COMMANDER’S CORNER:

My term as Commander is coming to a close. It has been an experience being a Commander of an American Legion Post. I have been fortunate to have been with a group of volunteers who appreciated the work that Post 419 does. My First Vice Commander, Al Wong has done an excellent job of boosting our membership by bring in 6 new members and over 30 transfers from Post 1000. This is unheard of in this district. The Second Vice Commander Rick Gundo has been a God sent at originating events and making sure that they seemed to go on with our and effort, but we know different. It has been a lot of volunteer hours and sweat and tears for these two gentlemen to accomplish what they have in such a short time.

The finance officer changed due to health problems but our past financer officers step back in and did a bang up job at getting the books back up to speed and making sure that our accounts showed a profit. There are two unsung members of my team which some of you know. That is Paul Rivera and Ron Barone. Paul has been great at keeping up to standards in our building, making sure any maintenance issues are address. Of course our main mister fixit has been Rick Gundo. Both Paul and Ron Barone have been instrumental in getting us a lot of rentals that sustain our facilities and our programs.

THANK YOU.

In May we elected our officers of the 2018-2019 Legion year. The following are the elected officers.

Commander – STEVE VILLEGAS, 1st Vice Commander – AL WONG, 2nd Vice Commander – STAN FERRO.

Appointed; Adjutant – Gene Grundstrom, Finance Officer – Kevin Walters, Sgt-at-Arms – Jim Hoogesteger, Historian – Ralph Jacob, Judge Advocate – Jeff Driskell and our Executive Committee Members at Large are: Ralph Jacob, Teresa Alameda, and Don Brown. Of course, the Jr Past Commander is Gene Grundstrom.

Please join me in wishing all the officers the best for the coming year. Give then all the support you can from one hour a month to what ever time you can spare.

As you can see by the volunteers who take responsibility for keeping Post 419 operating the same names seem to come up all the time. I have stated, any time you get me on the soapbox, where are the rest of you. WE need your HELP as well as your membership. Please volunteer.

I want to invite all the members especially those who were elected as Delegates to attend the District 13 Caucus on Sunday June 3 at 2:00 pm. The meeting will be held at Post 375 - 27 University Ave Palo Alto

NOTICE — THERE WILL BE NO MEMBERSHIP MEETING IN JULY AS THE FIRST WEDNESDAY IS JULY 4, 2018

Gene Grundstrom
Commander Post 419
1st Vice Commander:

The final newsletter for fiscal year 2018. The status of Membership is **85.02%** of target with **437** members on the roster.

Welcome to the new members and transfers from April to May 2018.

*Walter Cairel* - Army, Persian Gulf

*Oscar G Taylor* - Air Force, Korea

*Alois Rauschhuber* - Air Force, Korea

*Christopher Palermo* - Air Force, Lebanon/Grenada

Here is a chart of Members Branch of Service (With ONE WW2 Merchant Marine):

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**Branch Count**

Recap: from March’s newsletter to current, we learned that we are in the other side of the world. We are in the four corners of the United States and all around. We are up and down California. As expected we are heavily concentrated in Santa Clara County. Last month shows that we may be just next door to each other or a few blocks away.

What can we do to make the post a better experience for all? A ‘tug-of-war’ between WW2 vs Persian Gulf? Remember, ‘**strength in numbers**’, my bet is on WW2.

Thanks for a great year, and let me know if there is anything you would like to do in the post.

Al Wong
First Vice Commander
Second Vice Commander:

Well our Annual Car Show is quickly approaching and the last minute details are being addressed. We continue soliciting donations and Car Show participants so that we again can have a successful event. As you know, we’ve had a few challenges this year with additional permitting requirements but the good news is that on May 15th, the Santa Clara City Council again voted to sponsor our Annual Car Show waiving all permit fees associated with the Car Show. We greatly appreciate their support so that we can support our Veteran programs without impacting the net proceeds.

Our Restroom Remodel Project is slowing ramping up as approved by Membership. Our first step is to get a completed set of drawings made in preparation of going out for quotes and submitting to Plan Check with the City of Santa Clara. Once we get the numbers in and final requirements by the City, then we can come back to Membership to discuss and determine how to proceed, such as with financing and scheduling with Hall rentals. You’ll be updated later as we progress.

Finally, this is my last newsletter article as your 2nd Vice Commander. Stan Ferro will be your new 2nd Vice Commander effective 7/1/18, and we thank Stan and all the newly elected and appointed Officers for stepping up. I hope that you’ll all support them as much as you did for me over the past few years. I’ll continue to support other activities at the Post such as performing building maintenance tasks, Honor Flight, Honor Guard, serving First Sunday Breakfast, etc., so you’re not getting rid of me that easy.

It was working with all the volunteers that kept me wanting to not only manage the Legion events, but to try and improve them over time. Again this could only be achieved by the support of our volunteers. There are those who step up without being asked and there are those who need to be asked but still come through, all with the same goal of supporting this Post. Every day we hear of organizations such as the American Legion struggling to grow, or at least maintain their current membership, for without membership, you have no organization. Well without our volunteers, we have no events, and without these events, we cannot achieve our goal of supporting our active military and their families, the Veterans and the local community. So with that being said, I will close by saying, please step up and assist Post 419, so that we can continue to assist others in need.

Thank You for all your support.

Rick Gundo
Second 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
A letter from a long time and distant member.

Mom and I went to the Memorial Day Ceremony today at the Colorado Freedom Memorial. It was one of the neatest ceremonies we've been to. It is an all-day event but we just went to the ceremony. Lots of people greeted Mom, including Congressman Mike Coffman (represents us), and the commander of Buckley AFB, Col. Endicott (who gave Mom one of his remembrance coins). This picture is Mom with Col. Endicott. The Lt. Governor was there too. We met some WWI and WWII re-enactors too who were great.

Everyone was really nice. We were invited to the 1940's Ball in Boulder. It's in 3 weeks. We might go. It was *very* hot and no cover. The men's a cappella group, Sound of the Rockies, sang several selections. They are wonderful! And they are going to sing next year at Normandy at the 75th Anniversary of D-Day.

There was wreath laying, and presentation of the colors, of course. A special part was that they had brought home some dirt from the graves of a number of Coloradans who are buried overseas, mixing it with Colorado dirt, then laying it in a special place at the Memorial. Very moving. It was really nice.

I was sure thinking of our Post in Santa Clara and all our friends there. Hi to all.

Marie. Alm

The fine lady in the photo is our one and only WWII Nurse May Alm, 102 years young and a member of Post 419 for 21 years. May God Bless you both and keep you safe.

Sincerely
Jim Hoogesteger
SAL Squadron 419
Outgoing Commander

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Squadron 419 Report:

Hi friends, well the time has come, I have one month left as SONS Commander, it has been a great learning experience. Jeff Driskel will become the new SAL Commander and I will take on 1st vise Commander position.

The Rib Feed Dinner/ Dance with Grammy nominated Country music singer/song writer Tim Murphy was a big hit and success. I have received many e-mails, text messages, and phone calls wanting him back again, he called and said how much fun that he and his band "Slingtown" had. Tim Murphy asked when he and the band can come back, as they want to do it again for free, and maybe make it an annual thing. I will not find out what we netted from it, until this month’s meeting. I would like to see as many members attend this upcoming meeting on 6/6/18 as possible.

It's been a real pleasure to serve as the SAL Squadron 419 Commander.

Sincerely
Jim Hoogesteger
SAL Squadron 419
Outgoing Commander
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Event Schedule Subject to Change

THERE WILL BE **NO** MEMBERSHIP MEETING ON JULY 4, 2018
American Legion Post 419
958 Homestead Road, Santa Clara, California

Annual CAR SHOW

Saturday, June 9, 2018
10 am to 3 pm
Come join us for a fun day of Live Music, BBQ, Drawings, and some terrific Vehicles
Lunch: $10 (Kids under 12 $5)
Call 408-244-3050

REGISTRATION:
$35 per vehicle* (car, truck or motorcycle)

NET PROCEEDS BENEFIT POST 419’s VETERAN SUPPORT PROGRAMS.

REGISTRATION FORM

Name _______________________________ Phone _______________ Email ____________________________
Address ___________________________________ City ______ State ______ ZIP ______
Year, Make & Model of Vehicle(s): __________________________________________________________

$35 donation per vehicle (includes 1 lunch). Number of vehicles: _______ x $35 = ___________
Additional lunch tickets @ $10 each. Number of lunches: _______ x $10 = _______ Kids Lunches _______ x $5 = _______

Make checks payable to: American Legion Post 419
Mail registration form and checks to:
Legion Car Show, 958 Homestead Road, Santa Clara, CA 95050

Total: __________________________________________

I understand that by signing below, I am absolving The American Legion Post 419 of Santa Clara and its members of any liability for injury and/or damages which may occur as a result of participating in, observing or transporting to and from, the event known as American Legion Post 419 Car Show.

Signature _______________________________ Date __________________

*Pre-Registration cost per vehicle is $35.00. Day of the event registration cost per vehicle is $40.00
2018 Annual Car Show
Grand Lucky Drawing Prizes
BBQ Grill or Ice Box

Tickets $3.00 each or Two for $5.00
(You do not have to be present to win.)
* Circle your first choice of either the BBQ Grill or the Ice Box
* Write name / phone # on back and deposit in box
* Keep left hand side of ticket

AMERICAN LEGION POST 419
2018 CAR SHOW
GAS BBQ or ICE BOX
Grand Lucky Drawing
Drawing on 6/9/18

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# Upcoming Events & Meetings 2018

**Jun 3**—First Sunday/Fathers Day Breakfast 9:00-11:00 am  
**Jun 3**—District 13 Annual Caucus 2:00 pm  
@ Post 375 - 27 University Ave Palo Alto  
**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 NO Membership meeting - 7:00 pm  
**Jul**—5 SON’s Meeting - 7:00pm  
**Jul**—11 Auxiliary Unit 419 Meeting—7:00pm  
**Aug**—1 Post Membership Meeting—7:00 PM  
**Aug**—2SON’s Membership Meeting—7:00 PM  
**Aug**—8 Auxiliary Unit 419 Membership Meeting 7:00 PM  
**Sept**—2 First Sunday Breakfast - 9:00-11:00 AM  
**Sept**—5 Post Membership Meeting—7:00 PM  
**Sept**—6SON’s Membership Meeting—7:00 PM  
**Sept**—12 Auxiliary Unit 419 Membership Meeting 7:00 PM  
**Sept**—15 Surf City Dinner Dance 5:00—10:00 PM

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# 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:** Sept 9, Sept 30  
**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:** Jun 24, Oct 21, 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 Director, Honor Flight Bay Area Foundation

**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 online 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

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# Activities and Events

**Activities and Events**

**Don’t Forget Sunday 2018 Breakfast** June 3, July 1, Aug 5 2018

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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.