COMMANDER’S CORNER:

May is upon us, I hope that all of the Post 419 family is doing and feeling well.

First Sunday breakfast is on May 7, 2017 and I hope that many of our members will be in attendance. A reminder that this will also be the breakfast for Mother’s Day, so please bring in those special ladies as there is no charge for the Mothers who attend.

Honor Flight Bay Area has held their second meeting for this year, the orientation meeting for Honor Flight #12 was held here at the Post on April 23, 2017. We will be delivering the wheelchairs to SF Airport on May 4, 2017 and will be there for the return on May 6, 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.

Upon the return flights there is a gathering of families, friends, HFBA staff, AL Post 419, District 13, AL Riders, USO volunteers and music provided by the S.F. Pipers. We assemble at the gate and welcome home the Veterans with a flag line of the Colors and service flags we then parade through the airport to the lobby. This is a rewarding experience. If you could spare the time we would surely appreciate your help in manning the flag line to in welcoming home our veterans.

Another reminder to 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. Lots has been added recently and the more people who can visit it the better.

The Post 419 SAL Squadron held their ever popular Sock Hop on April 8, 2017. It was an excellent evening and for those who weren’t there, you missed out on Karaoke!

Our dinner on April 21, 2017 to raise money for the convention delegates going to California Dept. convention in June was very well attended, many thanks to all those who were there to help support the delegates from Post 419 who are representing all the members.

The MOC band is back on Sunday afternoons, 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.

One other items to keep in mind are the nominations of Post officers for the upcoming year. I hope to see a good turnout at our May meeting as the election for the next years post officers will take place.

Jeff Driskell
Commander
Second Vice Commander:

As we move closer to our biggest fundraiser for the year, the Annual Car Show on June 10th, we continue to solicit outside donations from our local businesses. We also continue to remind all members, whether active in Post activities or not to consider making monetary or other types of donations to be gifted out as part of the Lucky Drawings or as a live auction item. We are also having a Grand Lucky Drawing for a Gas/Charcoal Grill with tickets for $2.00 each and you don’t have to be present to win. The drawing will be the day of the Car Show.

Remember, the net revenue generated from the Lucky Drawings, live auction, BBQ lunch sales and vehicle registrations all go towards supporting our veteran support programs.
Again, if you cannot deliver your donation then please contact Rick Gundo at (408) 218-2408 or the Post at (408) 244-3050, and we will arrange to pick it up for the Post.

Have you ever thought about getting more involved with the Post events but were intimidated to volunteer? Why not volunteer to work with myself or anyone else involved in our fundraisers. If you’ve got some spare time and enjoy contributing your skills or enthusiasm towards our events and projects, then step right up as we can use you!

As some of you know, I was once a shy and timid person until I joined the Legion and became a bit open. OK maybe this isn’t exactly what happened to me but I think you know there is much gratification in supporting our veterans, active military and their families, and the local community.

Rick Gundo
Event Coordinator

Happy May!!

I hope that this spring season finds you healthy and happy. This month, we will be holding the District 13 Girl’s State Orientation at Post 419, on Thursday May 11th from 6:30 pm—8:30 pm. If you are interested in helping out, please contact myself or Maggie Taylor.

We are hosting a jewelry table during the Post's car show on June 10th. This has proved to be a highly profitable fundraiser for us. However, we are in need of jewelry. If you have any old jewelry that you would like to donate, please contact me.

During this month meeting we will be electing our officers for the 2017-2018 Auxiliary year. Come early (6:00pm) for our social gathering and our meeting starts at 7:00pm.

Thank you ladies, see you this month on May 10th

Callie
President
AL Unit 419
ADJUTANT CORNER:
During our last membership meeting we elected the delegates for the 2017 convention and the 2017-2018 District 13 fiscal year.

The delegates are:
Jeff Driskell                        Ralph Jacob
Steve Villegas                      Gene Grundstrom
Rick Gundo                          Don Newton
Gene Venechanos                     Mel Irvin
Theresa Alameda                     Marty McCormick
Jim Hoogesteger                     Marcel Pajuelo-Schwartz

Post Elections:
The election of 2017-2018 Post Officers will be held at our meeting on May 3, 2017. At our April meeting the commander opened nominations for the post officers and the only positions which received nomination were the Commander and the 2nd Vice Commander.

Gene Grundstrom has accepted the nomination for Commander and Rick Gundo has accepted the position of 2nd Vice Commander. As these are very important positions so is the position of 1st Vice Commander. These are the only positions which are elected by the general membership.

We are looking for members to fill the following positons. The ADJUTANT, HISTORIAN, JUDGE ADVOCATE are open. The Finance Officer (Mel Irvin), Sargent at Arms (Jim Hoogesteger), Service Officer (Marcel Pajuelo-Schwartz), Chaplain (Gene Venechanos) have said they would continue in their positons. These are appointment by the Commander and approved by the executive committee and than the membership. These positions are also VERY important to the Post.

Log on to the AL Department of California website http://www.calegion.org/ and check the icon for the article about the adjutant. Also there are links to the Post Officers Guide and the Adjutant’s Guide. These are very important publications which help in understanding and the running a Post of The American Legion.

WE NEED HELP.
IF YOU CAN BE OF SERVICE TO POST 419 IN ANY OF THESE POSTIONS PLEASE CONTACT THE POST COMMANDER OR OTHER OFFICERS.

Gene Grundstrom
Post 419 Adjutant
**Squadron 419 Report**

Hello to you all once again. Another month has passed us by. I sincerely hope you all had a great Easter holiday and had the best of time!

For those of you who are concerned, we will be voting new officers in at this month's meeting. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS YOUR OPINION, OR VOTE FOR OR AGAINST THE NEW OFFICERS, ATTEND THE MEETING! Your opinions will not be heard otherwise. A lot of people like to express their opinions in the bar room after a few drinks, and still, your opinions will not be listened to unless you bring them up at the meeting. If you don't attend the meeting, you get what you get! Whoever is at the meeting will get a chance to vote, and that's it. If you don't like the vote, too bad, attend the meeting to be heard. Yes, that's the 1st Thursday of every month, like it has been since Squadron 419 had been in existence.

Thank you to all of you who attended the Sock-Hop! I know, because I was there, that everyone had a good time. There are a couple of S.A.L members, I'm pretty sure that they are officers, stunk up the karaoke mic. You guys know who you are, and please, don't quit your day jobs. Food was great, bartenders where great, and entertainment was great.

In closing, the annual car show is coming back around, and the post can use all the help they can get. If you're not busy on June 10, give a helping hand. Talk to Rick or Jeff and they can put you in a spot. Thanks to all of you who support the cause.

Have a great month, and hope to see you all soon.

Sincerely,
Dwayne Patterson
S.A.L Commander

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**Chaplain’s Report**

There were no Post 419 members transferred to Post Everlasting this month. Please remember Gurney Sampson in your thoughts and prayers as he is still in recovery. Also, several copies of your DD214 should be kept in a safe place.

Gene Venechanos,
Chaplain
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

REGISTRATION:
$40 per vehicle*
(car, truck or motorcycle)

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 = ______ Kids Lunches ______ x $5 = ______

Make checks payable to: American Legion Post 419
Mail registration form and checks to:
Legion Car Show, 958 Homestead Road, Santa Clara, CA 95050

I understand that by signing below, I am waiving all The American Legion Post 419 of Santa Clara and its members of any liability for 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.

Signature ___________________________ Date __________

* Pre-Registration cost per vehicle is $35.00. Day of the event registration cost per vehicle is $40.00
# 2016—2017 Calendar of Events

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Event Schedule Subject to Change
**Upcoming Events & Meetings 2017**

- **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 PM
- **May 29** — Memorial Day Render Honors for Our Veterans
  - Catholic Cemetery 10:30 AM — City Cemetery 11:00 PM
  - District 13 Honor Guard 3:00 PM — S.C. Centeral Park
- **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 Auxiliary Caucus 10:00 AM — Post 564
- **Jun 4** — District 13 Caucus 2:00 PM — Post 419
- **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 PM
- **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 AM—3:00 PM
- **Jul 5** — Post Membership Meeting — 7:00 PM
- **Jul 6** — SON’s Membership Meeting — 7:00 PM

**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**: May 28, Aug 27, Oct 1
    - **Trip Dates**: 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 online 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

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**Activities and Events**

**Honor Flight Applications**

- Be sure to watch for our announcements of upcoming events. Join us on Facebook (Santa Clara Post 419), visit our website ([www.alpost419ca.org](http://www.alpost419ca.org)) or visit the Post to learn more.

**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.

**Don’t Forget Sunday Breakfast**

- May 7, June 4th, July 2, 2017