FROM THE EDITOR

Hello Post 419:

November is a great month for the Post. On November 9th from 10:00am until 3:00pm, we will experience our annual Craft Faire. Preliminary reports indicate this will be a big event. On November 21st, the Post sponsors the annual Thanks for Giving Dinner where the Post gives thanks to active duty family members, volunteers and donors from the Post, SAL and Auxiliary.

Note the announcement from Legacy Memorial about the drop-in Vet to Vet coffee sessions that will begin at the Post on Mondays in January 2020. Drop in any time between 8:30am and 10:30am on Mondays. Nothing fancy just coffee, sweets and good conversation. This is hosted by Karen Carter of Dignity Memorial as part of their We Honor Vets program.

Commander Al Wong has instructed your Publisher to publish the Reveille the first week of the month as opposed to the last day of the prior month to ensure all reports are current. Look for your Reveille in December sometime between the 2nd and 6th of December.

Best regards,
Mel Irvin, Publisher

COMMANDER’S CORNER:

Santa Clara’s Parade of Champion was revived after a 25 years absence. Post 419 was asked to participate in the parade to represent the American Legion of Santa Clara. We were able to get only 3 participants who were willing and able to march. Sunny Dosanjh (Post 419 Service Officer, District Service Officer, and District Honor Guard captain), David Han (Post 642 Commander and Honor Guard member), and myself. The younger two carried the featherweight flags. And as usual, the senior guy gets the heavy rifle.

We were in the 13th position in the parade. At 1100 hours, we were off on the horseshoe march, from Bellomy and Lafayette, north to Benton, west to Monroe, then south to Bellomy. It took 44 minutes to complete the 1.1 mile. We moved pretty well together in the formation, but because there were only three of us, we were not very noticeable, especially when we were behind a marching band. There were booths along Homestead Road from Monroe to Lafayette, right up to the Post 419 drive way. Next year, join in and help make it a bigger event for Santa Clara and the American Legion. I was at Costco last month with my Legion cap on, and the young cashier said, 'American Legion? Never heard of that.
Honor Flight #23 returned on Saturday, October 19. One of the guardians told me that on their way to Washington, the veterans were full of chatter and on their way back, not so much. Well, if they were tired from the 3 day 2 night trip, they were rejuvenated when they got off the plane and into the terminals with Post 419, the USO, Legion Riders, Sea Cadets, families, friends and travelers cheering and welcoming them back home with 3 bagpipers leading the parade. Their reunion will be in November when they are all rested. So, brace yourself for all the chatters once again.

The next Honor Flights will be in 2020. Attention WW2 or Korea Era veterans. If you have not been on an Honor Flight, it's free and a memorable experience. You can see the past Honor Flight's photos and videos on the website: 'www.honorflightbayarea.org' (click on Tours). Applications are also on the website. I hope you will apply and make the trip. I will be waiting for you on the return flight to welcome you home.

Recruitments – I tried recruiting at the Santa Clara Farmer's Market and the Sunnyvale Public Library. I have no takers from either locations, but people at the library acknowledge my presence and picked up some leaflets. Other areas that I will be exploring is Sunnyvale and Mountain View Farmers’ Markets. If you happen to be in any of these locations, I might be there. By the way, I am also handing out leaflets for ‘Hall Rentals’.

Difficult to imagine the letdowns when thousands of veterans came home from war to find their farms in foreclosure. Efforts for court resolutions for veterans were unsuccessful. Veterans’ uprising resolved in deaths. Economic treatment of veterans had not been a success story in early America. This bit of history is in the October 2019 issue of The American Legion magazine (page 20). If you know anyone with military service from December 7, 1941 on, have them give the post a call or visit us at our first Sunday of the month Breakfast or first Wednesday of the month general meetings. The American Legion has worked very hard and will continue to be an advocate on Capitol Hill for veterans’ rights and benefits.

Please come to the General Meeting on Wednesday, November 6th for October’s month end finance reports and all the updates on post issues.

Al Wong
Post Commander
CHAPLAIN’S REPORT:

Our Chaplain who also served as our Service Officer and the District 13 Honor Guard Captain, Sunny Dosanjh, is relocating to Detroit, MI. The Post is seeking a volunteer replacement and wishes Sunny the best of luck in his endeavors.

WEEKLY COFFEE, DONUTS AND CONVERSATION BEGINNING JANUARY 6, 2020:

Would you consider coming to the American Legion Post 419 at 958 Home-stead in Santa Clara for coffee, sweets, and visiting with other Veterans? No agenda, just coffee and conversation plus a donut or two.

Your hostess will be Karen Carter
This is part of our “We Honor Veteran” Program
All invited, No charge
It will be every **Monday** morning from 8:30 am - 10:30 am
Beginning January 6, 2020
You may drop in anytime between 8:30 & 10:30
or come for the entire 2 hours, your choice

Karen Carter 408 595-3333
karen.carter@dignitymemorial.com
SAL COMMANDER’S REPORT

Hi friends. Well, fall is here, and that means the Thanks For Giving dinner is this month. It is now a combined effort between the Post, the Auxiliary and the Sons. This year we will be honoring 8 active duty families, I’m hoping for a good attendance turnout.

There's also Veterans day, and the Parade. I would like to see more SAL representation this year instead of just one or two SAL members as in years past. As soon as I find out the details of the parade, I will post them on the Sons Facebook Page.

Until next time be safe.

Sincerely

Jim Hoogesteger
Sal Squadron Comander
The **Auxiliary Halloween Costume Party** was held on Saturday, October 26th. DJ Ken played the hits requested by the crowd. The dinner was catered by Armando Catering and, as usual, his dinner was great.

We had many wonderful raffle prizes.

I want to thank everyone who donated prizes, and the Auxiliary members who helped make the baskets for the raffle at our last meeting. It was fun putting them together. Many thanks to the Borgs for doing the ticket and raffle sales too.

There were 2 costume contests with winners in single and couple categories. The winner of each contest received a free ticket to one of our 1st Sunday's breakfasts.

I would like to thank Cheryl Rafferty for being our hostess at this event. She kept both the raffle and the contest running smoothly, and Ralph Jacob helped the audience judge the costume contest.

The money that was made at this event will be used for the children's presents at the San Jose Veterans Center, stuffed animals for the Chandler Tripp Center, and our other veteran service programs. I want to thank everyone who attended our event, and want you to know that you are also helping our veterans and their families.

Our main fundraiser for veterans programs is the upcoming New Year's Eve event. Join us to ring in 2020 with the Legion Family at our **New Year Eve Daytime Bash on Tuesday, December 31st, 2019**, from Noon to 5 p.m. There will be live music by the Island Wave Band and a sumptuous dinner by Armando's with a complimentary glass of champagne or sparkling cider. Tickets are $45 per person from ALAunit419santaclara@gmail.com or Frances Borg at (408) 243-5832. Help us plan decorations at our **next membership meeting on Wed., Nov. 13, social 6:30 pm and meeting 7 pm at the Post Hall.**

Maydean Grundstrom
Membership Chair
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**AT-A-GLANCE**

**UPCOMING POST EVENTS & MEETINGS FOR NOVEMBER & December 2019**

- November 9—Veterans Crafts Faire
- November 11—San Jose Veterans Day Parade
- November 21—Thanks for Giving Dinner
- December 7—Legion Family Christmas Party
- December 31—New Years Eve Day Party

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**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.

**No 2019 Flight Dates Remaining**

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 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.

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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.
The American Legion Family of Post 419

"Thanks for Giving" Dinner
Thursday, Nov. 21, 2019

This dinner is to give THANKS to all families of military personal that are currently serving with the United States Armed Forces. The purpose of this dinner is to acknowledge these families of military personal who cannot be with their family members during the holiday season. We give thanks to all of Post 419’s volunteers and donors from the Legion, The Sons, The Auxiliary and community.

Catered by Armando
Dinner Menu: Turkey, Ham and all the fixings
No Host Cocktails
Doors Open: 5PM
Dinner: 6PM–7 PM

$25.00 per person or $160 for a table of 8
Reserve your tickets early!

For individual tickets or a table of 8 call:
408-243-5832 (Frances Borg)
408-244-3050 (Post 419)

American Legion Hall Post 419
958 Homestead Rd., Santa Clara, CA 95050
Legion Family Christmas Party

Saturday, Dec. 7, 2019

Prime Rib and Chicken with all the fixings
No Host Cocktails
Doors Open: 4:00pm
Dinner: 6:00pm – 7:00pm
Dancing to Island Wave Band: 7:00pm – 10:00pm
Cost: $35.00 / Person * or Table of 8 @ $250.00

* Door Prize of One (1) Night Stay at Black Oak Casino Plus Food and Gambling Vouchers

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
New Year's Eve Daytime Party

TUESDAY, 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