COMMANDER’S CORNER:

Greetings Once Again

So, as I reported last month I am busy in different facets of Veterans organizations.

Attending meetings is a constant part of my time. At our general meeting most of our attention was pertaining to the remodeling of the restrooms in the main hall. This is a step which we do have to undertake, due to the fact that the fixtures from water and drainage are in need of being fixed. So with that being said we are moving forward in this project. Hopefully all should be completed by the end of September.

The Department of California had scheduled the (D.E.C) Department Executive Committee meetings in Amador on the 11th & 12th of Aug. Jeff Driskell represented the Legion as 1st Vice Commander of the District. I as the District Commander of the Son’s was in attendance for the Son’s Department Executive Committee meeting. Our meetings pertained to membership, we are on time schedule as well as the post, we need to reach 100 % membership by the end of December.

Our Son’s squadron is much smaller than the posts, our membership is over 100 members where the posts is over 450. Lots of work is needed, so now is the time for all members to let our other members who don’t show up to meetings to get their dues in. Need to make life a bit easier for the post Adjutant Gene Grundstrom and our 1st vice Al Wong, since they are working as a team in getting your cards to you and transmitting all the cards to department. Need to remember that there are 30 districts in California and only a small staff of maybe 4 receiving all of the transmittals from both the Legion and the Sons.

During a training session at the last DEC, we broke up into teams and learned that we need to communicate and work as a team to get tasks done. Part one of our training was to move a ring with a ball using 6 sets of string, one person on each string, not easy when everyone talks at once on how to move it, being the first group, we failed. Our second task was creating a parachute for a raw egg, again listening to the instructions and utilizing certain material in our bag only. 6 groups, six different designs, only one egg was lost from all of this this was a good learning experience for all of us. Now for the remainder of the year we are to stay in contact and communicate and listen, hopefully we be able to find new ways to recruit new members and have new interests for younger members.

Hopefully we will see a few more members at our next general meeting, Hope that everyone has a great Labor Day. Don’t forget our 1st Sunday of the month Breakfast. Belgian Waffles will also be on the menu at the September breakfast

Steve Villegas, Cmdr.
1st Vice Commander:

“Basically, we are a family. Like all families, we see all levels of involvement from our members. Some attend all our functions while others pick and choose their involvement because of commitments to other activities or personal family responsibilities. Some of our members can only commit to paying their annual dues. Regardless of your level of activity, together, our members create the strength necessary to further our commitment in supporting our community and our fellow service members”.

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The paragraph above is from the National’s Revitalization Letter. It sounds nice, but how true is it? We do have members that live out of the county, across state lines, or oceans away. We have members that are primary caregivers for family members or are being cared for by family members. We have members that requires a slower and quieter surroundings. We have a few members that are in attendance to all events. And then there are those that pick and choose.

Eight months into this year we really did not have that many activities. We had only 4 dinner/dances, a crab feed, a car show and 6 Sunday breakfasts. We had to cancel a couple of dinner/dances due to late preparations. That is usually caused by lack of volunteers to get the event rolling. These events along with hall rentals and membership bar are important to earn revenues to support veteran’s programs and the normal household bills of the post. We can’t be canceling events. In fact, we need to find more ways to increase our revenues, especially with the bathroom remodeling.

How could the largest post in the district be short on volunteers? Here’s a simple answer. The dinner/dance planner, decorator, and clean up are done by the same people. They are the same people that takes 24 wheel chairs to the SF airport at 4:00 in the morning to cheer and send the WW2 and Korea Veterans off for their Honor Flight to Washington DC. Three days later, they are back again at the airport to carry the flags to welcome the return flight and collect all the wheel chairs. They serve the orientation lunch and reunion programs. They are the same people that are cooking the First Sunday of the Month Breakfast and are on call for the color guard duties.

So, how are we doing with supporting our community and our fellow service members? Can we do more? Or should I say, Can we do something? Can we get 25 people together to help bag groceries at the food bank once a month for 3 hours? Maybe a few can help at the senior centers lunch program for a couple of hours one day a week? Do we have members that can afford some time to do some volunteering in the community or lead a special events for post members only? Is it possible to be known in the community as The American Legion Post 419 that actually support the communities?

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 transferred to Post Everlasting please contact Charley Wilson at 408-258-3416 or email charleythecrow@gmail.com

Charley Wilson  Chaplain
Second Vice Commander:

This has been a slow time for events at the Post. We are in the process of replacing the stools in the Member’s Bar and have to date replaced 13 of the chairs with new leather seat buckets. We have the balance of the chairs at the upholstery shop getting recovered. Thanks to all the members who donated allowing this project to move forward. Thanks also to Bob Legette and Don Brown for getting involved. Without the members help we would not have been able to make this happen.

I have also been involved with the Restroom remodel project in the Post hall, being managed by Rick Gundo. If you have not seen the plans try to stop by the office to see what the Post is doing. We hope to have fully operational handicapped accessible restrooms for our members and guest by November 2018. We need to thank Dignity Funeral Services and other Post members for helping to support this effort. I am looking for anyone who can help.

We are considering having a Monday night football event at the member’s bar. It would be a bring your own item to BBQ. The Post will supply the pit, plates, and plastic. We plan to serve Don Brown’s beans and a salad. A Post member will be available to help BBQ if you wish and we will ask for Donations to the Post. This idea will be presented at the Executive Meeting this month and will be discussed at the general meeting next month. Let us know your thoughts about this or any other event you would like to see at the Post undertake.

Stan Ferro
Second Vice Commander
stanferro@gmail.com

Sons of The American Legion

As the current Legion year continues, I hope that all members of Post 419 are doing well and are not being affected by the tragic fires in the state.

As our fiscal year continues I hope that all SAL members will get their renewals in, so that we can meet our goals as the Legion year continues. Tickets for the upcoming Thanks For Giving dinner will be available soon. More details to follow.

The post has many activities upcoming that I hope will be supported by our Squadron members; the Auxiliary Halloween Dinner/Dance, scheduled for Sat, October 27, 2018; also the Post Craft Faire, scheduled for Sat, November 10, 2018.

Jim Hoogesteger and I went down to Gilroy recently to get more information on the “DreamPower Horsemanship” program. We met with some of the volunteers and were introduced to their horses. If anyone wants more information please go to their website, www.Dreampowerhorsemanship.com. Jim and I will be talking to the members at our next meeting about the program.

Don’t forget about the 1st Sunday Post breakfast on September 2nd, I hope to see alot of SAL members there!

Jeff Driskell  SAL Squadron Commander, Post 419
Happy September All!

Our passionate volunteers have started to develop the plans for our 2018-2019 events and programs. We have such enthusiasm and love surrounding how we hope to support our military, veterans, and their families throughout our community. If you are interested in learning more about these programs, please join us at our meeting on September 12, 2018 or connect with me directly through email: alaunit419santaclara@gmail.com

Our next major fundraiser and event is the Annual Halloween Dinner Dance that will be hosted on Saturday, October 27th. The flyer is part of this newsletter so please be sure to get all the details and we hope to see you there for great food, costumes, music and dancing!

In Service Not Self,
Maggie Taylor Aherne
### 2018 Calendar of Events

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**Surf City Dinner & Dance**

Saturday, Sept. 15, 2018

Catered Dinner

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American Legion Auxiliary Santa Clara Unit 419

ANNUAL HALLOWEEN COSTUME PARTY

Catering by Armando & Music by DJ Ken

Saturday October 27th

Doors open @ 5pm
Dinner served @ 6pm
Dancing @ 7pm
Drawings, costume contest prizes and more!

Tickets
$30 each / $55 for couple

American Legion Post 419
958 Homestead Road
Santa Clara, CA

For tickets:
Call Frances Borg at 408-243-5832
or email ALAunit419santaclara@gmail.com
AMERICAN LEGION FUNDRAISER

Veterans Craft Faire

November 10, 2018

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 Oct. 12, 2018 $40-$45 (After Add $10)
Info email: eventsALA419@yahoo.com
Cindy Newman (650) 219-1041
Online Registration Available at
https://goo.gl/forms/dzHnbeEcaxrSxaLF3
AMERICAN LEGION VETERANS CRAFT FAIRE
Saturday, November 10, 2018
10 am to 3 pm
Fundraiser for Post 419 & Veterans Programs
958 Homestead (near Lafayette) in Santa Clara

Early Bird Registration $40-$45 by October 12th (After Add $10)
Early Registrants May Pick Space Location

All registrations are tax-deductible donations (IRS 501(c)(19) veterans organization).
Spaces Indoor (8x6' or 8x7' or 8x9') - $40 or $45 Wall and Outdoor (10x10')
Rent an 8’ table and bring your 4’ table!
Public Lunch Available — Hourly Opportunity Drawing
Advertised in SJ Mercury News, Santa Clara Weekly, and 9 Silicon Valley Community Newspapers
Banner on El Camino & Lafayette (Marsalli Park) Fence; Ten 22x36’ Street Signs, Craigslist, FestivalNet & Social Networks
Questions? Contact Cindy Newman at (650) 219-1041 or eventsAL419@yahoo.com.

Register Online at https://goo.gl/forms/dzHnbeEcaxrSxaLF3 or Use Form Below

Registration Form

I want _____ indoor wall space $45 (with or without electrical access) by Oct.12 ($55 after) = Subtotal $
I want _____ indoor or outdoor space $40 by Oct.12 ($50 after) = Subtotal $
I want _____8’x30’’ table $10 (all spaces have 1 chair, ask for 2nd if needed) = Subtotal $

Check Enclosed: Payable to “AL Post 419” (no refunds after October 19th) = Total $

Optional: I will donate one craft item in return for advertising same at event. Check: [ ] Yes [ ] No

Location Preference for Early Birds (please give 5 locations from hall layout plan): # # # # #

Return registration form with check to Cindy Newman, 2430 Villa Nueva Way, Mountain View 94040-4457

Early bird registrants get to pick their location subject to approval by organizer. Set up time 7 am - 9:45 am. Take down no earlier than 3 pm. After unloading, park on street or bank lot so shoppers may park at hall. Sorry, no pets allowed except for ADA service animals. No “pop ups” or vertical displays blocking more than 50% of other booths. Crafters are responsible for collecting/reporting State sales taxes if applicable. Craft Faire is for original handmade crafts, handmade jewelry, and some collectibles only. Jewelry spaces are limited (register early). Sorry, no imports, retail or product sales. Food items must be approved by organizer. Sorry, no refunds after October 19, 2018 because the organizer has already paid for newspaper and other advertising by that date. This is a rain or shine event, but there is a rain plan for outdoors.

In consideration for the use of the facilities, I release the organizer, employees and volunteers from any liability for accidents, injury, death, loss or damage to persons or property arising from my participation or presence. I have read this agreement and will abide by these terms.

Name: ___________________________ Phone: ___________________________
Address: ___________________________State Permit # (if applicable) ___________________________
Email: ___________________________

Items (5 words): ___________________________

Directory Name (your name or business name): ___________________________
Don’t Forget Sunday 2018 Breakfast  Sept 2, Oct 7, Nov 4, 2018

Activities and Events

Upcoming Events & Meetings

2018

Aug 1—Post Membership Meeting—7:00 PM
Aug 2—SON’s Membership Meeting—7:00 PM
Aug 5—First Sunday Breakfast 9:00-11:00 AM
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 6—SON’s Membership Meeting—7:00 PM
Sept 12—Auxiliary Unit 419 Membership Meeting 7:00 PM

Oct 3—Post Membership Meeting—7:00 PM
Oct 4—SON’s Membership Meeting—7:00 PM
Oct 7—First Sunday Breakfast 9:00-11:00 AM
Oct 10—Auxiliary Unit 419 Membership Meeting 7:00 PM
Oct 27—Halloween Dinner Dance 5:00—10:00 PM

Nov 4—Post Membership Meeting—7:00 PM
Nov 5—SON’s Membership Meeting—7:00 PM
Nov 10—Veterans Craft Faire 10:00 AM—3:00 PM
Nov 14—Auxiliary Unit 419 Membership Meeting 7:00 PM

Dec 2—First Sunday Breakfast - 9:00-11:00 AM
Dec 5—Post Membership Meeting—7:00 PM
Dec 6—SON’s Membership Meeting—7:00 PM
Dec 8—Post 419 Family Christmas Party  5:00-10:00 PM
Dec 12—Auxiliary Unit 419 Membership Meeting 7:00 PM
Dec 31—New Year’s Eve Day Party—1:00–6:00 pm

Honor Flight Bay Area Foundation

Honor Flight Bay Area Foundation, an authorized affiliate of The Honor Flight Network. If you are a WWII, Korean War or Vietnam 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 WWII, Korean War and Vietnam War veterans. There are two flights remaining for 2018:

Flight 18: Departs SFO Sept 20 and returns Sept 22
Orientation is Sept 9th and a reunion will be on Oct 21.

Orientation is Sept 30 and a reunion will be on Nov 4.

If you haven’t submitted an application, please do not hesitate to do so. We are accepting applications for our 2019 travel year. Details are available on our Web site or by calling or emailing us. Don’t hesitate to participate in this trip of a lifetime.

Applications

Be sure to send in your application.
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

Honoring Our Veterans

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.