**COMMANDER’S CORNER:**

Wishing everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and a early Merry Christmas.

So first off, I am happy to tell you all that the remodeling project in the main hall has been completed. Many thanks to all those involved who worked to get it completed. Also there was some gardening done, Plants from home depot as well as some volunteers came in and helped spruce up the parking lot.

The Post Officers and I want to thank all the members who stepped up with their donation to help with the cost of the remodel. We have not completed the tally yet but your generosity is truly appreciated.

The Honor Guard in conjunction with the Santa Clara Elks held a memorial service for one our members Gurney Sampson who recently passed away.

I assisted in other funerals as Post 419 is primarily the Districts Honor Guard team, many thanks to them. Other activities performed were Flag raising at St Clare’s School as well as Flag raising at SJSU and the Cypress Senior Center in San Jose.

As members of the District Honor Guard, we were asked to open the parade, with the presentation of Colors, so many Thanks to our 4 man team for getting there early and making a good impression in getting the parade off to a good start.

Veterans Day once again post 419 members stepped up as the District does not have a Sgt at Arms, so we stepped up and led the District with the American flag as well as the District 13 banner. Good representation from the Post, Son’s and Auxiliary, but it would be nice to have more members present.

In the afternoon our participation as far as the rifle team was spectacular at the Santa Clara Memorial Service, as well as speaking as Post 419’s Commander.

The annual craft faire was held the day before Veterans Day, from what I heard it was once again a success.

Our Squadrons Thanks for Giving dinner honoring Active Duty personnel from the MEPS unit, stationed at Moffett Field, 10 adults and their children were invited. All who did attend had a great time. We will have a Thanks for Giving again next year.

For all interested we do have 2 Toys for Tots boxes at the post, 1 in the club room and the other in the main hall, so if anyone would like to donate a gift for a child in need, please come by and drop one off.

Time is getting short, so please help out.

Upcoming events are the Posts Christmas dinner scheduled for Dec 8th and the News Years Party scheduled for Dec 31,

Get your tickets and be ready to have a great time. Information is in the Reveille (newsletter)

Wishing All a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Years

Steve Villegas
Post Commander
1st Vice Commander:
Fiscal Year 2017-18 VS 2018-19 Membership renewals and Recruiting.

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Membership renewals are going well, but behind last year by 8.43%.

Roster with new members included as-of-date.

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At the start of Fiscal Year 2018-19, we have a total of 446 in membership, as of date we are up to 460.

I am sure that this year you were bombarded with mail requesting charitable donations from non-profits. In the last 6 weeks, I collected over 30 such requests, some I have not heard from in years. And as usual, we also get solicitors by way of ‘Phone’ and in the ‘Stores’. And ‘Yes’, I got 2 from the American Legion. I did give to the American Legion and continue to support my charities that I have in the past.

I know there are a lot of needs, at times it seems a bit overwhelming. We cannot fix the world, but we can support a little part that we believe in. As you know, I am the post solicitor (volunteer), and you all know what I want.

New members accepted in November’s general meeting.

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Have a safe Holiday and if you get a chance, come to First Sunday Breakfast on December 2nd.

Al Wong
First Vice Commander
Special Project:

As you may know, our newly remodeled restrooms officially opened on November 7th, just in time for our Annual Craft Faire. The restrooms are now ADA compliant providing easy access and use by the handicap and those physically challenged. They are also energy efficient as well with LED lighting, tankless water heater system and fully insulated walls and ceiling. Although we targeted opening the week prior, we were able to make up two of the three weeks originally delayed by the City permitting process. That’s a testament to the quality and expertise of our General Contractor, Virgil Gardner, and his sub-contractors. Virgil also happens to be a member of our SONS Squadron 419. I’d also like to acknowledge our Subcommittee: Gene Grundstrom, Marty McCormick, Don Brown and Stan Ferro, who all contributed to and supported the Project. Special recognition goes out to Callie Russell and the Santa Clara Home Depot and Bunthan Hout of the San Jose Home Depot, who provided wall and floor tiles, landscaping materials and labor. We still have a few adjustments to be made and punch list items to complete, including the installation of a new cage and concrete slab around the new backflow preventer. We hope to complete all items prior to the Christmas holiday.

We hope that this new renovation will not only be enjoyed by our current members and hall rental customers, but also be a marketing tool for future business for our Post.
Safe and Happy Holidays,

Rick Gundo
Project Leader

Second Vice Report:

This last month I have been focused on the Post landscaping. With help from Home Depot we have begun to convert to drought resistant plants. Please let us know what you think. I will be continuing this effort through the landscaped areas of the Post. We are also repairing the irrigation system to provide the minimum water needed.

Our next event is the Christmas dinner and dance. If you would please purchase tickets through the Post or call France at 408-243-5832 to get your tickets.
Stan Ferro  Second Vice

Chaplain’s Report:

As we bring another year to a close we want to take time reflect on the members that have transferred to Post Everlasting in 2018. Our sincere condolences go to the families of the following members.

Rocci Caringello  WWII  18 yrs.  Claude Estolano  WWII  39 yrs.  James Goebel Sr  Korea  5 yrs.
Larry Marsalli Sr.  WWII  71 yrs.  Lloyd Rose  WWII  7 yrs.  Gurney Sampson  WWII  29 yrs.
Walter Vierra  Vietnam  30 yrs.

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
American Legion moves to open up membership eligibility

The American Legion
OCT 17, 2018

Membership eligibility in The American Legion is determined by Congress through the establishment of specific dates of declared hostilities in which U.S. military personnel were activated. Since its founding in 1919, membership in The American Legion has been open to veterans of World War I, World War II, Korean War, Vietnam War, Lebanon/Grenada, Panama and Gulf War/War on Terrorism.

There are at least 12 known combat operations that required an activated military personnel, such as the Cold War, Libyan Conflict and Persian Gulf Conflicts, and resulted in about 1,600 U.S. military men and women casualties. However, because these operations are unrecognized by the U.S. government as a period of war, those who served during these timeframes are not eligible for membership in The American Legion.

The American Legion’s National Executive Committee passed a resolution during its annual Fall Meetings in Indianapolis Oct. 17 to change that.

Resolution No. 1, "Unrecognized armed hostilities recognition," calls on Congress to declare that the United States has been continuously engaged in a state of war from December 7, 1941 to present, and for Congress to direct the Department of Veterans Affairs to qualify a wartime veteran as any military service personnel who served honorably under Title 10 for at least one day from December 7, 1941 to present.

Following the passing of Resolution No. 1, the NEC adopted Resolution No. 2, "Unrecognized armed hostilities membership date change," which will change membership dates for The American Legion. This resolution will only be put in motion once the actions of Resolution No. 1 are approved by Congress. Once approved, membership in The American Legion will be open to the following war periods: April 6, 1917 to Nov. 11, 1918, and Dec. 7, 1941 to the date of cessation of armed hostilities as determined by the U.S. government.

The American Legion believes that membership in the organization should be extended to all U.S. military personnel who served on active duty during the hostile events that are not seen as a period of war.

From the Post BAR MANAGER: Post 419 is in need of a couple of new bartenders. If anyone is interested in tending bar at the Post 419, we are looking for people who would like to work one day a week or just when needed. I have two maybe three openings. Please remember this is a volunteer position. Call the Post 408)244-3050 and leave a message for the Bar Manager.

Effective immediately the Members lounge will be closed every other Sunday and every Tuesday.

Ralph Jacob
Bar Manager
I hope you are recovering from a lovely pie-filled Thanksgiving. It was a great November for our Auxiliary unit as many ladies participated in Veterans Day activities all over the Bay Area. At our November membership meeting we went around the room and shared some information about the veteran(s) we honor with our American Legion Auxiliary membership — it was truly incredible to hear all the history and stories.

Again, I'd like to thank everyone who has contributed stuffed animals donations for our Children and Youth Program. We will continue to collect them up to our December 12th membership meeting @ 7pm. Our December 12th membership meeting is open to ALL and will be a potluck. So if you haven’t made it out to a meeting in awhile (or ever), this would be a great opportunity to come join some ALA fun and food!

Our District 13 President Cece Harvey has asked us to alert all Units of a special fundraising plea for the members of the Post and Auxiliaries affected by the Camp Fire on the home page at http://www.calegionaux.org. This request for direct donation is in addition to our Unit 419’s donations to the Auxiliary Emergency Fund (AEF) and California Disaster Funds.

This holiday season, I encourage you to spread holiday cheer to our veterans and active service members. Even if you can give an hour of your time over the next month, our cumulative efforts can make a large and lasting impact.

Be sure to also mark on your calendars for upcoming Auxiliary events:
• Our Annual New Years Eve Daytime Party from 12-5pm on Monday, December 31st - Join us to salute the troops around the world ringing in 2019! LIVE music by the Island Wave Band, Prime Rib dinner with catering by Armondo, Doors open at Noon and Tickets are on sale for $45.
On Saturday, February 16th we will also host our LI’L ABNER Sadie Hawkins Dinner Dance.
Wishing you a safe, blessed and Merry Christmas!

In Service Not Self,
Maggie Taylor Aherne
Unit 419 President
alaunit419santaclara@gmail.com

As we approach the Christmas season, I would like to wish all the Post family’s a “MERRY CHRISTMAS” and “HAPPY NEW YEAR”. It is my hope that everyone has been of good health and all is well with their family members. I am happy to report that our recent “Thanks for Giving” dinner was a great success. 100 tickets were sold, and we extended an invitation to the MEPS unit based at Moffett Field, 17 attended with 10 adults and 7 family members. It was a pleasure to welcome them and I hope that all who attended were able to say welcome to them as well.

I hope to see many SAL members at the Post Family Christmas party to be held December 8, 2018. It will be a good time to give thanks and celebrate with our Post Family. Tickets are available from Frances Borg or at the post clubroom.

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I am proud to have been representing the SAL Squadron 419 in the Veterans Day Parade on November 11th, as well as part of the District 13 Honor Guard at the Santa Clara ceremony in Central Park.

Another upcoming event the I strongly recommend is “Wreaths Across America”, I will be at Gate of Heaven with the District 13 Honor Guard. There will also be a ceremony held at Los Gatos Memorial Park. These ceremonies are a special way to honor our fallen Veterans. Again, I want to WISH the POST 419 Legion Family “MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR”.

For Tickets Contact:
Frances Borg @ 408-243-5832 or Post 419 @ 408-244-3050

American Legion Post 419
958 Homestead Rd., Santa Clara, CA 95050
American Legion Auxiliary Santa Clara Unit 419

New Year's Eve
Daytime Party

MONDAY, DECEMBER 31st
12-5 PM

Ring in the New Year with a champagne toast and a salute to our troops around the world!

American Legion Post 419
958 Homestead Road, Santa Clara, CA

TICKET $45 | DOORS OPEN @ NOON

Featuring music by the Island Wave Band
Dinner by Armondo's Catering

Tickets: Frances Borg @408-243-5832 or alaunit419santaclara@gmail.com
# 2019 Calendar of Events

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UPCOMING EVENTS & MEETINGS

2018

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

2019

Jan 2 -Post Membership Meeting— 7:00 PM
Jan 3—SON’s Membership Meeting—7:00 PM
Jan 6– First Sunday Breakfast 9:00-11:00 AM
Jan 9—Auxiliary Unit 419 Membership Meeting 7:00 PM

Feb 2— Annual Crab Feed  5:00-10:00 PM
Feb 3— NO First Sunday Breakfast -
Feb 6—Post Membership Meeting — 7:00 PM
Feb 7 —SON’s Membership Meeting—7:00 PM
Feb 13—Auxiliary Unit 419 Membership Meeting 7:00 pm
Feb 16- Sadie Hawkins Dinner/Dance  5:00 pm—10:00 pm

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.

Activities and Events

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.

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* Citrus Heights orientation at Rosie’s Country Kitchen

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 life time.

Applications

Be sure to send in your application. Applications for Veterans, guardians and volunteers are available online 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.

Don’t Forget Sunday 2018 Breakfast  Dec 2, 2018, Jan 6, Feb 3, 019