



AMERICAN LEGION POST 419 REVEILLE

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FROM THE EDITOR

Hello Post 419:

For most of us, this summer has been busy, busy, busy! This issue of *The Reveille* contains officer reports as always. I would like to direct you to the Chaplain's Report. It contains a moving story about a female 90-year old U.S. Army veteran. Thank you Chaplain Sunny.

Also, our always faithful Adjutant, Gene Grundstrom, has provided another Special Report on Page 6 regarding debt forgiveness of Federally Insured Student Loans by the U.S. Government.

Nearly one-half of our total members do not have an email address so they are not receiving *The Reveille* each month. Beginning this month, there will be paper copies on the table in the Member's Lounge. *The Reveille* is an excellent tool to demonstrate the attributes of our great Post 419 and to recruit new members.

Best regards,

Mel Irvin, Publisher

COMMANDER'S CORNER:

Adjutant Gene Grundstrom and I visited the Naval Operational Support Center in San Jose to present Certificates of Appreciation to some of the Sea Cadets that participated in the Memorial Day remembrances at the cemeteries. They did a wonderful job and I hope they will continue to participate with us in future Memorial Day and other events. If you can, please come and show your support to the Naval Sea Cadets on Memorial Day 2020. I will give you the time and place when the time becomes available. They are high schoolers and they represent the future of the U.S. Armed Forces.

For the first time since I have been with the post, we had over 100 guests for our '1st Sunday of the Month Breakfast'. As usual, we had 3 lucky winners for a free breakfast. Breakfast is just \$8.00, and you may drop in and out any time between 9:00 am and 11:00 am. You might be the next lucky winner. Remember, our events are for our neighbors and the community as well.

I have attended the District 13 meeting at Willow Glen, and our Executive and General meetings at the post. I have transcribed the minutes of our meetings. I have consolidated our financial statements so that the revenues and expenditures can easily identify any areas of concern. Operational costs have gone up like everything else, but revenues have gone down.. I have met with the Operation Committee members individually to get their input on course of action to take. We are addressing this issue, but we need a little help.

1. *Hall Rental* – This is our main source of income. Do you know anyone that might need to rent a hall for a memorial or celebration event?
2. *Charitable Organizations* – Any connection or know of any?
3. *First Sunday of the Month Breakfast* – In the area? Attend the Breakfast

Al Wong

Chaplain's Report:



Chaplain Services – We Honor Veterans Pinning Ceremony

There sat the 90 year old lady in a comfortable chair with a soft light illuminating the family room. She was a US Army Veteran who had served in Europe, Japan, Korea and Guam and was in hospice home care for her final days. I turned the corner into the room representing the “We Honor Veterans” program. The startled look on her face, the instant recognition of a Military Veteran and then the softening of her eyes as a flood of instant tears started to flow and she voiced the words...”I thought you had forgotten me”

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As I stood there motionless with a torrent of compassion, gratitude, humility and love gulfing my being. I knelt before her, my eyes continuously locked onto hers as her river of tears continued to flow, clasped her left hand with both of mine and said... "I haven't forgotten...You're not alone"

Website: <https://www.veteranscourage.org/>

Service Officer

San Jose Vet Center

For those Veterans who are seeking assistance with health issues related issues to a disability claims/appeal, please contact me with regard to how the San Jose Vet Center can assist. They have a great program and fellow Veterans who provide the care and assistance.

Contact Information: Sunny@dosanjusa.com or 408.209.2142

Honor Guard Captain

District 13 Honor Guard (D13HG)

Post 419 members of the District 13 Honor Guard detail conducted and slated for 2 Veteran Rifle/Bugle Services during this timeframe. One US Navy and four US Army Veterans were provided Military Honors.

Lost Gatos Memorial Park

As the Honor Guard Captain, I was requested to join the Los Gatos "Honor a Veteran" committee by invitation of General Hillhouse. This originated with my presenting the 21 casings from the inaugural ceremony.

Website: <https://honoravet.org>



SONS OF THE LEGION

UNIT 419



COMMANDER'S REPORT

Hello friends, this last month went by so fast, I was given the latest version of the SAL membership roster at the 1st Sunday breakfast, and noticed that 55% of SAL members DO NOT have a email or phone number listed, I would like very much for all SAL members to please send your phone number and or email addresses to either me, Jim Hoogesteger c/o Sal squadron 419 , or Steven Villegas c/o Sal Squadron 419, so we can update the roster. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Plan on attending the Surf City Dinner Dance on September 14. The flyer is attached hereto *The Reveille*. It will be a great evening.

As some of you know, Dreampower Horsemanship has invited the SONS to hold one of our meetings at their facility, with an afternoon of horse cart lessons and learning about their Horses For Warriors Programs. It will probably be October's meeting when the weather is cooler. I will be reaching out to many local members who have e-mail addresses & phone numbers listed, to see if anyone would be interested. This should be a fun afternoon, and it will be held on a Saturday instead of a Thursday evening.

Until next month, take care and God bless

In Service,

Jim Hoogesteger

SAL Squadron 419 Commander



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Greeting Auxiliary Members!

I want to thank the many new and returning faces we have had join us at our recent unit meetings! This year marks the 100th National Birthday of our Auxiliary and service to veterans. I know together with our collective efforts and passion for patriotism, we can and will make a difference for our veterans and communities.

Four main announcements for September so MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

1. Join us Wednesday, September 11th @ 7pm – Unit 419 Membership Meeting: We will conduct normal meeting business and also reserve a time for a Moment of Remembrance to honor the 18th anniversary of 9/11.
2. Our Annual Halloween Dinner Dance and Costume Contest will be held on Saturday, October 26th – See the Flyer attached to the *Reveille*, below.
3. The Lion's Club is hosting this stand down on October 3-5 in Foster City. Please consider this opportunity to serve our vets. There is a job for everyone and they have small time slots to fit it into your schedule. Visit: [Lions Clubs Vet Stand Down](#).
4. On July 30th, The LEGION Act (Let Everyone Get Involved in Opportunities for National Service) was signed into law and expands membership eligibility in the American Legion Family. For the ALA, there are now two eligibility periods: April 6, 1917 to Nov. 11, 1918 and Dec. 7, 1941 until the U.S. is no longer at war, as determined by Congress. You may know someone that may not have been eligible to join previously but now could be eligible from this significant legislative victory. Please contact our membership chairwoman, Maydean Grundstrom for more information.

In service, not self,

Maggie Taylor Aherne

ALA Unit 419 President

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For Your Information From CAL-Vet

Total and Permanent Disability (TPD) Discharge

If you're totally and permanently disabled, you may qualify for a discharge of your federal student loans and/or Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education (TEACH) Grant service obligation.

A total and permanent disability (TPD) discharge relieves you from having to repay a William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan (Direct Loan) Program loan, a Federal Family Education Loan (FFEL) Program loan, and/or a Federal Perkins Loan or to complete a TEACH Grant service obligation.

For more information please visit:

[https://www.calvet.ca.gov/VetServices/Pages/Total-and-Permanent-Disability-\(TPD\)-Discharge.aspx](https://www.calvet.ca.gov/VetServices/Pages/Total-and-Permanent-Disability-(TPD)-Discharge.aspx)



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2019 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Legion	Santa Clara Parade of Champions	September-To be announced
Legion	Honor Flight Number 22	September 12-14, 2019
SAL	Surf City Dinner Dance	Friday-September 14, 2019
Legion	Honor Flight Number 23	October 17-19, 2019
Auxiliary	Halloween Dinner Dance	Saturday-October 26, 2019
Legion	Veterans Craft Faire	Saturday-November 9, 2019
Legion	San Jose Veterans Day Parade	Monday-November 11, 2019
SAL	Thanks for Giving	Thursday-Nov. 21, 2019-5-9pm
Legion-Aux-SAL	Legion Family Christmas Party	Saturday-Dec. 7, 2019-5-10pm
Auxiliary	New Years Eve Day Party	Tuesday-Dec. 31, 2019-12-5pm

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Legion	First Sunday Breakfast	Sunday Jan 5, 2020-9-11am
Legion	Annual Crab Feed	Saturday Jan 25, 2020
Legion	First Sunday Breakfast	Sunday Feb 2, 2020 9-11am
Legion	First Sunday Breakfast	Sunday Mar 1, 2020 9-11am
Legion	St Patrick's Dinner/Dance	Saturday Mar 14, 2020
Legion	First Sunday Breakfast	Sunday Apr 5, 2020 9-11am
SAL	Socks for Vets	Sat Apr 18, 2020
Legion	Girl's State Orientation	Tuesday Apr 21, 2020
Legion	Delegate's Fundraiser Dinner	Friday Apr 24. 2020
Legion	First Sunday Breakfast-Mother's Day	May 3, 2020 9-11am
SAL	Rib Feed	Saturday May 16, 2020
Legion-Aux-SAL	Installation Dinner	Friday May 29, 2020
Legion	First Sunday Breakfast-Father's Day	Sunday June 7, 2020 9-11am
Legion	Annual Car Show	Saturday June 13, 2020
Legion	First Sunday Breakfast	Sunday July 5, 2020 9-11am
Legion	First Sunday Breakfast	Sunday Aug 2, 2020 9-11am
Legion	First Sunday Breakfast	Sept 6, 2020 9-11am

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Legion	First Sunday Breakfast	Sunday Sept 6, 2020 9-11am
SAL	Surf City Dinner/Dance	Saturday Sept 26, 2020
Legion	First Sunday Breakfast	Sunday Oct 4, 2020 9-11am
Aux	Halloween Dinner/Dance	Sat Oct 31, 2020
Legion	First Sunday Breakfast	Nov 1, 2020 9-11am
Legion	Annual Craft Faire	Saturday Nov 7, 2020
Legion-Aux-SAL	Veterans Day	Wednesday, Nov 11, 2020
SAL	Thanks for Giving Dinner	Thursday Nov 19, 2020
Legion	First Sunday Breakfast	Sunday Dec 6, 2020 9-11am
Legion	Legion Family Christmas Dinner/Dance	Saturday Dec 12, 2020
Aux	New Years Eve Party	Thursday 31, 2020



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ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

AT-A-GLANCE

UPCOMING POST EVENTS & MEETINGS FOR SEPTEMBER & October 2019

- Sept—Santa Clara Parade of Champions-date to be determined
- Sept 12-14—Honor Flight No. 22
- Sept 14-Surf City Dinner/Dance
- October 17-19—Honor Flight Number 23
- October 26—Halloween Dinner Dance



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.

2019 Flight Dates:

Flt #	Orientation Date	Trip Date	Reunion Date
22	Aug 25, 27*	Sep 12-14	Sep 29
23	Oct 6, 8*	Oct 17-19	Oct 27

* Citrus Heights orientation at Rosie's Country Kitchen



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.

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

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.

DON'T FORGET SUNDAY 2019 BREAKFAST May 5, June 2, July 7, 2019