COMMANDER’S CORNER:

Christmas should be and is the time for the FAMILIES that we are all part of, our parents, our sisters and brothers, Aunts and Uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews. But family is also the brothers and sisters (comrade’s) who we have here in the American Legion family. You can be a close nit family or one that is one which you only see once or twice a year. I would like to think we are in the first category even though we only see each other few times a year or in some cases never. We are having a Legion Family Christmas dinner/dance on December 16th, this would be a great time for us to make sure that we do see each other that once or twice a year but it would also be a great time for us to meet those of you who have never been to Post 419 for any function, This includes members of the Post 419, Squadron 419 and Aux Unit 419. Wouldn’t it be great to finely meet those who have been down here and maybe you could strike up a more familiar (family) friendship. (see flyer below)

Of course we couldn’t end the calendar year without celebrating New Years Eve. This is a tradition in a lot of families that I know of, as it is with our Post 419 family. We have this party to keep alive the spirit of joy for the up coming year. Most of us started celebrating later in the evening until the early hours of the morning, but we can’t do that anymore. Now we hold our party from noon (12:00 pm to 6:00pm), so we can be home early, or maybe sneak out later and do it all over again. (see flyer below)

On November 16, 2017 the Post 419 family hosted a dinner for 5 active duty military members and their families (15) this dinner was to say thank you for their service to our country. Three of the members were junior enlisted (E4, E5) and two officers one a Captain and the Commanding officer of the MEP at Moffett Major Amantiad. The attendance of post, aux, son’ and friends of the post was outstanding, I believe we had over 100 people in attendance at this dinner and I personally want to thank each and every one of you for being so gracious and welcoming to our guest who were overwhelmed by this event.

As Members of the Legion one of the things we need to be aware of and need to notify our Department and National headquarter is how much time and expenses we give to the in volunteer services to the Legion and any other community origination which supports our veterans. This time is known as AMERICANISM. I have attach a .pdf form (PG. 4) which you should be able to print and complete and turn in to the post by the first of May each year. These figures are compiled and sent up the chain to National headquarters and is used by the National Commander when He/She reports to the U.S. Congress to help get benefits for our veterans. These figures not only come from the Legion but also the Sons of the Legion but also the Auxiliary.

One last thing; Last month I let you know that the Post is in NEED of an ADJUTANT. Unfortunately NO one has stepped up yet. I cannot stress enough how important it is to have a full time adjutant taking care of the business of the Post. PLEASE IF YOU KNOW ANYONE WHO WOULD BE WILLING TO TAKE ON THE POSITION LET ME KNOW.

Gene Grundstrom
Commander Post 419
First Vice Commander:

As promised, below is the membership status as of November 22, 2017. It appears that a great number of members that joined in the 2nd 6 months did not stay there. They became ‘early birds’, just like the 9 members in the month of November. That is the reason for the ‘low number’ of members in the Rohan’s ‘tough-to-renew’ list. It is possible that some that are currently in the 1st 6 months may end up in Rohan’s list next fiscal year. So, the conclusion is that there is no credence to Rohan’s ‘tough-to-renew’ months.

I am happy to have renewals from any list at any time. For the month of November, 19.51% of the outstanding has renewed, and that’s pretty good. I may need to update November’s status at the end of the month and each month for the rest of the fiscal year.

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Here’s a big ‘Welcome’ to the new members that joined Santa Clara Post 419 from August to November 2017.

New: **Dennis Lee** - Army, Vietnam / **Rob Dunk** – Army, Vietnam

Reinstated: **David Thomas** – Navy, Panama / **Wendy Lone-Bear** – Coast Guard, Persian Gulf / **Christophar Martinez** - Persian Gulf

Transfers: **Alfred Sutcliffe** – Navy, Vietnam / **Thomas Tennyson III** – Army, Vietnam

**Larry Johnson** – Navy, Vietnam / **Robert Dougherty** - Air Force, Korea

**Earl Jeske** – Army, Vietnam / **John Galvin** - Air Force, Lebanon/Grenada

**Robert Lewis** – Navy, Vietnam / **Jon Gravelly** – Navy, Vietnam

**James Cole** - Air Force, Korea / **Akiyoshi Iwata** – Army, Korea

**Michael Cully** – Army, Vietnam / **Eugene Johnson** –Navy, Vietnam


**Tom Stillson** – Navy, Vietnam / **Antonio Scarcella** – Army, Korea

Thank you all Post members for your support, wish you all a Wonderful Holiday, and see you at the Post’s Holiday Dinner/Dance.

Al Wong
First Vice Commander
Second Vice Commander:

Happy Holidays Everyone!

The Post has been very busy lately starting with the anticipated Craft Faire on Nov. 4th, which unfortunately due to a power outage that morning, had to be cancelled and rescheduled for Sat., Dec. 9th. So please come and join us on the 9th for some nice handmade crafts and collectibles.

Then on Sat., Nov. 11th, Post 419 participated in the annual San Jose Veterans Day Parade as well as providing Honor Guard services in the afternoon at Santa Clara’s Central Park. The “Thanks for Giving” Dinner sponsored by the Legion, the SONS and the Auxiliary on Thursday, Nov. 16th, was very successful with a nice traditional Thanksgiving dinner and most importantly, with some active military and their families joining us. Very much appreciated by all who attended.

The Holiday Event Committee, made up of Legion, SONS and AUX members, is now actively working on preparations for the upcoming Christmas Dinner Party on Sat., Dec. 16th, with tickets for $30.00 per person and the New Year’s Eve Party on Sun., Dec. 31st, with tickets at $40.00 per person.

I’ve already started preparing for the Annual Crab which will be held on Sat., Feb. 3rd, so please put it on your calendar to come and enjoy a great crab feast.

As a reminder, these events are put together for several reasons such as supporting our veterans programs, maintaining the building and equipment, 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 for your support and wish you and your family safe and Happy Holidays!

Rick Gundo
Second Vice Commander

Squadron 419 Report:

Hi Folks, another month has gone by so fast, once again. The Veterans Day parade was extremely fun for all of us who participated, my son was thrilled to meet Al Tortolano, and it was great seeing 2 heros from 2 different wars decades apart, shaking hands and talking. The Thanks For Giving dinner had a great turnout, and it was a real pleasure to have honored several active duty families, at the dinner, the evening was very enjoyable.

Sincerely
Jim Hoogesteger
Commander Squadron 419
Form Revised 2010
THE AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA
AMERICANISM REPORT
POST NAME ___________________________ POST NUMBER ______ DISTRICT ___ AREA ___

Post Membership Groups
- 100 & Under
- 101-200
- 201 - 350
- 351 - 500
- 501 - 750
- 751 & up

Paid Membership ___________________ (Please attach supplemental as needed)

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Posts are to forward report to District Advisory Chairman not later than May 30

QUESTIONS: Call your Area Commissioner
Signed by the Americanism Chairman or Post Officer
Happy December:

November was a very busy month for us, but a wonderful month indeed! We partnered with the Post and the Sons to co-host the Thanks For Giving dinner, and it turned out to be very successful. The military families that were our guests had a lovely time, and my heart was happy to see that every one of the raffle prizes won by members was donated to them. Thank you. I want to send out a big thank you to Linda McHaffie for making and donating the baskets, and a to Francis Borg for selling the dinner tickets and the drawing tickets.

We also participated in the Veterans Day Parade in downtown San Jose. It was great to see so many members in attendance. Thank you to Cheryl Rafferty for donating her time and her car to drive us through the parade in style. And thank you to Maydean Grundstrom for cooking hotdogs and feeding us and the boy scouts afterward.

December is looking very bright as we march through the holiday season. Lucille David did an amazing job of collecting stuffed animals that have been donated to the Chandler Tripp School. Maydean has been diligently working on our membership goals, and I am proud to say that we are #1 in our district. If you have yet to pay your dues, please get them to Maydean ASAP. It is because of our members that we are able to fund our support to our veterans.

Our next meeting is on December 13th, at 7pm, with social hour at 6pm. It is a short meeting, followed by a potluck so that we may celebrate the holiday season together. In addition to bringing a dish, please bring a new or gently used stuffed animal, approximately 12-18" in height. These are to kick off our donation to Chandler Tripp for next year.

The annual Family Christmas party is being held on December 16th. Again, this is being hosted by all 3 branches of the American Legion family, and should be a marvelous time. Please contact Francis Borg for tickets. We will need a few members willing to help set up and decorate for the event. If you are able to spare an hour or two, please let me know.

May your December be Merry and Bright. I hope to see you soon.

Callie Russell

Chaplain’s Report:

I am sad to have to report that Anthony Alves - US Navy, WWII Veteran and Legion member for 71 years has transferred to Post Everlasting. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family and friends.

Gene Venechanos,
Chaplain
### 2016—2017 Calendar of Events

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Event Schedule Subject to Change

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**American Legion Fundraiser**

**Veterans Craft Faire**

**New Date:** December 9, 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 Nov 17th $40-$45 (After Add $10)

Info email: eventsALA419@yahoo.com
Cindy Newman (650) 219-1041

Online Registration Available at [https://goo.gl/forms/qfKv9hr1lmzOrDf2](https://goo.gl/forms/qfKv9hr1lmzOrDf2)
Veterans Day 2017 - As usual confusion turned to coordination and our part in the parade turned out great.

2017—Events

“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)

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 Claus

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.

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**UPCOMING EVENTS & MEETINGS**

**2017**

Dec 3 — 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 5:00 pm — 10:00 pm  
Dec 31 — Annual New Year Eve DAY Party 12:00 pm — 6:00 pm  

**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 BREAKFAST  
Feb 7 — Post Membership Meeting — 7:00 PM  
Feb 9 — Sweetheart Dinner/Dance — 5,6,7:00-10:00 pm  
Feb 8 — SON’s Membership Meeting — 7:00 PM  
Feb 14 — Auxiliary Unit 419 Membership Meeting 7:00 PM  
Mar 4 — First Sunday Breakfast 9:00—11:00 am  
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Mar 14 — Auxiliary Unit 419 Membership Meeting 7:00 PM  
Mar 17 — St Patrick’s Day Dinner/Dance 5,6,7:00-10:00 pm  

**HONORING OUR WWII VETERANS**

**Honor Flight Bay Area 2018**

**Flight Schedule TBD**

Honor Flight Bay Area Foundation, an authorized affiliate of The Honor Flight Network. If you are a WWII or Korean War veteran who has NOT had the opportunity to visit your National Memorial in Washington, D.C., please contact us. This is an all expense paid trip for our WWII or Korean War veterans.

**The schedule for 2018 TBD:**

- **Orientation**
- **Trip Dates:**
- **Reunion Date:**

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

**ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS**

**DON’T FORGET SUNDAY BREAKFAST**  
Dec 1st 2017 — Jan 7, Feb “NO Breakfast” , Mar 4, 2018

**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.

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