COMMANDER’S CORNER:

To the Membership of American Legion Post 419. For the past few years I have been publishing this newsletter for your information. I know have touched on a lot of subjects and passed on a lot of information. I have asked for information which you have come across which effects us as members of The American Legion and for Veterans in particular. What we have been publishing is things which are only going on at the post, which is important but so is the other type of information. Again I am asking for your help in disseminate other information. If you have information which we should put out please send it to me.

Back to post business. Important goings on will be at our March 7th meeting we will be nomination our delegates to our to your Department Convention and District 13 meetings. It is these members who would vote to accept or reject proposal or resolutions which come before these events. If you don't have a vote, these bodies can pass rules which may have direct action on your membership. It is these delegates who can bring ideas of how to help veterans or their families. It is these delegates who can learn the leadership roles of our Commanders and their officers through observing procedures. It is these delegates who can become the future of the Posts, District’s, or even Departments of The American Legion. So you can see the importance of having your thoughts of wants and needs passed on from your post to the District and Department. So please attend our meetings let your voices be heard, what do you want or what can you do for Post 419 and our Veterans.

All that said, we will elect these delegates at our April 4th meeting we will open nominations for the officers who will lead our post for the 2018-2019 Legion year. There will be a need to elect Commander, 1st Vice Commander 2nd Vice Commander and three (3) members at large for the Executive Committee. The Commander elect will appoint an Adjutant, Finance Officer, Chaplain, Sgt-at-Arms, Historian, Judge Advocate and the Service Officer. The election of these officers and appointment are critical to keeping Post 419 open and operating. If you wish to continue to be a member of an active Post 419 PLEASE ATTEND THESE MEETINGS.

All the officers of a post are working positions, but the bulk of the day to day operations falls on a couple of them, the Adjutant, who in charge of the communication of the post, and the transmittal of the members renewal to Department, the Finance Officer who is in charge of the finances of the post and the documenting of funds to special projects or the general operation of the post such as paying the bills. The position of Chaplain is spiritual guidance of the members and the families, and to interface with families in sickness or death. The Sargent at Arms is in charge of Post rituals, setting up the hall for meetings, placing of the colors, seeing that legion rituals are carried out correctly, and assisting the Commander during the meetings. The Judge Advocate need to be familiar with the Post, District, Department and National Constitution and By-laws and to be able to adjudicate any disagreements. Lastly the Service Officer position is to assist veterans in need, or help them with VA questions about benefits and VA Claims. These positions are really not that hard to perform it just requires a some time each week to keep up with the process. Please step up help out your fellow legionnaires keep this the best Post in District 13.

Gene Grundstrom
Commander Post 419
1st Vice Commander:

We are at 80.74% of target with 415 members with dues up to date.

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337 members resides in Santa Clara County, with 48 members living out of the area:

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Angels Camp Daly City Mendocino Redding Santa Cruz (2)
Antelope Fremont (5) Monterey Redwood City Scotts Valley
Aptos Galt Napa Rocklin Stockton
Atwater Glendale Novato Roseville (2) Turlock
Auburn Lincoln Palm Desert Sacramento Waterford
Ben Lomond Livermore Paradise (2) San Leandro (2) West Hills
Burney Los Banos Patterson San Martin

25 members out of State:

Alabama Florida Minnesota Nevada (3) Texas
Arizona (6) Hawaii North Carolina Oklahoma Washington
Colorado (3) Idaho (2) New Mexico Oregon (2)

And 5 members out of the country:

Philippines (5)

Thank you all for your support to The Post and The Legion. It takes all of us to get our membership to the current level.

As I said before, we are the only post in District 13 with over 400 members. In the CA Department, only 26 of 454 posts has over 400 members on their rosters.

Welcome to the February’s transfers, some are still pending completion of transfer from post 1000.

Anthony K Girdley - Army, Vietnam
Richard Hodgkinson - Navy, Vietnam
Sean C Pasin - Army, Persian Gulf

Al Wong
First Vice Commander

Chaplain’s Report:

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 Wilson at 408-258-3416 or email charleythecrow@gmail.com
Second Vice Commander:

Well I’m very pleased to announce that the 2018 Crab Feed netted out $4,603.67, which was the most successful Crab Feed since 2014 when we netted out approx. $6,200.00. It was a bit scary with the crabs being scarce and a hold on the season by Fish and Game but it all worked out just fine. Many thanks to all of our volunteers who decorated and worked the event; Gene Grundstrom, Maydean Grundstrom, Joan Doolittle, Bonnie Gundo, Paul Rivera, Steve Villegas, Gene Venechanos, Terry Alameda, Jeff Driskell, Diana Quinn, Sylvia Venechanos, Rich Souza, Kirk McClelland, John Quinn, Stan Ferro, Louis Borg and especially Frances Borg who continued to sell those tickets. I’d also like to thank the Members Club bartenders for their support in selling tickets as well. That’s what volunteerism is all about!

Tickets are now available for our next event, which is the St. Patrick’s Dinner and Dance scheduled for Saturday, March 17th, and priced at $30.00 per person. The dinner will be catered by Armondo’s Catering, who will provide the buffet of traditional Irish dishes of corned beef, cabbage, potatoes, carrots, onions, apple sauce, and bread and butter. After dinner, you can dance into the evening with the Island Wave Band. Please plan to join us for a very nice evening.

Another event in the works is the 2018 Car Show with the first Committee Meeting held recently at the Post. Put the event on your calendar for Saturday, June 9th. Again this is our largest event for creating revenue for our Veteran’s programs.

Speaking of Veteran’s programs that we support, the March Monthly Membership Meeting will have three quests attending, who will each receive a $1,000.00 donation towards their non-profit organization. These funds are from the 2017 Car Show, which we delayed disbursing due to some tough financial conditions in 2017. However we’re back in shape now and we’ll close this out at the meeting on March 7th. Please plan to attend so you can see what worthy programs we support to help the Veterans in need.

Lastly, the Post is again putting out a request for wicker baskets which we can use to create the Lucky Drawing gifts at our fundraisers. It is greatly appreciated.

Rick Gundo
Second Vice Commander

Squadron 419 Report:

Hi friends, another month has gone by, and this month (March), will be a important and buisy one for the SONS, as at the next up coming monthly meeting, we will be nominating officers for the upcoming year. It is most important that as many as possible attend the meeting, we will need people to step up to the plate and take officer positions. In April we will be voting in new officers, also this month, preparations for our Sock Hop in April, and the Rib Feed in May will start, THESE ARE SONS EVENTS, WE WILL NEED SONS VOLUNTEERS!!!!! So step up to the plate please, I recently saw my friend 2 time Grammy nominated country artist Tim Murphy at a show on February 18th, after the show we where talking, and he is very excited to perform at our Rib Feed, and will be getting with me soon to work out the details, until next month take care and God Bless

Sincerely Jim Hoogesteger
We have been selected to host a luncheon for our National and our Department Presidents on May 5th. This luncheon is open to our two neighboring districts, and should be a nice turn out. The luncheon will consist of Beef Barbacoa, and Grilled Talapia. Tickets are $15 each. If you are interested in attending, please let me know. I can be reached at callielrussell@gmail.com.

March 18th is our district meeting, which will be held in Gilroy at post 217. The meeting will start at 10am, with breakfast being served for a donation at 9am.

I would like everyone to start thinking about who will fill the officer and chair positions for the coming year. Please bring your suggestions to the next meeting, which will be held on March 14th at 7pm. Social hour will start at 6pm. Thank you.

Callie Russell
Unit 419 President

American Legion Riders

American Legion Riders Hit 2,000 Chapters Nationwide!

Currently, 106,000 American Legion Riders (ALR) meet in two thousand chapters in every domestic department and in at least three foreign countries. Riders in Iowa have formed an honor guard called The Five Star Freedom Riders, and Riders in Mulvane, Kansas, founded the Patriot Guard to protect the sanctity of military funerals from protesters. Riders in all states have escorted military units returning home from combat tours overseas, conducted massive cross-country fundraising events for wounded warriors from all services, and have raised millions of dollars for countless local, state and national charities.

The 2015 Legacy Run the total raised was a record $1,249,684.13 for The American Legion Legacy Fund, which provides college scholarships for the children of fallen military personnel who died on active duty on or since Sept. 11, 2001.

True to the Legion's grassroots tradition, each chapter manages its programs at the post level, where the best ideas are born.

The Riders are part of many projects and events, including: Rolling Thunder, the annual POW/MIA rally in Washington on Memorial Day weekend. Annual regional rides such as Operation Wounded Warrior, sponsored by Riders in Nevada, Texas, New Mexico, Utah, Arizona, California and other Western states.

Local charity events in support of The American Legion and local communities. Raising money for VA hospitals, women and children centers, children and youth centers, schools and other facilities.

Sponsoring or participating in motorcycle runs to benefit numerous charities. Local memorial ceremonies and community parades.

The American Legion Legacy Run, an annual cross-country fundraising ride from National Headquarters in Indianapolis to the national convention city.

Riding to honor fallen military men and women, and to protect the sanctity of their funerals from those who would dishonor their memory. Escorting military units to departure airfields and airports for combat tours overseas, and welcoming them.
Millennium Sounds Orchestra

Big Band Swing, Jazz & Latin

Sunday “March 11th”
3:00 6:00pm
Dancing—No Host Cocktail

American Legion Post 419
958 Homestead Road Santa Clara

COVER CHARGE $5.00
SNACKS AVAILABLE

Open to the Public
ST. PATRICK’S DINNER and DANCE
Date: Saturday, March 17, 2018
Doors Open: 4:30 pm
Dinner Starts: 6:00 pm
Menu: Corned Beef & Cabbage
Dance to the ISLAND WAVE BAND: 7:00 – 10:00pm
Lucky Drawing Prizes
Full Service Bar  (Beverages not included in pricing)
Price: $30 per person

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

Proceeds Support Post 419 and It’s Veteran Support Programs

958 HOMESTEAD RD., SANTA CLARA, CA 95050
Phone: 408-244-3050  WEB SITE: alpost419ca.org
Spaghetti Feed

Menu
Spaghetti & Meat Balls
Green Salad &
Garlic bread
(Sauce by Maydean)

April 6, 2017
$25.00
Doors Open 5:00pm
Dinner 6:00pm
Dancing 7:00 -10:00 pm
Music by
TBD

Help support our delegate’s expenses
Annual California American Legion Convention in
Sacramento, CA.
For Tickets contact Post 419
(408)244-3050, or Gene @ (408) 203-8162
or Frances @ (408) 243-5832
2018 COMING EVENTS

SOCK HOP!!!
APRIL 21st
2018

(SATURDAY NIGHT)

MUSIC BY D. J. Ken

TICKETS TBD

TIME
DOORS OPEN AT 5PM
DINNER AT 6PM
DANCING AT 7pm

SHOW OFF YOUR STYLE
BRING YOUR SWEETHEART
POODLE SKIRTS, JEANS,
DIPPITY DO/B
HAVE SOME FUN

DANCING FROM 7 - 10 PM
COME AND SUPPORT THE SONS OF AMERICAN LEGION FUNDRAISER
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Event Schedule Subject to Change
UPCOMING EVENTS & MEETINGS

2018

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 11 — Millennium Sound Band 3:00pm—6:00pm
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
Apr 22 — Millennium Sound Band 3:00pm—6:00pm

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

Jun 3 — First Sunday Breakfast 9:00-11:00 am
Jun 6 — Post Membership Meeting — 7:00 PM
Jun 7 — SON’s Membership Meeting—7:00 PM
Jun 9 — Car Show 10:00am - 3:00pm
Jun 13 — Auxiliary Unit 419 Membership Meeting 7:00 PM
Jun 21—24 AL Department Convention (SACRAMENTO)

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.

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

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.

DON’T FORGET SUNDAY 2018 BREAKFAST Mar 4, Apr 1, May 6, 2018