COMMANDER’S CORNER:

TO BE OR NOT TO BE HAS ALWAYS BEEN THE QUESTION? To be a member of a Veterans Service origination such as The American Legion was what you asked yourself when you joined, but did you ask yourself what can I do for this origination? Should I just pay my dues and hope it is enough to help Veterans or my community or should I get involved and take part in it’s operation and programs? Here at Post 419 we do appreciate your membership but we would love to get to know you and your family and not just your name on the membership list. As you have seen in many of our newsletters, we have functions here at the post which are intended to raise funds to help veterans or other non-profits which specifically help veterans. Yes, we also rent our facility to the general public to use to help offset expenses to operate and maintain the facility.

As the Commander I would be remiss in not pointing out we need your personal participation in our Post as volunteers and be active members to assist and/or take the reigns of the origination to keep it functioning. In order for the latter to take place we need to train replacement personnel. For the most part most of the positons required little special knowledge to be functional, however being prepared to take leadership in any origination you must first understand the origination, its principals and policies, which means you need to be involved. So please come to our next month meeting meet the few people who are involve. Talk to them and see what you can do to help.

Gene Grundstrom
Commander  Post 419

The First Vice Commander:

I met William B. on one of my door to door neighborly greeting from Post 419. He was a Korea War Veteran and has been with post 1000 for 7 years. As soon as I rang the doorbell, the garage door started to open. I stuck my head in and saw an elderly man walking gingerly towards me. I stepped into the garage and identified myself. He looked rather tired and spoke with a very dried voice. As it turned out, his wife past away from cancer the previous week.

I listened while he talked about how he took care of her for many years and how he wished he had gotten off his rear end and joined the local post. He really would have liked the comradery that he so desperately needed. After a while, he sounded much more relaxed and we talked about the post.

He thanked me for coming. I told him that when he gets to Wisconsin, be sure to look for a local post. He said that I have opened it up for him to do exactly that. A transfer did not happened, but I was given an opportunity to do something special: “Veteran Helping Veteran”, “Neighbor Helping Neighbor”, or “Just Plan Human Kindness”.

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Mr. Akiyoshi; I grew up in Capistrano. Along with a small group of graduated high school classmates, they enter the Korea War. Even with a small group, a great percentage did not make it back. He has been out of The American Legion for vary reasons. Each time he was compelled to return due to the feeling of uneasiness in not supporting the veteran’s affair.

In one of his reinstatements, The American Legion gave him a complimentary gift of a U.S. Army Folding Knife. It has a half-serrated edge, fast and smooth assisted opening, liner lock system, handle 4 ½”, Blade 3 ½”, engraved on the blade: ‘Mfg. in China Japan Steel’, with carrying case. He is transferring to Post 419, and he has donated the knife to The Post. ‘Mfg. in China Japan Steel’, it may just be one of a kind. Everybody will get a chance marvel at it in the next general meeting on October 4th. It will be one of the raffling items, and some lucky person will be the new owner of this Unique U.S. Army Folding Knife.

I attended the District 13 meeting on September 9th. On July 1, 2017 (new fiscal year), post members stands at 439 members. District 13 gave us a target of 514 members to obtain 100%.

As always, thank you for your support in The American Legion. If you haven’t already, please renewal when you a chance.

Al Wong
First Vice Commander

Second Vice Commander:

Well the summer season just officially ended and now we’re starting the fall season with the ever changing weather patterns and the holiday season.

The Holiday Event Committee continues to shore up all details for the upcoming Thanks for Giving Dinner, the Christmas Dinner / Dance and the New Year’s Eve Dinner / Dance. You may recall that these events are being hosted by the Legion Family, which includes the Legion, the SONS and the Auxiliary.

The first of the three events will be the Thanks for Giving Dinner scheduled for Thursday, Nov. 16. The purpose of this Dinner is to honor and give thanks to those who have served and are currently serving in our Armed Forces. It also acknowledges those families of military personnel who cannot be with their military family members currently deployed during the holiday season. 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.

Speaking of support, we are reaching out to membership of the Legion Family to consider donating $20.00 for an individual or $140.00 for a full table of 8 of which we will invite 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.

We thank you all for your support!

Rick Gundo
Second Vice Commander
Happy Fall

Can you believe fall has arrived. Callie was unable to write to you this month but I want to let you know that Unit 419 is well on the way to another 100% year. As of this newsletter we are at 52.900% of our goal of 155, which means that 82 of our members have already renewed their 2018 membership, and I know the annual renewal notices just went out last month. For those of you who have renewed thank you. If you haven’t renewed yet our dues are still only $20.

On the Unit calendar is a special day. It is the annual Halloween dinner/dance. It will be held on Saturday October 28th at Post 419 legion hall at 958 Homestead Rd. Santa Clara, Ca. See the flyer for details and contact Frances Borg or someone at the Post 419 for tickets. Tickets are $25.00.

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Membership Chair
Chaplain’s Report

I am sad to have to report that William "Bill" Lewis, US Army Viet Nam Veteran and former Post 419 member has passed to Post Everlasting. Bill was a long time member and former Post Historian before transferring to Post 318 due to health. Our thoughts and prayers for his family.

Gene Venechanos,
Chaplain

Squadron 419 Report

Hi friends, another month has gone by, I do not have much to say this month, except the Surf City Luau went well. It was a learning experience for me, our friend and Sons member Kirk Mclellen did most of the work and I thank him and he should be praised for his hard work. I would also like to thank everyone else who participated in making the Surf City fundraiser happen. Everyone had a great time and we sold a lot of tickets, and had a big turnout. I would like to thank everyone for attending and I would like to give a big thank you to Dwayne Patterson for being our bartender and doing a fantastic job, kudos my friend.

Sincerely
Jim Hoogesteger
## 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/qJKVo9NR11mb0rDf2
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

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

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

Meet Santa Clause
Ride the Loco
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
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UPCOMING EVENTS & MEETINGS

2017

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
Oct 28 — Auxiliary Halloween Dinner/Dance 5:00 — 10:00 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
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

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

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.

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

Honoring 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: 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

Don’t Forget Sunday Breakfast Oct 1st, Nov 5th, Dec 1st 2017 – Jan 7, 2018