auxiliary will be having a Valentine’s Dinner and Dance on February 11, 2017. Tickets are available at the post in the office or contact Francis Borg- ph # 408-243-5832.

Another event to make mention of is the 4 Chaplains Memorial service to be held at St Francis Cabrini Catholic Church on February 4, 2017 at 10:00 am. Post 419 will be attending to post our colors along with other Veterans organizations. It is a great event and I highly recommend all who can to attend.

Some of the other items to keep in mind are the nominations of Post officers for the upcoming year, also nominations of delegates to Department of California convention.

We also will be needing the Fiske reports (report of hours donated to helping veterans and their families and children and youth in the community) to be into the office in March so that the numbers can be put together for the Department of California convention in June.

Jeff Driskell  Commander Post 419

Post Elections

In the Commanders report it was mention that we are heading into months which we will be nominating the Post Delegates for District 13 and the State American Legion Convention. The Delegate nominations will take 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 positions.

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ADJUTANT CORNER:

Post membership records, we have not exceeded our membership goal for this year. If you have not renewed your membership yet, please do so by returning the statement you received from the National Headquarters with your check for $45.00, or go online to MyLegion.org and renew online. Either way, it will be timely processed and your new card will be mailed to you from the Post.

I have continued to work with Commander Driskell, the Executive Committee and our Webmaster, Tony Hamman, to continually improve our website. If you have not done so, please take a look at it. I believe it is impressive and represents the latest technology. Among other items, our website now contains both a Post Event Calendar for upcoming Post, Sons and Auxiliary events and a Banquet Hall Rental Calendar so organizations and individuals can determine online if a particular date for rental of the hall is available.

Our next challenge is getting the Post Facebook page back up again and posted regularly to represent what is happening at the Post. We hope to have this done within the next month or so.

As Adjutant, I have created a Legal & Accounting Calendar for the Executive Committee to be kept current on when regulating agency reports, tax returns and legal and accounting filings are due. The calendar also alerts the Executive Committee to upcoming meetings such as the Executive Committee meetings and General Membership meetings. I believe this has been needed for some time so that nothing is missed by the Post Commander, Finance Officer and Adjutant that could damage the Post. I am also sending out the Post Commander’s Agenda for the Executive Committee meeting one week in advance and a follow-up email reminder four (4) days before the meeting date to ensure we have a quorum attending the Executive Committee meetings to be able to transact Post business.

It is our plan to send notice of the General Membership Meetings out to our members via email one week in advance of the meeting in an attempt to improve our attendance at the General Membership meetings. I am always available to our members and can be reached at (408) 244-3050 Ext. 86, or on my personal cell phone at (408) 828-5374.

Best regards,
Mel Irvin
Post 419 Adjutant

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Officer positions open for nomination/election will be Commander, 1st Vice Commander, and 2nd Vice Commander and the three members at large for the Executive Committee. These positions will be elected during the May meeting. The newly elected Post Commander will make his recommendation for appointment to the following position and submit these names to the Executive Committee at the end of April.

During the June meeting appointments of the position Post Adjutant, Post Finance Officer, Post Sgt at Arm, Historian and Judge Advocate will be presented to the attending membership. This is an annual process and we are getting to the point where it is almost impossible to get names to present to the membership. Please step up and support YOUR Post, Without VOLUNTEER’s the post cannot be operated. You must remember VOTING in The American Legion CAN NOT be by proxy, you must be present to vote.

Remember our meetings are the 1st Wednesday of each month. Time 7:00pm.
958 Homestead Rd. Santa Clara, Ca. 95050
Second Vice Commander:

As of this writing we’re planning our Annual All-You-Can-Eat Crab Feed, which will have taken place on Saturday - Jan. 28th. I hope everyone enjoyed themselves and it was a successful event.

The St. Patrick’s Dinner and Dance will take place on Friday, March 17th, and will consist of corned beef, cabbage, potatoes, etc. Music will be provided by The Island Wave Band who provides some great dancing music. Cost is only $25.00 so why not come out and have a nice dinner with dancing into the evening.

Again our Annual Car Show will be held on Saturday, June 10th. This is our biggest fundraiser for the year and we look forward to providing donations to different programs that support Veteran programs. There is no charge and it’s open to the public. BBQ lunches are sold, there are raffle prizes as well as a live Auctioneer who auctions off some nice gifts, and of course the Rockin Blues Express provides live music in the parking lot. A fun day for all so please plan to attend.

Regards,
Rick Gundo

Happy February!! I hope that this message finds you well.

This month the auxiliary is hosting a Valentine’s Dinner Dance on February 11th. For only $25 a person, it is the perfect dinner and dancing date, sure to impress that special someone. Frances Leyerle has done a great job with chairing the event this year. Francis Borg is selling tickets, and can be reached at 408-243-5832. Thank you ladies for all of your hard work to make this event a success!!

Just so you know, our unit is now over 100% for membership! This could not have happened without all of you renewing your dues, thank you!!! A big thank you to Maydean Grundstrom. It is the attention to detail and personal touch that she gives to membership that makes it all possible.

Cindy Newman has been doing some behind the scenes work with the Auxiliary files that has ensured that we have access to what we need when we need it. Cindy, I know it was a big task, and I am so grateful that you have kept us organized and on the up and up. Thank you for all that you do.

On a personal note, I would like to thank everyone for all of the notes, cards, and well wishes that I have received over the past month. I had an unexpected surgery on January 1st, and will have another surgery the beginning of March. There is much downtime for healing, but the constant stream of love and support that I have received from the unit and the post has kept my spirits up. A special thank to our Chaplain, Linda McHaffie. You’ve cheered me up week after week with your beautiful cards. Thank you.

Until next time, take care,
Callie
Squadron 419 Report

Hello to you all once again. Yet another month has passed us by. I hope you have all recuperated from the holidays and are getting settled in the new year.

There are a couple events that we all need to be aware of. First is the Valentine's dance. Once again, let's get to buying some tickets. Second is the St Patrick corn beef and cabbage dinner and dance. Everyone needs to know that these events aren't easy to put together. They first need to book the date on the calendar, and then get the proper permits to have a party in the hall, yes, we need purchase an ABC permit to use the bar in the hall!!! Then the food and band, or DJ needs to also be booked. The people who put on the party can't guess as to how many people to order food for, and it's impossible to account for the ones who want to show up at the event to purchase tickets. Then, after all the hard work and planning, if there aren't enough tickets sold, the event needs to be canceled. So, please purchase your tickets, for any event, as early as possible. Thank you for your understanding!

On another note, a big THANK YOU for those of you who met for lunch with Aleks Kalman at Buffalo Wild Wings. I have been in contact with Aleks, and he is so appreciative for you being there. He was also sorry that everyone couldn't attend, but he also knows that people are busy. For those of you who don't remember Aleks, he is the gentleman that we had the rib feed/graduation party for this passed summer. He is doing well attending Virginia Tech University where he is enrolled in the ROTC Program. Good luck to you Aleks, and see you back in May.

In closing, I encourage all S.A.L members to attend our next meeting, From what I understand, we will be donating a gift to a well deserved recipient. For those of you who were at the last meeting, you know what I am talking about. For those of you who don't know what I am talking about, SHOW UP TO THE MEETING! As long as the device is delivered, we are good to go. Hope you all have a great month and be safe.

Dwayne Patterson
S.A.L Commander
American Legion 419

Chaplain’s Report

Our condolences go out to the family of Eugene Florang. Eugene was a WWII veteran and a member of The American Legion for 20 years. Eugene transferred from the Utah Post 0037 in 2015.

Our condolences also go out to the family of our Auxiliary Unit 419 Past President Cheri Whitaker on the passing of her brother Robert Stuck.

Gene Venechanos
Chaplain Post 419
FOUR CHAPLAINS

You are invited to attend an Interfaith Memorial Service at St. Frances Cabrini Church located at 15333 Woodard Road, San Jose, on Saturday, February 4, 2017, at 10:00am in memory of four military chaplains of World War II who served their God, their Country, and their fellow man, to an ultimate finalization.

The service is specifically in memory of the four, but they are symbolic of the remembrance to which all those who have served our Country in uniform deserve, especially those who made the ultimate sacrifice for their comrades.

These four, of the Jewish, Catholic, and Protestant faiths were aboard the USAT Dorchester, a troop transport ship carrying over 900 personnel, which was in convoy in the North Atlantic when during the early morning hour of February 3, 1943, she was struck by a torpedo. They assisted the frightened and bewildered in the dark frigid night, and eventually gave away their own life preservers so that four young men would have a second chance at life.

Please join with us to give recognition to these four chaplains who saved so many, and then in communion made the ultimate sacrifice. Let us not forget those that served, or are now serving their God, their Country, and their fellow man.

Organizations are encouraged to bring their unit and national Colors, and flag stands, for an entry procession and posting of their flags during the service.

These Four men gave their lives to eternity; we should be able to give an hour of our time to give tribute to their unselfish and ultimate sacrifice.

President Day Celebration

Over the past several years District 13 has sponsored a fun day at the VA facility at Menlo Park. This is especially helpful to the veterans who are residents at the Menlo Park facility and some are brought down from the Palo Alto facility to take part. Each post who participates has some sort of game for them to play and each gets points for achievement of the game. At the conclusion of the day they have an opportunity to trade in those points for donated items such as shirts, socks, hats, canteens and other items. The facility has at its disposal a swimming pool which has Fly casting, and Fly tying instruction. Some also enjoy bowling and doing electronic shooting or tossing a football for points. These are just some of the events which take place on presidents day each year.

As it is still winter these events are indoors however on the 4th of July each we return to VA Menlo Park and do games outdoors. Both of these days are a lot of fun for both the veterans and members of The American Legion. There is one more thing we need, VOLUNTEERS, for these events which includes some to help with the games and especially some to help get some of the veteran from their rooms to the area where the event is being held. It is understandable that these are both 3 day weekends and you want to spend them with your families, but this also means that volunteers may have the days off from work. If you cannot give of your time perhaps you could donate something for the prizes or moneys to help purchase the prizes. Please contact the District Adjutant or other district officer. See the District website at http://www.calegiondistrict13.org/ for contact information.
American Legion Post 419
Veterans Helping Veterans and the Community
958 Homestead Road, Santa Clara, California

Annual

Super Bowl — February 5, 2017

American Continental Breakfast 8:30 to 10:30
Crispy sliced bacon ~ Brown sausage links ~ Scrambled eggs ~
Home fried potatoes ~ French toast & waffles w/syrups
Assorted bagels, cream cheese ~ Assorted muffins ~
Strawberry parfait ~ Ambrosia salad ~ Fresh seasonal fruits

Price: Through Dec. 31, $10.00
   Jan. 1 - Feb. 5, $11.00
Price includes stadium ticket for BBQ Grill

Super Bowl Party - Limit 150 people (Club Room closed)
Time: 1:30pm - 4:30pm

Super Snacks Provided: Italian Sausage ~ Chicken Wings with Dip
                        ~ Fresh Veggie with Dip

Half-Time Dinner, Catered by Dwayne
BBQ Tri Tip, BBQ Chicken, Beans, Salad, Bread and Dessert

Price: Through Dec. 15, $20.00
     Dec. 16 - Jan. 15, $30.00
     Jan. 16 - Feb. 5, $35.00
     On Feb. 5, $40.00

Grand Prize: Gas2Coal® BBQ
- Innovative charcoal grill uniquely changes airflow movement for increased efficiency and cooking control and fewer flare-ups.
- Cooks with gas or charcoal.
- Converts to charcoal for additional flavor - no tools required.
- Easily ignite charcoal with gas burners with no lighter fluid needed.

One Raffle Ticket Provided Per Entry
$2.00 Each Additional Raffle Ticket
Need not be present to win.

Char-Broil Gas2Coal® Combo Grill

SEE THE BARTENDERS FOR ENTRY TICKETS

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Valentine’s

All Proceeds Support Veterans Programs

Saturday, February 11, 2017

4:30 pm Doors Open
5:00 pm Appetizers
6:00 pm Dinner
Tri-tip, Chicken & Salmon
7:00 10:00 pm
Music & Dancing!
Full Service No Host Bar
Beverages Not Included with Ticket
$25 per person

For Tickets Contact:
Frances Borg 408-243-5832
Pre Purchase Tickets Only ~ Not sold at the Door
Host:
American Legion Auxiliary Unit 419
Location:
American Legion Hall Post 419
958 Homestead Rd., Santa Clara, CA 95050
408.244.3050  website: alpost419ca.org
ST. PATRICK’S DINNER and DANCE
Date: Friday, March 17, 2017
Doors Open: 4:30 pm
Dinner Starts: 6:00 pm
Menu: Corned Beef & Cabbage
Music and Dancing: 7:00 – 10:00 pm
Full Service Bar (Beverages not included in pricing)
Price: $25 per person

FOR TICKETS CONTACT:
FRANCES @ 408-243-5832
POST 419 @ 408-244-3050
STOP BY POST 419

Proceeds Support Post 419 and It’s Veteran Support Programs

958 HOMESTEAD RD., SANTA CLARA, CA 95050
Phone: 408-244-3050 WEB SITE: alpost419ca.org
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**Event Schedule Subject to Change**
UPCOMING EVENTS & MEETINGS

2017

Feb 1 — Post Membership Meeting - 7:00 PM
Feb 4 — 4 Chaplains Memorial 10:00am(@ St Francis Cabrini)
Feb 2 — SON’ Squadron 419 Membership Meeting 7:00 PM
Feb 5 — First Sunday breakfast 9:00 am—11:00 am
Feb 8 — Auxiliary Unit 419 Membership meeting 7:00 PM
Feb 11- Sadie Hawkins Dance (AUX)

Mar 1 — Post Membership Meeting - 7:00 PM
Mar 2 — SON’ Squadron 419 Membership Meeting 7:00 PM
Mar 5 — First Sunday Breakfast 9:00 am—11:00 am
Mar 8 — Auxiliary Unit 419 Membership meeting 7:00
Mar 17 — St Patrick Day Dinner Dance 5, 6, 7pm Post

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

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

HONORING OUR WWII VETERANS

Honor Flight Bay Area 2016 Flight Schedule

Honor Flight Bay Area Foundation, an authorized affiliate of The Honor Flight Network, The Last flight for 2016 has gone and come back, with some very happy WWII Veterans and guardians, New flights are in the planning for 2017. If you are a WWII veteran who has not had the opportunity to visit your WWII national memorial in Washington, D.C., please contact us. This is an all expense paid trip for our WWII veterans.

A hearty THANK YOU to all who have participated in an honor flight and to those who have helped in Honor Flight’s success. A special thank you to Post 419 for their superb and continued support.

Don Newton, Past Commander Post 419 and District 13 Director, Honor Flight Bay Area Foundation

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.

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

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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.

DON’T FORGET SUNDAY BREAKFAST — Jan 8th, Feb 5th Mar 5th