COMMANDER’S CORNER:

As we enter into the middle of the second quarter of the Legion facial year we need to remember our Active Duty and Veterans. Coming this month is VETERANS DAY and the country will be celebrating, remembering, and conducting memorial ceremonies. Veterans Day IS about remembering, remembering those who served our countries Military who swore to Defend to the Death our freedoms and way of life. As we all know our system isn’t perfect but it is the best in the world. Remember that, when you celebrate or pray for a departed veterans.

We at post 419 do just that. We take part in several programs which honor our veterans one way or another. We are the primary members for the District 13 Honor Guard that renders the Military Honors at funeral and memorial services. We are here to support our veterans by providing a Service Officer to help them with claims for assistance with the Veterans Administration, also by donating to Non-profit organizations which support veterans in other ways. Another project that we support is the “Bay Area Honor Flight” organizations which flies WWII, Korean War and Vietnam Veterans to Washington D.C. to visit their respective memorials. This is another way we honor their services to our country.

These efforts take the work of volunteers. Volunteers who take part in our activities or our events, Volunteers who come to our events for fund raising, and Volunteers who maintain their annual membership in the American Legion. So please check out our events calendar and flyers join us and have a good time and enjoy the comradeship of your fellow Veterans.

Gene Grundstrom  Commander

First Vice Commander:

I would like to share with you the National Commander Denise Rohan, ‘Early Renewal Campaign’. Keep in mind that The American Legion organization is on a Fiscal Year. The following is only the first half of her letter:

_Thank you and congratulations on your great start to the 2018 Membership Year! To keep the momentum going, I have launched a special campaign that focuses on those members that paid their 2017 dues after January 1, and have yet to renew for 2018. The goal is to get as many of these members as possible to renew by December 31, 2017 so our renewal numbers are strong as we head into the ‘tough-to-renew’ months of January to June. We have placed a ‘report’ on your my Legion portal that identifies members in your Post that paid their 2017 dues after January 1, and have not renewed for 2018._

_Best Regards, Denise Rohan, National Commander_

The ‘Report’ listed 31 members in this category. Beginning of Fiscal year 2018 we have a total of 438 members on file. Continued on Pg.2
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Our goal set by District 13 is 514 members. **310** already paid-up to date with **12** new members already accepted into the post. To achieve the goal of 514 members, the following needs to happen: **31** members on Rohan’s list needs to renew, **94** member not on Rohan’s list needs to renew, plus **67** additional new members to the Post will equal **514** total needed to reach the goals of 100%

At the coming November general meeting, we will be accepting 6 more new members to the post, which will bring down the 67 new members needed to 61. I expect more will be joining the post throughout the rest of the 2018 fiscal year.

Unfortunately, last year 12% or 58 members did not renew (7-WW2, 10-Korea, 19-Vietnam, 4-Lebannon, 2-Panama, 9-Persian Gulf, and 7-unknown). 20 of the 58 non-renewals would fall on Rohan’s Early Renewal Campaign List. Even though the LAST 6 months of the fiscal year (Rohan’s List) may have a higher ‘percentage’ of non-renewals, the FIRST 6 months had a ‘greater’ number of non-renewals. I do not have status of prior year active roster to actually determine whether Rohan is correct in designating the last 6 month of the fiscal year as ‘tough to renew’ months.

Putting politics aside, I will continue to work toward increasing new members. And as for the renewals, I will rely on each of you to take care of that at your convenience. As it stands now, we do have figures to use as a base for comparison. Rohan’s high-percentage-list target is at 31, and the greater-number-list is at 94. If possible, I will keep you up to date with the 2018 renewal status of the Fiscal year’s first 6 months (July – Dec 2017) vs Fiscal year’s last 6 months (Rohan’s List, Jan – June 2018). I do not expect it to be an indicator of anything, but may just be an interesting exercise to track membership renewals.

Al Wong
First Vice Commander

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**Special Announcement:**

District 13 members:

This notice is shared with you for two purposes: a) for you to personally to give consideration, and/or to share with your fellow Legionnaires for their consideration.

Ralph Jacob has served faithfully for several years as the American Legion Severe Officer at VA Palo Alto Hospital. Last June he announced that he would be retiring at the end of the year. He is in his final two month of service and would like to train someone before his departure.

For years there has been an American Legion representative at the hospital in this particular role as a Service Representative. The Veterans of Foreign Wars and Disabled American Veterans also HAD a representative assisting in this work. But apparently there are vacancies in there ranks. Contact Gene Famucchi at **gbf22sj@aol.com** or Ralph Jacob **bocaj1999@yahoo.com** if interested.

From Ralph Jacob:

This is to let everyone know that I am leaving the post of American Legion Service Rep at VA Palo Alto at the end of Dec. I took the position 2 years ago until a replacement could be found. I have let the leaders of each district know that I needed a replacement. I have notified the staff at VA Palo Alto that when the new outpatient clinic in San Jose opens I would be willing to volunteer there 1 day a week.

Unless one of you or a member from District 13 steps up to take the position at the VA Palo Alto campus the system will have only a representative from Paralyzed Veterans of America to assist them with claims.

The work is not hard and can be quickly learned. I have enjoyed working with those who need help especially the Korean vets who have never made a claim before. I work 2 days a week, 6 hours each day. It is a paid position at $12/ hr., so it is mostly volunteer. You can set days and hours. Please contact me at 408 476 4030 for more info.

Ralph Jacob
Second Vice Commander:

This year is quickly coming to an end and the Post has several activities planned for our membership and community alike.

Veterans Craft Faire: The annual Veterans Craft Faire will be held at Post 419 on Saturday, Nov. 4th, from 10:00am – 3:00pm, and will have several handmade crafts and collectibles for sale. Admission is free with net profits going to the veterans programs. It’s a good time to purchase those unique holiday gifts from local crafters.

Veterans Day Parade: The San Jose Annual Veterans Day Parade will be held on Saturday, Nov. 11th, in downtown San Jose. As usual, Post 419 will be represented along with District 13, and we’re currently planning to have four vehicles from Post 419 with some marchers participating this year. We encourage Legion, SONS and Auxiliary members who are capable of walking to please join us and represent your organization. It’s one of the few times that the Legion Family can all be represented at one time to the public.

The public wants to see you and those organizations who support our Veterans!
Be proud of what and who you represent!

Santa Clara Veterans Day Ceremony: The City of Santa Clara will hold their annual Veterans Day ceremony at Central Park on Kiely Ave. on Saturday, Nov. 11th, starting at 3:00pm. Post 419 will provide members for the Honor Guard services plus there will be guest speakers from the local government officials, veteran service organizations and the military. Come on out and enjoy the ceremony.

Thanks for Giving Dinner: A traditional Thanksgiving Dinner is scheduled for Thursday, Nov. 16, starting at 5:00pm. The purpose of this Dinner is to honor and give thanks to those who have served and are currently serving in our Armed Forces. Lastly we give “Thanks” to all Post 419 volunteers and donors from the Legion, SONS and the Auxiliary, for without you and your service, this Post cannot survive and support our veterans, active military and their families and the local community. Tickets are $20.00 for an individual or $140.00 for a full table of 8. We are currently arranging for a few military families from a local military organization to come and enjoy a nice Thanksgiving Dinner here at the Post. All donations are greatly appreciated and helps the Post give back, which is one of the reasons why we exist.

Legion Family Christmas Party: Dinner and dance to be held on Saturday, Dec. 16th, from 5:00pm-10:00pm. Music by the Island Wave Band. Tickets are $30.00 per person.

New Year’s Eve Party: Dinner and Dance on Saturday, Dec. 31st, from 12:00pm – 6:00pm. Music by DJ Ken. Tickets for $40.00 per person.

These events are put together for several reasons such as supporting our veterans programs, and for socializing with your family and friends. It’s important that you come out and support these programs so that we may continue to have them in the future.

We thank you all for your support!

Rick Gundo
Second Vice Commander
The American Legion Needs Your Help Protecting TRICARE Benefits!

Contact Your Members of Congress Now

(October 23, 2017)

Last year, Congress increased TRICARE costs for military retirees and their families who enter the military after January 1, 2018.

Current military retirees and their family members are exempt from these cost increases. However, Congress is now considering legislation that would remove this exemption.

As of now, the Senate is primarily pushing for these changes.

This proposal would result in higher TRICARE fees for military retirees, including pharmacy copayments, which are already three times higher than they were in 2011, and enrollment costs for certain plans, such as the new Select plan, would nearly triple.

There is an inherent cost of fielding a professional, all-volunteer military, and the promise of a modest stipend immediately upon retirement and inexpensive health care are keys to retaining our best and brightest service members.

The American Legion will not stand idly by while Congress continues to rob Peter to pay Paul and we need your assistance in telling Congress “No!”

Take Action: Contact your Senators and Representative to demand that they reject any proposal that would result in TRICARE fee increases for current beneficiaries, and let them know that veterans have paid for their benefits through blood, sweat, and tears many times over.
Happy November:

At the time that I am writing this, we are just days away from our Unit’s biggest fundraiser. I speak of the Halloween Monster Fun Bash Dinner and Dance. I want to thank all of you for your help to make the event a successful one. From the catering, to the decorating, to buying your tickets. This year, we decided to donate all of our raffle earnings to a veteran named Matt Waters. Matt, his wife, and 5 year old child welcomed a new baby into their life on October 8th, and then lost their home in Santa Rosa from the fires on October 9th. I want to send a special thanks to Linda McHaffie. Not only did she bring Matt’s situation to our attention, but she also made and donated the lovely baskets for the raffle. Thank you Linda for all of your hard work.

Maydean Grundstrom has been keeping me informed of the Unit’s membership goals. Ladies, we are well on our way to making goal this year. Thank you to all of you that have paid your dues already. If you haven’t had the chance to pay them yet, please contact Maydean.

Our next meeting is November 8th. Social hour is at 6:00pm, with the meeting starting at 7:00pm. Also, our Unit is hosting the District 13 meeting at our post on November 19th. We will be serving a Continental breakfast starting at 9:00am for $5. I would like as many of our members in attendance as possible.

The Post is hosting their annual Veterans Craft Faire on November 4th. Let’s show our support by attending. Every year we have many local crafters that bring "one of a kind" gifts and art, at amazing prices. For the holidays you can shop small, shop local, and support our Veterans.

The Thanks For Giving Dinner is being held on November 16th. While this event has been hosted in years past by the SALs, this year it is a 419 family event. Meaning it is being hosted by the Post, the SALs, and the Auxiliary. This is a wonderful opportunity to share a meal with a Veteran, and give thanks for life's many blessings. For tickets, please contact Frances Borg.

Thank you ladies for all of your hard work and dedication. As we quickly roll into the holiday season, may we remember to count our blessings, and use this time to make life better for those around us.

May you have a happy Thanksgiving!

Until next time,

Your President
Callie
Chaplain’s Report:

I am sad to have to report that Fredrick W Martin - US Army, Korean War Veteran and Post 419 member for 18 years has transferred to Post Everlasting. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family and friends.

Gene Venechanos,
Chaplain

Squadron 419 Report:

Hello everyone, Fall is finally here and the holidays are right around the corner, and with that the last Honor Flight of the year is complete. I am really upset that only one member of the Sons participated and represented our squadron, and that was Kirk McClelland, and a big thank you is in order, If I would have known what date and time the last Honor Flight was I myself, would have gone and represented.

The Squadron have been operating without a finance officer since July and I’m really upset with the fact that the membership doesn't attend our monthly meetings and no one wants to take the initiative to step up and take on an officer’s position, or even volunteer for events.

This month I will be putting together a committee for the upcoming Rib Feed in May 2018. The holiday events are coming up quick and I will volunteer for at least one of them. I hope to see many of you there at the Thanks for Giving, the Christmas Party and New Year Eve Day party.

Sincerely
Jim Hoogesteger
SAL Squadron 419
Honor Flight Bay Area Foundation has completed a total of 15 Honor Flights offering 378 veterans a trip to Washington, D.C. to see their war memorials. Santa Clara Post 419 has been a very important asset in Honor Flight Bay Area’s success. Post 419 provides support for orientation and reunion meetings, wheelchair transport, and overall departure and welcome home support.

Kirk McClelland of Post 419’s Son’s Squadron has provided support by acting as an official photographer taking portrait pictures of the veterans and guardians and photographing the departure and welcome home events.

The ladies of Post 419’s auxiliary unit and other volunteers have provided support for the welcome home events and preparing meals for the orientation and reunion meetings.

Having completed the 2017 travel year, Honor Flight Bay Area is now preparing for 2018. A flight schedule will be released in December of this year. The schedule will be posted in future Reveille newsletters and posted on Honor Flight’s Web site – www.honorflightbayarea.org. In the meantime, veterans are encouraged to submit applications now. Applications are available at the Web site. Additionally, guardians are encouraged to submit applications.

On behalf of all the veterans who have participated and the board of directors of Honor Flight Bay Area Foundation, I thank Post 419 and all associated volunteers for your support. Post 419’s support has contributed greatly to the success of Honor Flight’s mission.

I hope to see you all in the future... some of you as veterans or guardians on future flights.

Don Newton
Co-Founder and Director
Past Commander – Post 419 and District 13
### 2016—2017 Calendar of Events

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Event Schedule Subject to Change

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**American Legion Fundraiser**

**Veterans Craft Faire**

**November 4, 2017**

**10 am - 3 pm**

American Legion Post 419  
958 Homestead, Santa Clara

**Buy American from Local Crafters And Support Veterans**

- Free Admission
- Hourly Drawings
- Hand Made Crafts & Collectibles
- Fundraiser for Veterans Programs

**Vendors Register**

By Oct 6th $40-$45 (After Add $10)  
Info email: eventsALA419@yahoo.com  
Cindy Newman (650) 219-1041  
Online Registration Available at [https://goo.gl/forms/qLKVo9Nr1lmboDj2](https://goo.gl/forms/qLKVo9Nr1lmboDj2)
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

“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

BUY YOUR TICKETS EARLY
408-243-5832 (Frances Borg) / 408-244-3050 (Post 419)

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### Upcoming Events & Meetings

**2017**

- **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
- **Dec 6** — Post Membership Meeting — 7:00 PM
- **Dec 7** — SON’S Membership Meeting — 7:00 PM
- **Dec 10** — Millennium Sound Big Band 3:00—6:00 pm
- **Dec 13** — Auxiliary Unit 419 Membership Meeting 7:00 PM
- **Dec 16** — Legion Family Christmas Party 5:00pm—10:00 pm
- **Dec 31** — Annual New Year Eve DAY Party 12:00pm—6:00pm

**2018**

- **Jan 3** — Post Membership Meeting — 7:00 PM
- **Jan 4** — SON’S Membership Meeting — 7:00 PM
- **Jan 7** — First Sunday Breakfast 9:00 am — 11:00 am
- **Jan 10** — Auxiliary Unit 419 Membership Meeting 7:00 PM
- **Feb 3** — Post CRAB FEED
- **Feb 4** — NO FIRST SUNDAY BREADFAST
- **Feb 7** — Post Membership Meeting — 7:00 PM
- **Feb 8** — SON’S Membership Meeting — 7:00 PM

Be sure to watch for our announcements of upcoming events. Join us on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/SantaClaraPost419) (Santa Clara Post 419), visit our website ([www.alpost419ca.org](http://www.alpost419ca.org)) or visit the Post to learn more.

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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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### 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 2018 TBD:**

- **Orientation**
- **Trip Dates:**
- **Reunion Date:** 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](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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### Don’t Forget Sunday Breakfast

**Nov 5th, Dec 1st 2017 – Jan 7, 2018**