COMMANDER’S CORNER:

This past couple of months have been very busy for me. Changing over from the Adjutant to the Commander position, trying to get on top of all that is required to be the Commander of this great organization. It started in late June with the annual Department Convention in Riverside, CA. Then on the 4th of July some of us Post members went to the VA Menlo Park facility and conducted games with prizes for the Veterans who are residents at that facility. These games are done twice a year. The first is on Presidents Day in February, the second is on the 4th of July. Next year in February, if you can save Presidents Day your help would be greatly appreciated at the games as well on the 4th of July. The satisfaction you get from helping these veterans enjoy a few hours of fun is indescribable.

Other things that have kept us busy this month is our Honor Guard. We rendered military honors at three services for our departed comrades, two of which were members of Post 419. We posted Colors at the Willow Glen Senior Center, at VA Menlo Park, a salute to Veterans events and at the installation of officers at Post 99. I also attended the Installation of District 13 Officers, Post 564 and Auxiliary District 13 Officers.

Rick, Bonnie Gundo and Paul Reveria from the post hosted the Honor Flight #13 reunion this month and Francis Borg provided the deserts.

On the same day the Auxiliary membership chairperson and I set up an information/recruiting table at the National Guard 1113th Transportation Unit annual picnic.

A few Post members attended the golf tournament and picnic at the Yountville Veterans Home. Monies are collected for sponsoring a hole during the golf round and other donations. All the money is used to buy items for the residents at Yountville. This event is held every year and is sponsored by Department so there are many members of the Legion, SON’s and Auxiliary from all over California who participate.

Lastly we held a meeting to establish our annual event calendar for the Legion, SON’s and Auxiliary. A copy of that calendar is below in this newsletter. Please save a copy and attend as many functions as you can. We welcome you and look forward to meeting you.

Gene Grundstrom
Commander Post 419
First Vice Commander:

As you may not know, I am the newly elected ‘First Vice Commander’ of Post 419. Like most of you, I did not know anybody and nobody knew me. I walked into a general meeting in March of this year and won a prize in the lucky drawing.

In May’s meeting, still not knowing anyone, I missed out on the “lucky drawing”, but as luck would have it, I was nominated as the ‘First Vice’. I do not know how this honor was bestowed upon me, but in the prior month, I did attend the St. Patrick’s Day dinner/dance event, and won 2 “lucky drawings”. It might be that the luck of the Irish is still with me.

Beginning in July, I was given a list of 66 expired members to review. These are the results:
- 9 did not have phone numbers, an email was sent - only 2 replied
- 16 were called, only 6 say that they will renew
- 3 passed away or not doing well (we were not unaware of it)
- 9 were called multiple times, but no pickup
- 30 without phone and email, 13 of them are out of county or state
- 12 that did not want to renew for the following reasons: moved, no longer interested.

Post 1000: I went door to door in my neighborhood.
- 2 not home
- 1 passed away

The results show that we need a better way to get everybody connected. Your fellow legionnaires may be someone you see around your neighborhood or someone that lives just a few blocks away. The 2018 annual due notices are out. Please be sure to include your ‘E-MAIL and/or PHONE’ at the bottom right portion of the payment.

As always, your continual membership to the American Legion is extremely important and appreciated by the organization and the veterans it helps.

Our general meetings are always on the First Wednesday of the month at 7:00 PM. It only happens 12 times a year with 12 chances for a lucky drawing. Just come once to get connected and try your luck with the drawing and with us. We need new faces and friends here at Post 419.

Al Wong
First Vice Commander
Adjutants Report:
To the members of Post 419, Squadron 419: We are in the process of starting our annual membership drive for the 2018 calendar year. By now you should have received your renewal notices from the National headquarters which shows the amount of the dues and other information. This year there is a major change in your notice. National needs you to include your telephone number and your email address. The American Legion needs to complete your information on their computer data base so they can better communicate with you. Like most other organizations, they want to communicate more through email rather than snail mail because of cost and I can’t blame them. If you add up the cost of the newsletters and the paper and the notices at, say for example $.30 a copy and multiply that by 200K, and I know it cost more than that, they can save a lot of money which could be better spent on programs to help our veterans and their families. Those of you who receive our monthly newsletter have already given me your email but some of you have changed your phone numbers or added a cell phone which you would prefer to receive calls on. The next is IF you have moved and you had your mail forwarded make sure you correct your address. I want to send out my personal Thanks to all of you who renew your membership, as that is one of the ways we keep YOUR post open and doing the work that is needed. Remember, check the event calendar and attend some of them. This also a way we support our programs.

The Auxiliary: Again your membership chairperson will process your renewals as soon as they are received. It is also very important that this additional information is available for your file too. If you changed your phone number, your email address or you have moved, make sure you send that information into your membership chairperson.

Second Vice Commander:
Well the Post has begun the planning process for three upcoming holiday events, which will be managed by a team of Legionnaires, SON's and Auxiliary members. The three events are the "Thanks for Giving Dinner" on Thursday, 11/16/17, the "Christmas Dinner and Dance" on Saturday, 12/16/17, and the "New Years Eve Dinner and Dance" on Sunday, 12/31/17. There's a lot of effort put out by our volunteers to plan and coordinate these events and we hope you all can take advantage and participate either by attending and or through donations towards the events. We'll produce tickets, flyers, etc. as soon as we confirm caterers, music and pricing.

Please mark your calendars accordingly and watch for more details in the upcoming Newsletter and on the Post bulletin boards.
This is also a good time to remind all Post 419 family members that we are in need of used wicker gift baskets which will be reused to create new gift baskets for upcoming events. Monetary donations are also greatly appreciated to fill the baskets with specialty items.

Thanks for your support!
Rick Gundo
Second Vice Commander
Chaplain’s Report

This month has not been a good one, we had a member transfer to Post Everlasting. Jerome Neu was a Marine and a Korean War Veteran. Jerry, as he was know, was a member of our Post for 22 years. Our condolences go out to his family. The District 13 Honor Guard rendered honors at his service on July 29 in Santa Clara.

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

Squadron 419 Report

Hi friends another month has gone by already. I recently took over maintaining the SAL Facebook Page, so please check it out. I also recently attended the post scheduling of events meeting on June 11th, when the list of events for the upcoming year was planned. I will post them to our Facebook page. For those of you who have not heard, John Weinbrock passed away last month and there will be a memorial at Post 419 between 12:00 and 4:00 on July 30th. I hope to see you there. I also would like to see more people attending the meetings.

Sincerely
Jim Hoogesteger
SAL Squadron 419 Commander
### 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 and 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 believe she has purchased and had trained 5 or 6 dogs for various Bay Area police departments with the foundation money.

If you can attend please contact the foundation and make your reservation. The information is on the flyer.

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UPCOMING EVENTS & MEETINGS

2017

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 7 — 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 1 — First Sunday Breakfast 9:00 am — 11:00 am
Oct 4 — Post Membership Meeting — 7:00 PM
Oct 5 — SON’s Membership Meeting — 7:00 PM
Oct 11 — Auxiliary Unit 419 Membership Meeting 7:00 PM

Nov 1 — Post Membership Meeting — 7:00 PM
Nov 2 — SON’s Membership Meeting — 7:00 PM
Nov 4 — Annual Craft Faire – 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM
Nov 5 — First Sunday Breakfast 9:00 am — 11:00 am
Nov 8 — Auxiliary Unit 419 Membership Meeting 7:00 PM
Nov 16 — Thanks For Giving Dinner/Dance 5:00PM — 10:00PM

Don’tForgetSundayBreakfastAug6th, Sept3rd, Oct1st2017

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

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.

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: 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