COMMANDER’S CORNER:

Here we go with another year and another set of officers, who, with the grace of God, we will make Post 419 the best and most activate post in the District. With your help I hope achieve the elusive 100% + goal which will be sent down from District 13 for the 2017-2018 legion year. With the number of members we currently have you done a fine job of getting us to over 89%. We are the largest post in the District (county), but we have lost a lot of members who did not renew and sadly to say we lost a few to Post everlasting. I know it not easy to recruit people to join organization such as ours, but we NEED to have new people with new idea and new talents to join us.

I just returned from the 99th American Legion California Convention and the key word all week was membership. There must be someone out there who knows someone who is eligible to be a member of the Legion, Sons or the Auxiliary. All three of these groups have one aim in life ‘HELP VETERANS’. We can not do it with only a hand full of members. Yes six or eight of us can keep the doors open on the post and lounge but we need a lot more to cover the programs of the Legion. Children and Youth, Boys and Girls State, the Oratorical contest. Veterans helping veterans such as taking them to doctors or just sitting and talking to some of them which is all they need. Community service is another program of which requires people to accomplish.

As I said at my installation, I plan on bring all three family members together so we can accomplish a lot more than just holding funding raising events for the sake of making money, this is important, but just think of what we can do for our veterans and their families if we all pull together as one group. Perhaps put together a home repair project for a needed senior veteran, or just help clean out his/her garage or do the yard work. These are just a couple of ideas I know you and others like you who are members or just want to help as volunteers can come up with some even better.

As noted below we are still looking to fill a position or two. The main being the ADJUTANT. One thing is, and most people don't think about it, there is such a position as “Assistant” for the appointed position. If you can only give a small amount of time perhaps that would be better for you and you can still be of service.

Again thank you for electing me as your Commander. I will do my best to keep the post moving in a forward direction and to get us back on track try and do what we can be good at, Helping Veterans and their families.

Gene Grundstrom
Commander
AL Post 419
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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Second Vice Commander:

Well we finally had our Annual Car Show on June 10th and again another successful fundraiser for Post 419. It rained the day before but mother nature must be a Legionnaire as she provided perfect weather the day of the event.

We had 60 vehicles attending this year compared to 55 last year and I believe every year we seem to learn more and improve our services to our guests and the event overall. 

Net result for the Car Show was approx. $5,135.00, approx. $370.00 more than last year.

The morning started at 6:00am with setup in the parking lot, early registration with photographs being taken of all vehicles, and then the kitchen staff started preparing the food for the day. Great comments on the BBQ chicken, linguisa sandwiches, baked beans, etc. so a good job by our kitchen staff and BBQ chefs. The Rockin Blues Express provided some great live music and we appreciated them playing again at the event.

Our bartenders as usual kept our guests hydrated and happy, preparing them for the auction and Lucky Drawings. Lucky Drawing tickets were sold all day and as usual, with great sales results.

The winners of the Car Show were as follows:
People’s Choice: #3 Bill Cavalier 1941 Willy’s Military Army Jeep
First Place: #26 Don Brown 1930 Ford Town Four door Sedan
Second Place: #5 Adam Thompson 1957 Corvette
Third Place: Manual Frietas 1940 Ford Tudor Sedan

It takes many hands and minds to make the Car Show a success and we could not have pulled it off without the support from the following personnel, listed in no special order; Bonnie Gundo, Paul Rivera, Don Brown, Stan Ferro, John Quinn, Diana Quinn, Kirk McClelland, Jerry Ogg, Terry Alameda, Gene Grundstrom, Maydean Grundstrom, Steve Villegas, Chau Papatheodorou, Rich Sousa, Mel Irvin, Marty McCormick, Leo DeSilva, Callie Russell, Frances Borg, Louie Borg, Cindy Garcia, Tonya Bollenbacher, Brittney Bollenbacher, Jim Hoogesteger, Cheri Whitaker, Linda McHaffie, Cheryl Walsh, George Loughran, Forrest O’Brien, Ken Tunnel, Rich Frazier, Liz Silva, Susan Clemmer, Rockin Blues Express, Al Wong, Ralph Jacob, Ray Valdez, Terry Valdez, Gene Venechanos, Toby Council, Patrick Manley, Ken Newman, Fred Clegg, Santa Clara City Council Members, Santa Clara Parks and Recreation and the Santa Clara Maintenance Yard personnel. My apologies if I missed anyone.

Many thanks to all of you for your outstanding support!

In July our new Commander, Gene Grundstrom, will hold a meeting to set the event schedule for the next year so contact us if you have any ideas or comments applicable to our fundraisers. We are open to new ideas and of course always looking for new volunteers.

Lastly I’d like to thank those who after a long day working the Car Show, drove to San Francisco Airport to welcome back the Honor Flight WWII Veterans and transport the wheelchairs back to G.E.. I know everyone was tired but as usual, we at Post 419 step up when needed!

Rick Gundo
Second Vice Commander
Chaplain’s Report

I am saddened to informed you that our friend and SONS member John Weinbrock passed away today, please say a prayer for him and his family.
There were no other notifications about any other Post 419 family members going to Post Everlasting this month, please remember in your thoughts and prayers, Legion members Bob Warren who is recovering at home, and Gurney Sampson who is recovering at rehab.

Gene Venechanos,
Chaplain

Welcome to July! I hope that you all are having a safe and happy summer. As we start a new year, I want to thank everyone for finishing out last year on such a positive note. Our unit hosted a jewelry table at the annual Post 419 car show, which once again was a success. A big thank you to Lucille David for chairing this table!

This coming year, I hope for us to grow as a positive force in our community. Last year we saw a rise in attendance, which resulted in better participation and more ideas. This year, all I can hope for is more. More participation, and more ideas on how we can help our veterans in our community. Basically, we need YOU to come and help US.

The next meeting will be July 12th, at 7pm. Social hour starts at 6pm.

Thank you!
-Callie
Auxiliary President
Unit 419

Squadron 419 Report

Hi friends, my first month as SAL commander has gone by. I would like to say the car show went well, there was a considerable turnout. I was one of the many volunteers who worked very hard to make it happen. Our friend John Weinbrock is still in intensive care as far as I know, we keep getting sketchy reports from the family. I would also like to see more people show up to our meetings, which are on the 1st Thursday of the month at 7pm. We are badly in need of a finance officer, if anyone wants to step up to the plate, or knows a eligible candidate.

Sincerely
Jim Hoogesteger
Commander
Event Schedule Subject to Change

The Sean’s K-9s Foundation is putting on a Luau.

This is a very worthwhile charitable event. Sean was a member of Post 419 when he went to Iraq with the army Military Police unit. He was planning on becoming a Santa Clara Police K-9 officer upon his return an discharge.

Unfortunately he did not return. Because of his interest in K-9 his Mother has established this foundation to raise funds to train K-9’s for police departments. So far I be leave she has purchased and had trained 5 or 6 dogs for various Bay Area police department with the foundation money.

If you can attend please contact the foundation and make your reservation. The information is on the flyer.
### Upcoming Events & Meetings 2017

**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

**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

**Sept 3** — First Sunday Breakfast 9:00 AM — 11:00 AM

**Sept 6** — Post Membership Meeting — 7:00 PM

**Sept 8** — SON’s Membership Meeting — 7:00 PM

**Sept 13** — Auxiliary Unit 419 Membership Meeting 7:00 PM

**Sept 23** — Surf City Dinner dance 5 pm — 10 pm

**Oct 4** — Post Membership Meeting — 7:00 PM

**Oct 5** — SON’s Membership Meeting — 7:00 PM

**Oct 8** — First Sunday Breakfast 9:00 am — 11:00 am

**Oct 11** — Auxiliary Unit 419 Membership Meeting 7:00 PM

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### Activities and Events

**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

Stop by and see what we have to offer.

We are located at 958 Homestead Rd., Santa Clara, CA 95050.

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### 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:** Aug 27, Oct 1
- **Trip Dates:** Sep 7-9, Oct 12-14
- **Reunion Date:** 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:

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**Don’t Forget Sunday Breakfast**  July 2\(^{nd}\), Aug 6\(^{th}\), Sept 3\(^{rd}\) 2017