COMMANDER’S CORNER:
This month it is very hard to produce a column for the newsletter. We haven’t had much going on at the post in the way of events except for a couple of meetings to plan on future events. As you can see from the 2nd Vice Commanders report we are working very hard on having successful events which are also enjoyable for those who attend.

We formed a new Finance Committee who will take on the task of planning better use of our income and expenses in order for us to have more assets to help with some of our programs.
At the last meeting we had the privilege of having one of the recipients of the Boys State awards come and address our membership. We had invited the other two but one was out of town and the other didn’t get off work until 9:00 pm. What a privilege it was to hear what has young man speak. His experiences at Boys State didn’t develop as he had anticipated before going to this event but made a profound change in his life long goals’. He expressed his thanks for sponsoring him to attend Boys State.

As of this writing we have not received any information about the expected goals for membership for the 2017-2018 Legion year. However we have already renewed, online, mail-in, PUFL and Honorary Members over three hundred (300) members. Using our current membership listing number of 462, which included active, expired and deceased members we are already at 65.58%. Thank you to all of you who have helped to achieve this.

Gene Grundstrom
Commander  Post 419

First Vice Commander:
Who was it that said: ‘Ringing someone’s door bell, is like a box of chocolate, you never know what you are going to get’. But, I can say that, they did not slam the door, shout, or punch me out. Instead, they were quite nice and I enjoyed the exchange. Unfortunately, I did not get too many to transfer from post 1000.

I just need to do things a little better. I should not have told a WW2 vet in his 90’s to come to ‘Surf City’ and dance the night away. If it is not a door bell, don’t poke it and cause it to fall to the ground and break apart. Identify myself better, so that their reply will not be: ‘We are Baptist’. There is a feeling of great expectation with each door bell. But also there are disappointments when no one answers. That means I will have to come back at another time.
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The biggest mistake I made was to highlight the great activities and events that the post has to offer. Instead, I should have emphasized how important their membership would be for the post. Without their support, we would not have one.

I will continue to work the zip code 94087 area and will expand to 94085. I may jump over to Vienna Drive area. Anybody living in or near these areas and are interested in opening boxes of chocolates, let me know. To all the Post 1000 members whom I spoke to at your door, Surf City Dinner & Dance is just around the corner, please purchase your tickets early and give us a visit and have a relaxing fun time.

For Post 419 members, Frances has a lot of tickets she needs to sell. I already purchased 2 from her. But, every time I see her, she tries to sell me more. Let's help her out, or maybe help me out, and buy up her tickets.

As always, thank you for your support to The American Legion. Your continual membership is greatly appreciated.

Al Wong
First Vice Commander

Second Vice Commander:

Although we’re still enjoying the summer and the much hyped solar eclipse, the holiday season is quickly approaching and Post 419 is actively working on our holiday events; the Thanks for Giving Dinner, the Christmas Dinner / Dance and the New Year’s Eve Dinner / Dance. The Holiday Event Committee is coordinating and negotiating with the caterers, DJ’s and Band to ensure we can provide some enjoyable activities for you and your guests. We’ll start selling tickets soon so that you can plan your holidays accordingly. The success of these and future events are dependent upon your participation so please purchase your tickets early and invite your friends and family members.

Many of you may not be able to attend an event, however your donations whether it be monetary, new or slightly used items are all greatly appreciated, and as usual, we can pick up your donations just by calling Rick Gundo at 408-218-2408 or any Post Officer. 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. How can you contribute to supporting Post 419?

Well the first and most important contribution is to volunteer for the many activities and positions at the Post, whether a member of the Legion, of the SONS or the Auxiliary. But guess what, even if someone is not a member, they can still volunteer!

Secondly, attend the many events throughout the year.
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The ability of Post 419 to continue in its effort of supporting our veterans, active military and their families and the local community is dependent upon all members, not just a select few which work most events. Step up and help grow this Post!

Thanks for your support!

Rick Gundo,
Second Vice Commander

Happy September!  I don't know about you, but I am anxiously awaiting fall.  I'm ready for sweaters and scarves.

I want to thank Maydean Grundstrom and Cindy Newman for their excellent job on this year's budget.  It was a lot of hard work to plan out, but it is done, it is beautiful, and now we have something to work with.  Thank you so much!

Our next meeting is on September 13th, during which we will be finalizing our Halloween dinner dance.  If you can make it, please do.  The more ideas, the better.

September 10th is Wing Family Day at Moffet Field.  This is an annual event hosted by the 129th Rescue Wing, and our own Auxiliary member, Carolann Wunderlin.  Last year I attended, and hosted a kids table in which the children painted tiles to take home.  This year I am doing the same, but I would love company!  If you are available and can come help, please do.  The more the merrier.

    Thank you ladies for all that you do!  I'm looking forward to seeing you at the next meeting.  A Halloween themed raffle will take place after the meeting.

Until next time,

Callie
Unit 419 President
Chaplain’s Report

We received word that Joseph Pena, WWII Veteran and 65yr member of Post 419 has transferred to Post Everlasting. Our thoughts and Prayers to his family and friends. Gene Venechanos
Chaplain

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Squadron 419 Report

Hi friends, another month has gone by. The holidays will be here before you know it. The upcoming holiday events, Thanks For Giving, Post Christmas Party and New Year’s Party will be a joint effort between the Sons, Auxiliary and Post. A planning committee has been formed and all is going well, dates have been set and further information will come soon. The Surf City Luau tickets are on sale now from Francis Borg or can be purchased in the members bar. I hope to see you there.

Sincerely
Jim Hoogesteger
SAL Squadron 419 Commander
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**Event Schedule Subject to Change**

Do you remember attending these events? Did you have a good time? Well they are coming up again and the tickets will be on sale soon. Watch for the flyers and ticket information on the October issue of the Reveille. So, plan on having another great time here at Post 419. These only represent two of our annual events.
2017— EVENTS

The American Legion Family

“Thanks for Giving” Dinner
Thursday, Nov. 16, 2017

“This dinner is to give “Thanks” and honor all who have and are currently serving in our Armed Forces. It acknowledges those families of military personnel who cannot be with their military family members during the holiday season. Lastly we give “Thanks” to all of Post 419’s volunteers and donors from the Legion, the SONS and the Auxiliary.”

Dinner Menu: Turkey, Ham and all the fixings

No Host Cocktails
Doors Open: 5:00pm
Dinner: 6:00pm – 7:00pm

$20.00 per person or $140 / table for 8
Reserve your tickets or table early!

For Tickets / Table for 8 Call:
408-243-5832 (Frances Borg)
408-244-3050 (Post 419)
American Legion Post 419
958 Homestead Rd., Santa Clara, CA 95050

Legion Family Christmas Party
Saturday, Dec. 16, 2017

Prime Rib and Chicken with all the fixings
Dancing to Island Wave Band: 7:00 – 10:00pm
No Host Cocktails
Doors Open: 5:00pm
Dinner: 6:00pm – 7:00pm

$30.00 per person

Meet Santa Clause
Ride the Loco

For Tickets Contact:
Frances Borg @ 408-243-5832 or Post 419 @ 408-244-3050

Please consider donating a new unwrapped gift for a low income senior citizen which will be distributed by Christmas.

American Legion Post 419
958 Homestead Rd., Santa Clara, CA 95050

“New Year’s Eve Party”
Sunday, December 31, 2017

Appetizers, Tri Tip, Salmon, Chicken and Side Dishes
Party Favors
Glass of Champagne or Apple Cider at 5:00pm
Dance to the music of: DJ Ken
Cost $40.00 Per Person
Doors Open at 12:00pm, Dinner at 1:00pm
Dancing 2:00pm – 6:00pm

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UPCOMING EVENTS & MEETINGS

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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

Dec 1 — First Sunday Breakfast 9:00 am— 11:00 am
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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:  Oct 1 Flt # 15
Trip Dates: Sep 7-9, Flt # 14, Oct 12-14 Flt # 15
Reunion Date: Oct 22 Flt # 14, Nov 12 Flt # 15

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

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.