COMMANDER’S CORNER:

Are you ready to start the fourth quarter of the legion year. This is the time for planning for next years leaders. Post’s throughout the state will be holding their elections of delegates to represent them at their district meeting and at the California Department convention. The big question is do we have the personnel on board to take over the leadership and running of Post 419. Someone with leadership abilities, particularly someone with new ideas on promoting our post in Veterans programs or membership.

I am sure that there are members out there with just these qualification, members who can make Post 419 the best in District 13. As I have written before we elect our Commander, 1st and 2nd Vice Commanders, and the following are appointed by the incoming Commander; - Adjutant, Finance Officer, Chaplain, Sgt-at-Arms, Service Officer, Historian and Judge Advocate. This year’s nomination will be Wednesday April 4th and the election will be held at the membership meeting on May 2nd. These positions do require commitment and some work, some more than others, but it is not anything that requires a 40 hour week to handle, unless you want it to. The American Legion also 26 committees on special programs. These can be found on the Department website. We should be working on at least two or three of these programs for the Post 419 in support of Veterans, Activity Duty personnel, their children and families and again it is not a 24/7 job, only what you can contribute as a volunteer.

An example we do support the Boys State Program and Cub Scouts which has only required maybe 10 to 12 hours a year which includes a few meeting. Recently I was approached from someone who is heavily involved with Little League and would like us to get involved, maybe we could start support/sponsoring a team that could represent Post 419. Again these take volunteers who are committed to work the programs. These are just a couple programs, check the list maybe there is something that is more to your interest. Bring your idea to the membership meeting and lets take a look at it.

Again as I have asked in the past WHAT will it take to get you as a member of The American Legion Post 419 to come to a meeting and get involved?

Gene Grundstrom
Commander Post 419
1st Vice Commander:

We are 83.07\% of district target with 427 paid to date. As of date, 52 non-renewals and 43 new members added.

Welcome February’s transfers. Some are still pending completion of transfer from post 1000.

Robert Gordon - Army, Persian Gulf  
Lawrence O’neill - Navy, Korea/Vietnam

James Harford - Army, Vietnam  
Joseph Mallet - Navy, Korea

Robert Michael - Navy, Vietnam  
James Matthews - Army, Korea

Dennis Vance - Air Force, Vietnam  
Paul J Douglas - Air Force, Korea

From last month’s newsletter, 48 members out of the area, 25 out of state, and 5 out of the country

337 Santa Clara County Post Members and Email access

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>SENIORS</th>
<th>JUNIORS</th>
<th>UNKNOWNS</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Vietnam</td>
<td>161//92</td>
<td>Persian Gulf 15//11</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Korea</td>
<td>75//36</td>
<td>Panama 9//8</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>WW2</td>
<td>47//10</td>
<td>Lebanon/Grenada 20//19</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>83.97% Total</td>
<td>283//138</td>
<td>13.05% Total 44//38</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

| 27-Mar | 427 | 43 | 9 | 35 | 0 | eq | 514 |

27-Mar

83.07% Total

The SENIORS has 283 members, that’s 83.97% membership that are over 60 years old. Only 138 has email, that’s 48.76% communication efficiency. This fiscal year, we have only half the officers needed at the post. And ‘Yes’, we are all in our 60s and beyond into the next decade and fast approaching to the next. We need more people to fill the post officer’s positions to avoid double duties again. Sharing and assisting positions will be greatly appreciated, require a few hours a week or month.

The JUNIORS has 44 members represents only 13.05% of membership. I know your free time is pretty limited, but remember that the post is yours to continue the tradition in the future. And the seniors are counting on you to keep the doors open, including the bar. You are 88.36% connected. Use it and grow the new generation of legionnaires. It isn’t easy, but it could be fun with the right approached. You can take the lead now or just assist the seniors and learn from them before their minds go blank.

Remember the ‘Little Rascals’, how great it was to have their own club house with their secret ‘High Sign’. So, come to our club house for our general meeting and give me the ‘High Sign’. Maybe those who enter the membership’s bar should give the secret ‘High Sign’ to signify membership.

General meeting is a great place to just listen and learn what and how you can help or run the Post.

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:**

The St. Patrick’s Dinner and Dance was held on Saturday, March 17th, with approx. 135 in attendance. A very good event with a great corned beef and cabbage dinner by Armondo’s Catering and live music by the Island Wave Band with a lot of good looking dancers out there that night. I’d like to thank those who donated items for the evening, all of our volunteers (Bonnie, Gene G. and Maydean, Sylvia and Gene V., Marilyn, Al Wong, John and Diana Quinn, Louie and Frances, Paul, Jeff) that helped put this event together, and especially to Linda and Earl McHaffie for all the beautiful baskets created for the Lucky Drawings. My apologies in advance if I missed anyone.

The next Legion event will be the 2018 Car Show. Our Committee members are actively working on specific tasks to ensure we have another successful Car Show which is scheduled for Saturday, June 9th. Again this is our largest event for creating revenue to support our Veteran’s programs.

Speaking of Veteran’s programs that we support, Operation Care & Comfort, Paws for Purple Hearts, the Homeless Veterans Emergency Housing Facility and our local VA&R account all received a donation of at least $1,000.00 in March. These funds were made available from the 2017 Car Show net proceeds. So as you can see, the success of our Car Show is very important, not only for Post 419, but for those in need of assistance.

Many thanks to all who support the Post and our events, because without you and these fundraisers, we cannot achieve our objectives of supporting the active military and their families, Veterans and the local community.

Rick Gundo
Second Vice Commander

---

**Squadron 419 Report:**

Well another month has gone by, and spring is finely here. This month we are having the SONS Sock Hop on the 21st, and this month’s meeting is very important. We will be nominating officers for the upcoming year. It is very important that as many attend this meeting as possible, and step up to the plate, take a position to lead the Squadron into the 2018-2019 year.

Sincerely
Jim Hoogesteger
Commander Squadron 419
Happy April!
Hello ladies! Just a quick reminder about all the happenings that we have coming up. Our next meeting is April 11th. During the meeting we will be electing next year’s officers, and delegates for convention. I hope that all who can attend, will. On April 12 at 5:00pm we will be hosting the Girl State Orientation.

This will also be our last meeting before we host the special luncheon for our Department and National American Legion Auxiliary Presidents, who will be visiting us on May 5th. The luncheon is $15, and is by RSVP only. Details of how to RSVP will be given at the meeting.

I hope to see you there!
-Callie

---

**BASIC TRAINING**

Learn about The American Legion in this self-paced online course

The American Legion's official training program for officers, members, Legion College applicants and those who simply want to expand their knowledge of the nation's largest veterans service organization is now available online.

**How Does it Work?**

**Course Structure**
The Course is arranged into 5 major topic areas and 1 concluding section. Each section will present information about the topic via text, images and video.

**Evaluation**
At the end of each topic area there is a quiz that will help gauge your understanding of the material.

When you’ve completed each section quiz, you’ll be able to take the final exam. The exam will take roughly ~30 minutes to complete.

Logon to [www.calegion.org](http://www.calegion.org), scroll down the right side to the image and follow the instruction for login the instructions.
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
ROCKIN- BLUES- EXPRESS

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
Mission City Post 564
And The Santa Clara County

Cordially invites all members of The American Legion Family, Military Veterans and Families as well as the general public for information about how the Veterans Affairs System works, what benefits are available to those who qualify, such as Military, Veterans, Dependents and Surviving Spouses. Marion Moses, the Santa Clara County Veterans Service Officer will give a complete overview of benefits of the Veterans Hospital Administration (VHA), the Veterans Benefit Administration (VBA) and the National Cemetery Administration (NCA). There will be accredited VSO staff on hand to provide Veteran Services, such as DMV Veteran Verifications, claim status updates, claim initiation and records requests. All of the American Legion Posts, Units, Sons and Legion Riders will be present to provide information for members or those who may qualify to join. There will be food and soft beverages. There is also a lounge that is open to the public for those who would enjoy that, the address is below:

On Saturday, April 7th, 2018 From 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

2120 Walsh Avenue, Santa Clara, CA 95050
2018 COMING EVENTS

SOCK HOP!!!

APRIL 21st 2018 (SATURDAY NIGHT)

MUSIC BY D. J. Ken

TICKETS $25.00
Ticket on Sale Ticket on Sale
Contact Contact
FRANCES BORG 408)243-5832
or or
Post 419 408)244-3050

TIME
Doors open at 5pm
Dinner at 6pm
Armando’s
Meat Loaf / Chicken

SHOW OFF YSTYLE
Bring your sweetheart
Join us and have some fun
Dress up like in the past
Pastpoodle skirts, jeans,

DANCING FROM 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm

COME AND SUPPORT THE SONS OF AMERICAN LEGION FUNDRAISER
958 HOMESTEAD RD, SANTA CLARA, CA
## 2018 Calendar of Events

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Organization</th>
<th>Event Description</th>
<th>Date</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Legion</td>
<td>Delegates Fundraiser Dinner</td>
<td>Friday-April 6, 2018</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Auxiliary</td>
<td>Girl’ State Orientation</td>
<td>Thursday-April 12, 2018</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SON’s</td>
<td>Sock Hop</td>
<td>Saturday-April 21, 2018</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Legion</td>
<td>1st Sunday/Mother’s Day Breakfast</td>
<td>Sunday-May 6, 2018</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Legion/SON’s/Aux</td>
<td>Legon/SON’s/Aux Installation Dinner</td>
<td>Saturday May 11, 2018</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SON’s</td>
<td>Rib Feed Dinner</td>
<td>Saturday-May 19, 2018</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Legion</td>
<td>1st Sunday/Father’s Day Breakfast</td>
<td>Sunday-June 3, 2018</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Legion</td>
<td>Annual Car Show</td>
<td>Saturday-June 9, 2018</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>No Event</td>
<td>July</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>No Event</td>
<td>August</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SON’s</td>
<td>Surf City Dinner Dance</td>
<td>Saturday-September 15, 2018</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Auxiliary</td>
<td>Halloween Dinner Dance</td>
<td>Saturday-October 27, 2018</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Legion</td>
<td>Annual Craft Faire</td>
<td>Saturday-November 10, 2018</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Legion/SON’s/Aux</td>
<td>Thanks For Giving</td>
<td>Thursday-November 15, 2018</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Legion/SON’s/Aux</td>
<td>Legion Family Christmas Party</td>
<td>Saturday-December 15, 2018</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Legion/SON’s/Aux</td>
<td>New Year’s Eve Day Party</td>
<td>Monday-December 31, 2018</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Event Schedule Subject to Change
UPCOMING EVENTS & MEETINGS 2018

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 5:00pm—10:00pm
Apr 11—Auxiliary Unit 419 Membership Meeting 7:00 PM
Apr 12—Girls State Orientation—5:00pm
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

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)

Jul—1 First Sunday Breakfast 9:00—11:00 AM
Jul—4 Carnival Day at VA Menlo Park 9:00 am—3:00 pm
Jul—4 Membership meeting - 7:00 pm
Jul - 5 SON’s Meeting - 7::00pm
Jul—11 Auxiliary Unit 419 Meeting—7:00pm

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: 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:
Honour 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.