COMMANDER’S CORNER:

March is upon us at Post 419 and I personally hope that all of the Post family are feeling well and haven’t been impacted by the current tragedies with the rain and flooding that has occurred in our area. My best wishes go out to anyone who may have been affected.

A few of the events which are coming up at Post 419 are listed in this newsletter so please read carefully. Two events being held in March will be the First Sunday breakfast is on March 5, 2017 and the St Patrick Dinner Dance on March 17, 2017 it is my hope many of our members will be in attendance.

Honor Flight Bay Area will be beginning their meetings held here at the Post. The first orientation meeting will be on March 26, 2017. There is information about Honor Flight at the Post 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.

A Reminder to visit our rebuilt post website (http://alpost419ca.org/) and FaceBook page (https://www.facebook.com/pages/American-Legion-Santa-Clara-Post-419/239121579487008). I hope everyone will be able to check them out and pass on any suggestions to make it more user friendly. Lots has been added recently and the more people who can visit it the better.

Auxiliary Unit 419 held their Valentine’s Dinner and Dance on February 11, 2017. All who attended had a good time.

The 4 Chaplains Memorial service was held at St Francis Cabrini Catholic Church on February 4, 2017, Post 419 posted our colors along with other Veterans organizations. It was a great event and I am proud to say 4 Post members were part of the ceremony; Gene Grundstrom, Rick Gundo, Ralph Martinez and myself placed the helmets as the names of the 4 chaplains were called out.

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 and District 13.

We need your Fisk reports (report of hours and miles spent in the process of doing something for veterans and/or their families) to be into the office in March 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.

Jeff Driskell
Commander Post 419
ADJUTANT CORNER:

Our Facebook and Yelp accounts are back on line. Junior Past Commander, Rick Gundo, has agreed to take the responsibility to keeping them current with fresh information. Our members, prospective new members, and prospective banquet hall renters, now have everything at their fingertips on line regarding Post 419 and the American Legion.

Our Webmaster, along with the help of Rick Gundo, was able to obtain our past user names and passwords from Facebook and Yelp. This has allowed us to continue our previous pages without starting new pages. This information is now backed up and locked away safely in the Cloud so it will not be lost again in the future.

I discuss our website, Facebook and Yelp accounts every week in a telephone conference with our Webmaster, Tony Hammon. We are always seeking input from our members so we may strengthen our visibility in the Community, provide information to our members and guests 24/7, and market our great facility to the public. If you have suggestions for improving our website and social media pages, it will be welcomed.

We will continue to move the Post in this direction to ensure that information is available to all around the clock, seven days per week. Today, more than ever, society demands immediate information and an expectation that the Post will have that information immediately available via a website and social media. Please encourage folks to go to our website at www.alpost419ca.org, as well as our Facebook and Yelp pages.

Again, I would like to remind you to establish your own account on the National Headquarters website. You can reach it at www.mylegion.org. The National website has much information, including your personal membership information anytime you wish to check on your renewal, addresses, etc.

I encourage you to take advantage of everything that is immediately available to our members on line. Our website has links to the State Department and National Department to assist you.

Best regards,

Mel Irvin

Post Elections:

We are heading into months which we will be nominating the Post Delegates for District 13 and the California 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. 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. These positions will be elected during the May meeting. 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.

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Another fun and successful Annual Crab Feed was held at the Post on Jan. 28th with a net profit of approx. $4,451.00 and a whole bunch of stuffed crab eaters. Our guests stated that they thought last year’s crab feed was good but this year’s crab was even better. With 700 lbs. of crab, pasta, salad and bread, there shouldn’t of been a hungry sole in the crowd. Thanks to all of our volunteers, those who guests who attended and also those who donated raffle prizes.

Now it’s time to prepare for the St. Patrick's Day Dinner and Dance scheduled for Friday, March 17th. The traditional dinner of corned beef and cabbage, potatoes, carrots, apple sauce and bread will be served and then dancing into the night with music by Island Wave. Come on out and have some fun with friends at the Post.

The Annual Car Show Kick-Off Mtg. was recently held with some action items being assigned. There is still plenty of preparation to be done before June 10th but I know that our volunteer force will again step up to ensure another great fundraiser.

Have you ever thought of an event which might be fun to be held at the Post but didn’t know who to talk too or how to share your idea? Well look no further. As an event coordinator, I encourage you to contact me or any officer at the Post and let's discuss your idea and how we may possibly bring it to reality.

Rick Gundo  
Jr. Past Commander  
Event Coordinator
Squadron 419 Report

Hello to you all, once again. Another month has gone by. I hope everyone had a great Valentine’s Day, and everyone who attended the Valentine's party at the post thoroughly enjoyed yourselves.

Sad news to report, our friend Bud has passed on to Post in the sky! A very sad day for everyone who knew him! I worked at the post for quite a long time, and had the chance to see Bud a few times a week. He was always such a joy to be around, and was always pleasant to everyone he saw. I am terribly sorry to his family and all his friends. Once again, definitely a sad day.

All S.A.L members need to attend the meeting this month! We need to discuss another date for the Luau and also need to discuss new officers. If you aren't at these meetings, and don't participate and vote for officers, your comments and suggestions will not be heard. You all know that our meetings are on the first Thursday of every month, and if you don't know, our meetings are the first Thursday of every month! I understand that everyone has suggestions and opinions, so bring them to the meeting, and we will be glad to listen to your point. Otherwise, thank you for your support!

Hope you all are ready for the St. Patricks’ Day party. Tickets are on sale at the post, and I'm sure that Frances has some tickets to sell as well. I believe the usual, Corned Beef and Cabbage, and red potatoes and a no-host bar. So everyone come out and celebrate.

In closing, hope everyone has a great month and hope to see you the first Thursday of the month.

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

Chaplain’s Report

This month we saw the transferee of Claude (Bud) Thomas, to Post Everlasting....Bud was a regular to the Members Lounge, where he often brought in garlic and peppers (between mild and hot) from his garden to share...He also was well enough to make last years Honor Flight, which he talked about fondly. Bud served in the U.S. Army during WWII and was a member of the legion for 29 years.

Our deepest condolences also go out to the family of Joseph Frankina, who served in Korea and was a member of Post 419 for 10 years. Services will be at St Martin of Tours in San Jose at 12 noon on Saturday March 4, 2017. Joe could usually be found at any function at the post and I understand anywhere else that music was playing as he loved to dance. He has for many years made it a point to attend our 1st Sunday morning breakfast and most of our post events. Even though he was ailing he insisted that the family bring him to this years Auxiliary Valentine Dinner dance last month as this was a favorite holiday for Joe and his wife Rose.

These gentleman will be sourly missed.

Gene Venechanos
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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 done 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 Phone 408-244-3050 email: americanlegionpost419@comcast.net

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 follow 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 will be:

Commander Jeff Driskell
Chaplain Gene Venechanos
Service Officer Marcel Pajuelo-Schwartz
Historian Ralph Jacob
Judge Advocates Steve Villegas
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
**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
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Event Schedule Subject to Change
UPCOMING EVENTS & MEETINGS

2017

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
  10:30 Catholic Cemetery—11:30 City Cemetery
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 14 — Auxiliary Unit 419 Membership meeting 7:00

HONORING OUR WWII VETERANS

Honor Flight Bay Area 2017 Flight Schedule

Honor Flight Bay Area Foundation, an authorized affiliate of The Honor Flight Network. 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.

The schedule for 2017 is as follows:

Orientation Date: Mar 26, Apr 23, May 28, Aug 27, Oct 1
Trip Dates: Apr 13-15, May 4-6, Jun 8-10, Sep 7-9, Oct 12-14
Reunion Date: May 21, Jun 25, Jul 9, Oct 22, Nov 12

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

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

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

THE REVEILLE

Activities and Events

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

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.