COMMANDER’S CORNER:

Meetings, meetings, meetings. It seems that is what this job is all about. There is the usual monthly meeting that need to be attended but there is also special ones that comes up. This month there was two special meetings the first was a meeting with the Silicon Valley Power representatives who came by to interview us and see what we would need if we were to convert to Solar Power. It seems that we are in the running for a grant to provide solar panels to not for profit organizations. This is a program which SVP has had for a while and which will be ending this year. At the time of this meeting there were still five (5) groups in the running for the grant. The names will be sent to SVP customers who signed up to support this program several years ago and will vote to select the recipient, we should have an answer by the end of January or early February. More information to come as we receive it.

The next major meeting was our District 13 meeting. The Commander, Sherry Henry, was very pleased with the efforts being made by the Post to renew and recruit members into the American Legion. Currently the District is in 10th place out of 30 districts in the state.

One of the Districts big programs is Boys State. John Forrett, our District 1st Vice Commander, has assumed the duties of chairman for Boys State. He handed out the application packets for the 2018 year. Post 419/SON’s Squadron 419 is planning on sponsoring 4 boys this year. 3 boys from the Post and 1 from the Son’s or maybe 2 from each. The decision will be made this month.

Our next District meeting are scheduled as follows, March 1st hosted by Post 217 in Gilroy, April 17 at Post 99 in Campbell, and the Caucus will be on June 3, Post TBD (Post 419 if they can’t find another venue). If you can attend any District meeting please do so all members are welcome.

The Department Executive Committee (DEC) meeting will be held in Santa Maria on March 9-11 and the next Area II meeting will be March 24 at the War Memorial Building in San Francisco.

The Department Convention is scheduled for June 2018 and at this time the District will be staying at the Best Western hotel in Roseville CA.

As you can see there are a lot of meetings and the most important thing is that we have representatives who are authorized and qualified to attend. Remember we have the Delegates nomination in March, election in April and the Officers nomination in April and the election in May. PLEASE start thinking of candidate for any and all position. WE WILL NEED NEW LEADERSHIP SOON.

Other than that the Post is holding its own, but could use more help in the area of promoting the rental of the hall which not only gives us revenue for the bill s but also for our veterans, children and youth and community programs. So if you hear of anyone wanting to rent a hall for whatever please have them contact the Post.

Gene Grundstrom - Commander
1st Vice Commander:

‘Strength comes from Membership’ - Denise H. Rohan, National Commander
Jan 11, 2018

Membership is the lifeblood of the organization. When the Legion deliver a message on Capitol Hill, it does so on behalf of over 3 million members of The American Legion family. The American Legion Family, comprises of The Legion, Auxiliary, and Sons of The American Legion. All members of your family are eligible to be an active member of The American Legion Family.

‘Welcome’ to the new and returning members that were accepted to the Post in January’s general meeting.

New: John J Baribault - Army, Gulf
Reinstated: Harold Patterson - Navy
            David A William - Marines, Vietnam

For the new members and a reminder for current members, ‘General Meetings’ are on the first Wednesday of the month at 7:00 P.M. Get a drink at the member’s bar, have a seat in the hall, and be entertained or be informed and vote on some of the pending issues.

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With 401 member paid-up-date for 2018, giving us a 78.02% towards the goal set by the district. We are the only post in district 13 that have over 400 members. The next largest post has a membership of 264. However, we only ranked fourth in our target goal.

Did you know that a post in Newport Beach Harbor has over 3,366 members? And they are only at 86% of their target goal of 3,911. They need 545 more members for 100%, and we just need 113. I think with a little help, we can get 113 before they can get 545.

February is ‘Crab Feed’ and ‘Sweetheart Dinner/dance’. Do one, do both, and/or see you at the general meeting.

Al Wong
First Vice Commander
Squadron 419 Report:
Hi friends, another month has gone by, and we are well into the winter season, and flu season, I hope all of you had your flu shot and are staying healthy. Last month I mentioned that the SONS where planning to go to Rohnert Park to make a donation to a fire victim from Post 21 in Santa Rosa. Three of us, Steve Villegas, Jeff Driskel and I, went there last month, and had a really nice lunch with the couple who lost their home in the fire, and one other member of Post 21. We talked and when the couple told how they only had minutes to evacuate, and only managed to save his truck, her car and their cat, and as they drove away watching the tree at the end of their driveway going up in flames, brought tears to my eyes. Before we left, we presented them with our donation check, and the wife fought off tears as the Veteran accepted the check. I never felt so good in my life, to be able to do something like that for someone in need.

Just a reminder, the SONS have a event coming up April 21st, which is our Sock Hop.

I also would like to remind the SONS members to please get your money in for your membership cards if you haven't already done so, thank you.

Until next month, stay healthy, and be safe

Jim Hoogesteger—Squadron 419 Commander
Chaplain’s Report:

Due to other commitments I have decided to step down as Post 419 Chaplain. I have talked to the Commander and recommended that Charley Wilson be my replacement. I want to thank you for all your support, I will still be around and if you need assistance let me know and I will get you to the right person for help.

The Four Chaplains Memorial service is scheduled for February 3rd at St Frances Cabrini Church from 10:00 - 11:00 am.

All are welcome, many Veterans Organization will be in attendance as well as the general public.

American Legion Post — Squadron and Auxiliary please bring your colors for the ceremony.

See flyer below.

Gene Venechanos
Chaplain Post 419

I want to thank Gene Venechanos for his service as Chaplain for Post 419. He has done an outstanding job and will be remembered by many families for his kindness and service. Because of his resignation and recommendation I am appointing Charley Wilson the Chaplain for Post 419.

If you hear of any member or members family who is sick, in the hospital or a member has gone to Post Everlasting please contact Charley at 408-258-3416 or email charleythecrow@gmail.com

Gene Grundstrom
Commander Post 419

Notice from Auxiliary Unit 419

Due to circumstances out of our control I have decided to Cancel the ‘Hearts for Veteran Dance’ scheduled for Friday February 9, 2018.

Callie Russel
President Unit 419
AMERICAN LEGION
POST 419

ANNUAL ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT Crab Feed!

Saturday, Feb. 3, 2018 @ 6:00pm
Doors Open: 4:30pm

JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL CRAB FEED
Serving crab, salad, and garlic bread
ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT FOR $50.00
Lucky Drawing Prizes
Full Service Bar
Beverages not included in pricing.

FOR TICKETS CONTACT:
FRANCES @ 408-243-5832 or
POST 419 @ 408-244-3050 or
STOP BY POST 419

TICKETS LIMITED!
Proceeds Support Post 419 and It’s Veteran Support Programs.

958 Homestead Rd., Santa Clara, CA 95051
Phone: 408-244-3050 WEB SITE: alpost419ca.org
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### Upcoming Events & Meetings 2018

- **Feb 1** — SON’s 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 9** — Hearts for Veteran Dance — 7:00-10:00 pm
- **Feb 14** — Auxiliary Unit 419 Membership Meeting 7:00 PM
- **Feb 18** — BIG BAND 3:00 PM TO 6:00 PM

- **Mar 1** — SON’s Membership Meeting — 7:00 PM
- **Mar 4** — First Sunday Breakfast 9:00-11:00 am
- **Mar 7** — Post Membership Meeting — 7:00 PM
- **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

- **Apr 1** — First Sunday Breakfast 9:00-11:00 am
- **Apr 4** — Post Membership Meeting — 7:00 PM
- **Apr 5** — SON’s Membership Meeting — 7:00 PM
- **Apr 6** — Delegate Fundraiser dinner
- **Apr 11** — Auxiliary Unit 419 Membership Meeting 7:00 PM
- **Apr 21** — SON’s SOCK HOP

- **May 2** — Post Membership Meeting — 7:00 PM
- **May 3** — SON’s Membership Meeting — 7:00 PM
- **May 9** — Auxiliary Unit 419 Membership Meeting 7:00 PM
- **May 11** — Legion/SON’s/Auxiliary Installation Dinner
- **May 19** — SON’s Rib-Feed dinner

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### Activities and Events

#### 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.

- **Orientation:** Mar 25, May 20, Sept 9, Sept 30
- **Trip 16:** Depart Sunday April 8 — Return Tuesday April 10
- **Trip 17:** Depart Sunday June 3 — Return Tuesday June 5
- **Trip 18:** Depart Thursday Sept 20 — Return Sept 22
- **Trip 19:** Depart Thursday Oct 11 — Return Oct 13

- **Reunion Date:** May 6, Jun 24, Oct 14, Nov 4????????

- 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

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#### 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.

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#### 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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#### 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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**Don’t Forget Sunday 2017 Breakfast**  
Feb "NO Breakfast", Mar 4, Apr 1, 2018