COMMANDER’S CORNER:

June is here and I hope that all of the Post 419 family is doing and feeling well. It has been my privilege to represent our post during this last year and I want say how proud I am to have served you and to say welcome aboard to Gene Grundstrom, our incoming Commander for the 2017/2018 year. I am looking forward to helping support Gene as he takes the reins for the upcoming Legion year.

First Sunday breakfast is on June 4, 2017 and I hope that many of our members will be in attendance. Following the breakfast, at 2:00 pm American Legion CA District 13 will hold the annual caucus. This is held to elect the district officers and discuss the upcoming convention and make sure all the post in the district are current on all reports, fees and dues. This meeting is open to all district 13 members especially those who have elected as delegates from their respective Posts.

Honor Flight Bay Area has held their third orientation meeting for this year. The reunion for Honor Flight #11 was also held on May 21, 2017. Honor Flight #13 orientation was held here at the Post on May 28, 2017. We will be delivering the wheelchairs to SF Airport again on June 8, 2017 and will be there for the return on June 10, 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.

An email from one of the guardians who will be on the next Honor Flight;

The Honor Flight that my 97 year old Mom (WWII SPAR) is participating in turns out to be a wonderful experience. She's been totally consumed and looking forward to her trip. It's been amazing to me how well organized and executed everything is. The contribution of all the volunteers has been perfect and flawless. Just like your delightful lunch being catered at just the right time, every task has flowed so smoothly, with so much behind-the-scene effort thoughtfully hidden from the Vets!

Many thanks to all the volunteers at Post 419 for the use of your facilities and for your service to the Vets!

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 election of officers for the 2017/2018 year. Jim Hoogesteger is incoming Commander, Jeff Driskell 1st Vice-Commander, Steve Villegas 2nd Vice-commander. Congratulations to Jim and all the officers incoming for the 2017/2018 year.

Jeff Driskell
Commander
Incoming Commander:

I want to thank all of you for electing me as your Commander for the 2017-2018 Legion year. As noted below we are still looking to fill a position or two. Besides though we call the officers, there are other committees which need to be filled in order for us to do the work which the Legion is intended. I hope to fill these committees. So start thinking about what you can do to help the post do its duties to the veterans, theirs families and the community.

Gene Grundstrom
Commander

Adjutants Report:

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.

During our May 2017 Membership meeting we held the Election of Post Officers for the 2017—2018 Legion year. Effective July 1, 2017 the following members will be your Post officers

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The above members can also be contacted via the Post 419 by calling and leaving a message at the post. (408)244-3050 or email “americanlegionpost419@comcast.net”.
Second Vice Commander:

We've made much progress as of this writing towards our Annual Car Show, specifically the permitting process for the closure of Washington St. and the amplification of music from the band. After petitioning the City Council in April to waive the permit fees, they (the City Council) recommended that the Council:
1. Sponsor the American Legion Post 419 Annual Car Shows;
2. Authorize the City Manager to issue the following two City permits to the American Legion Post 419 for the Annual Car Shows at no cost:
   a.) Encroachment Permit
   b.) Outdoor Amplification of Music Permit; and
3. Approve the transfer of funds within the Unassigned Reserve-Community Promotions Account to cover the cost for the Encroachment Permits and Outdoor Amplification of Music Permits.
This is an immediate savings of approx. $1,200 which would of been expensed against the Car Show event. We wish to first thank the Santa Clara City Council for their support and direction, those who went to the City Council meetings representing the Legion, the Auxiliary, the SONS and the Legion Riders, and a special thanks to Marty McCormick who was the spokesperson for the Post.

The car entry applications have been slow coming in but every year the participants seem to wait towards the end and including the day of the Car Show to sign up, so I'm hoping to be on track as last year with at least 42 vehicles.

We still could use some volunteers to help with setup in the morning, and take down in the afternoon, etc., so if you have some free time, please contact Rick Gundo or Paul Rivera. It will be a very busy day the day of the Car Show as some of us will need to leave in the evening for SFO to meet and greet the returning WWII veterans on the Honor Flight return trip from Washington, DC, and bringing back all the wheelchairs. In addition, Post 419 will be providing Color Guard services at a local restaurant for the Vietnam Veterans dinner.

As a reminder, whether you're active in Post activities or not, please 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. 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.

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.

Thank You,
Rick Gundo
Chaplain’s Report

This past week we were informed that a long time member Mike Torrente has transferred to Post Everlasting. Mike was a member of Post 419 for 12 years and a Korean War Veteran, our deepest condolences go to the family.

Our condolences go out to the family of Larry Marsalli, a 70 year member of Post 419, on the passing of his son Jerry Marsalli. Jerry was very active in the Santa Clara community, with the Police, Fire departments and many other city departments and City Councils.

Jerry Robles, SAL member passed this month. Jerry was a frequent patron of the members lounge where he enjoyed a good dice game and entertaining all with funny remembrance of his youth. Jerry will be missed.

Please remember in your prayers our SAL member John Weinbrock who is in ICU recovering from open heart surgery.

Gene Venechanos
Chaplain

Hello. Happy June!!! There is a lot going on this month. We have nominated and elected our officers for the 2017/2018 year. Thank you very much to all who volunteered to hold a position. I have a good feeling about this year.

The annual car show is being held by the post on June 10th. This is the largest fundraiser for the post, and it is important that we show our support. If you can come by and volunteer, even for few hours, it is greatly appreciated. We have a jewelry table set up as a fundraiser for the auxiliary, which is one of our most successful fundraisers. If you have jewelry that you don't wear anymore and would consider donating, please contact me and I will make sure that it gets to Lucille David.

A big thanks to the amazing group of ladies that represented our unit during the memorial day ceremonies at our surrounding cemeteries. Special thanks to Cheri Whitaker for making the most beautiful poppy wreaths and cross to display.

Have a safe and happy month, hope to see you all at the car show.

Love,
Callie
Squadron 419 Report

Hello to you all, once again. Not only has another month gone by, but an entire year has not only gone by, but flown by. For all of you that don’t know, this will be my last input for my term as S.A.L commander. I thoroughly enjoyed leading the Son's, and I thank each and every one of you for your help and support. Please welcome in Jim Hoogesteger as the S.A.L commander starting on July 1. For those of you who don't know him, or don't like him, get to know him and give him a chance before you count him out. He has some great ideas, and is all aboard to be our leader. He knows how to listen to other people, and is looking forward to serving as our commander. Stop by and say hello to him, and congratulations to you Jim, we know you will do a great job.

Summer is here, and I’m sure you all know that the car show is coming up. The car show is set for June 10, so if you're around, and have no plans, come down to the post and lend a helping hand. The Son's are also having our annual Luau, coming up in the next couple of months. Flyer, menu and date to follow in next months newsletter.

I certainly hope everyone had a nice Mother's Day with your families.

On Saturday, May 13, there was a celebration of life for Jerry Robles at his house put on by his family. It was an honor to be invited, and it was nice to see the few of you from the post that were able to make it by. It was definitely a sad, but nice party. We will miss you Jerry!!!

In closing, I have heard that there are some people that haven't gotten a formal invitation to join our meetings. Well, here is your invitation. EVERY MONTH, I state that our meetings are THE FIRST THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH, and EVERY MONTH, they start at 7:00 P.M. I am not going to go to the store and write everyone out a personal invitation, it's in the newsletter. If you have a complaint, or an idea, or just some feedback, show up and talk, otherwise, wait until the next month. No business discussed at the bar!

Take care to all, and once again, thank you all for your support, and good luck Jim!

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

Squadron 419 Report

Hello, I would like to introduce myself, my name is Jim Hoogesteger. A lot of you already know me, but some of you don’t. I’m the new SAL Commander of Squadron 419, I’m looking forward to serving as your Commander for the next year. I want to take the Squadron in the right direction, and concentrate on bringing up our membership, and doing the best job as possible. I am looking forward to hopefully meeting people I haven't met yet.

Sincerely
Jim Hoogesteger
Commander Squadron 419
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

Total:

Check-in: 8 - 9:30 am

I understand that by signing below, I am approving 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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**2017**

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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 Legion 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’ Membership Meeting — 7:00 PM

Jul 12 — Auxiliary Unit 419 Membership Meeting 7:00 PM

Aug 2 — Post Membership Meeting — 7:00 PM

Aug 3 — SON’S Membership Meeting — 7:00 PM

Aug 6 — First Sunday Breakfast 9:00 AM — 11:00 AM

Aug 9 — Auxiliary Unit 419 Membership Meeting 7:00 PM

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**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 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

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**Activities and Events**

**Don’t Forget Sunday Breakfast June 4th, July 2nd, Aug 6, 2017**

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**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.

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