

AMERICAN LEGION POST 419 REVEILLE

Veterans Helping Veterans & Serving the Community Since 1932

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958 Homestead Road, Santa Clara CA 95050

March 2025

Greetings Legion Family!

February came and gone much like the rain we had. It's time to think of spring activities as the days are getting longer, grass is growing, and house heaters are finally getting a break. With that said, I can't wait for the number of events and activities that were discussed at the Executive Committee Meeting.

The car show is underway, but it doesn't happen without you. If you can show a car, truck, motorcycle, call the post, sign up at the lounge, and of course if you can volunteer, please let us know.

Post 419 sponsored a candidate for the Oratorical Contest. This contest covers two of the four pillars, the corner stones of the American Legion. The two were Americanism and Children & Youth.

Thanks to the following Legion Posts who volunteered members:

Post 558

Post 419

Post 318

Aux 564

Aux 419



Our candidate will represent Post 419 at the Area 2 competition, March 8, 2025, 10:00 A.M. Palo Altos Elks Lodge, hope you can make it.

Hope to see you at our next General Meeting, Wednesday March 5, 2025, 1900 hours.

Veterans helping Veterans

Richard Peralez,
Commander



AMERICAN LEGION SONS

Greetings to all

So, here we are, the month of March and there is so much going on everywhere. Membership is a continual process. For those who have paid, we really appreciate your continued membership. Due's prices haven't changed for the detachment.

Our meetings are still on the 1st Thursday of the month at 3pm, if anyone is interested in finding out what we are doing, please come and join us. We don't bite. Our meetings don't go over an hour.

Time is once again approaching for individuals who would like to step up and be Officers of the squadron. If you are interested in learning more about the legion and what programs we do support, please let us know. You can leave a note in the office or just reach out to any of us.

Programs: At present we have Boys and Girls State on the table, and we as the squadron are going to be supporting 2 students, while the post will also be sponsoring 2 students. This program has been in the works since I joined so many years ago. We already have four students. Each year is a challenge, but the students are reaching out to us. They are either finding out from students who have gone to Sacramento for the Boys /Girls state program and getting good input.

As volunteers in the legion, we do step up for many reasons. We are a family and working with each group is a vital key for us to succeed.

Our next event for the squadron will be the *Socks for Vets Dinner Dance* in April. The flyer should be in the newsletter with the date and prices. You will also be able to find the flyers in the clubroom or right outside of the office. Also , we will be having an event in May, more information to follow.

Reports are a main on-going project, keeping track of your activities, not only for the squadron but also other organizations to which you may belong is a task. We report our activity hours and mileage and it all goes before congress from each state, so that they know how much time and mileage we volunteer. If you would like a work sheet, please reach out to me.

In Mid-March we have our annual Detachment Executive Committee meeting, and it will be in Santa Maria. I will have information from the committee meetings

Steve Villegas
Squadron Adjutant



AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

Greetings from the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 419

EVENTS, ET CETERA

Welcome back "Just Us" Ron and Mike to the Member's Bar on the first and third Wednesdays and the second and fourth Fridays of the month. See their picture below.

We continue to appreciate the toiletry donations and thank you for supporting our Veteran's. We are still accepting donations of shampoo, conditioner, soap and lotion. Travel size or what you find in a hotel/motel. We are also accepting donations of socks, gently used warm clothes (sweats, jackets, sweaters, hats, etc.). These donations will go to a few of our Veteran's homeless shelters during these cold months.

Welcome back "Just Us" Ron and Mike to the Member's Bar

March: **Wednesday 5th & 19th** | **Friday 14th and 28th**



Please keep in mind family & friends that might be eligible & would love to join our Post and support our veterans. Invite them to an event and 1st Sunday breakfast!



Respectfully submitted by,
Patricia Brickman
ALA Unit 419 President 🇺🇸

ALA meets 2nd Wednesday of the month, **7:00 pm to 8:00 pm.**
Social from **6:30 pm to 7:00 pm.**

We Need Your Help!

We are trying to raise funds to fix our walk-in cooler.

Cost is going to be a little over \$17,000.00 dollars. That is a lot of money but I know we can do it with everyone's help.

Two Donation Stations

Hall & Members Bar

Or mail in your donation marked: *Post Walk-In Cooler*

We need to move fast as you know prices are going up and this bid to fix this may go up.

We need this walk-in. It is our main walk-in for beer, wine, and juices etc. We also use it for breakfast and catering food. The Auxiliary and Son's have already been very generous with a \$1000.00 each.

Please consider helping today! If you have any further questions please feel free to talk to me Brenda Manley your Facilities Manager or one of the officers at Post 419

Thanks in advance for your help!



AMERICAN LEGION CHAPLAIN

May You and Your Family, Friends and Community be Blessed in the coming
Month of March.

May your Spirit, Faith and Love know no boundaries.

Thoughts and Prayers to those who are in pain and to those who also suffer.

"In God We Trust"

Official Motto of the United States of America

"One Nation Under God"

The Pledge of Allegiance

"So Help Me God"

US Military Oath of Enlistment

"For God and Country"

US Military Chaplain Corps, American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars



Spiritual Renewal Overview

CHAPLAIN'S OUTLOOK
SUNNY "DOS" DOSANJH

AMERICAN LEGION CHAPLAIN

I'd like to acknowledge [Women's History Month](#) along with [International Women's Day](#) which is celebrated on March 8th.

[Loretta Perfectus Walsh](#) was the first woman to officially serve in the United States Armed Forces in a non-nursing capacity.

In 2021, one of the USS Constitution's 24-pound long guns was named "*Perfectus*" in honor of Walsh's service.



Loretta Perfectus Walsh

April 22, 1896 - August 6, 1925

Woman and Patriot

First of those enrolled in the US Naval Service

World War 1917 - 1919

Her comrades dedicate this monument

To keep alive forever



The American Legion Honor Society also known as the 40 & 8 was kind enough to extend an invitation. As I learn more about the organization, services and the members, I'll start to include them in a separate section. It is a humble honor and I look forward to contributing where I can.

Sunny "Dos" Dosanjh, Chaplain



AMERICAN LEGION HONOR GUARD



Robert John Dunlap

US Air Force

June 7, 1933 Honolulu, HI — February 8, 2025 Fremont, CA



Past Commander Post 419

[Obituary](#)



Larry Irvin Danner

US Army

Sunday, February 23rd

Better Place Forest, Santa Cruz Mountains



Signavio Garza

US Army

Wednesday, February 26th

Santa Clara Mission Cemetery



Thomas Calvo

US Marines

Thursday, February 27th

Santa Clara Mission Cemetery



Captain Sunny “Dos” Dosanjh, Mike Roosevelt, Michael Singleton

AMERICAN LEGION SERVICE OFFICER


“Hi Sunny, I am a medical social worker from [Pathways Hospice](#) and I have a patient who is a Vietnam Vet and whose family can no longer care for them in the home. The family is asking for help to get the patient placed in a skilled nursing facility, preferably in San Jose, CA. Family doesn’t know if the patient is signed up for Veteran’s health. Would you be able to help or point me in the right direction?”

“Hello Natalie, They would need to go to one of the VA offices or VSO’s with a Veterans DD214 (proof of Veterans status) and an authorized family member (show your relationship to the Veteran Patient) who can ask questions on the Veterans behalf.

<https://www.va.gov/palo-alto-health-care/locations/san-jose-va-clinic/>




<https://vets.santaclaracounty.gov/home>

Featured Veterans Services Partner of the Month. [Know A Vet?](#)



KNOW A VET?™

Attract, Inform, and Connect with Military Veterans to Build a Better Life

 <p>Veterans Help for U.S. military veterans</p> <p>Getting Started</p>	 <p>Family Help for families and friends</p> <p>Family and Friends</p>	 <p>Support Ways to support KnowAVet</p> <p>Volunteer or Donate</p>
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Latest from [Legion.org](#)

 <p>Benefits Receive assistance to understand and apply for benefits.</p>	 <p>Careers Find employers who understand your skills and values.</p>	 <p>Education Learn how to access educational opportunities.</p>
 <p>Health Find information on veterans health care, including health conditions and care options.</p>	 <p>USAA Financial Serving the military community and growing stronger together.</p>	

Sunny “Dos” Dosanjh, Service Officer



First Sunday Breakfast



RAFFLE EVENT

Chris Estrada

Post 419 Member, GFI Veterans Lead
estrada.ca.gfi@gmail.com

Sunday, March 2nd, 2025

9 – 11 AM at American Legion Post 419
958 Homestead Road, Santa Clara, CA
Open to the Public

**GRAND
PRIZE**
TRIP TO HAWAII



**GFI GLOBAL
FINANCIAL IMPACT**



Thank You to the Veterans Team at GFI!

You put a smile on our faces! Sunny Dosanjh

Bob Mann

GFI Veterans
Executive Sponsor

AMERICAN LEGION GOOD OF THE LEGION

Our 2nd Vice Commander, Kathleen Hall is leading the celebration for the Month of April as “Month of the Military Child” at 1st Sunday Breakfast in April.

They are calling it “Purple Up” Day and are encouraging individuals to wear purple.

The request is for our Post’s young people to bring information about their family member’s military service for our “Hero Wall”. Examples are medals or special projects the military member received. A photo printed out on paper would be welcomed!

<https://www.defense.gov/Spotlights/Month-of-the-Military-Child/>



Chaplain Sunny “Dos” Dosanjh is part of the San Jose Vet Center group that created this book: *Permission To Walk In Peace*.

Empower Veterans' Voices: Donate for Healing



Marshall Burgamy is organizing this fundraiser.

Donation protected

As combat veterans, we are reaching out for support in sharing our deeply personal stories of service, recovery, and the arduous journey of rebuilding relationships. Our group, comprised of Vietnam and Iraq veterans, gathers regularly at the V.A. as part of a PTSD support group. Through this collective journey, many of us have crafted stories, essays, and poems that reflect our struggles with the trauma of war and its enduring impact. These heartfelt works have been compiled and submitted for publication, as we seek to amplify our voices and share our experiences with a broader audience. By doing so, we hope to not only process our own healing but also inspire others who may be navigating similar paths of recovery and resilience.

\$1,625 raised
\$4K goal · 11 donations

41%

Share

Donate now

This fundraiser is located near you

- Brian Beswick
\$100 · 7 d
- Todd Karren
\$100 · 8 d
- Craige Edgerton
\$25 · 8 d
- Carol Marx
\$200 · 9 d
- Patti Crisafi
\$500 · 9 d

See all See top

American Legion Post 419



St Patrick's Day Dinner and Dance

March 15, 2025

Doors Open at 4:30pm

Dinner 6:00 to 7:00pm

Menu Corned Beef and Cabbage, Potatoes, Carrots, Green Salad, Dinner Rolls

Dance to our DJ 7:00 to 9:30pm

Lucky Drawing Prizes

Full-Service Bar (Beverages not included in pricing)

Price \$30.00 per person

For Tickets Contact:

Frances @ 408-243-5932

Post 419 @408-244-3050

Stop By the Post

958 Homestead Road

Santa Clara, CA 95050

THANK YOU SANTA CLARA ROTARY

On Monday January 6, 2025, Larry Kaiser a member of the Santa Clara Rotary, Brenda Manley and I installed new speakers in the ceiling of Post 419. We completed the task on Tuesday 7th. This project was a much needed upgrade as our old speakers, which had been in use for many years finally gave out.

I wanted to recognize the Santa Clara Rotary for their donation of the new system which will be a great asset to our future rentals and events so on January 30, 2025, I presented a Certificate of Appreciation to the President of the Santa Clara Rotary and Larry , at the SC Rotary's weekly lunch, to show just how much they are appreciated by Post 419.

On behalf of Post 419 Thank you again:

Gene Grundstrom



On Wednesday, **March 19, 2025, from 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM**, the Santa Clara Rotary Club and American Legion Post 419 are hosting a blood drive in partnership with the American Red Cross. This particular event presents a unique opportunity because every successful blood donor will receive a free A1C blood sugar test, providing valuable health information while also contributing to the critical need for blood donations.

We also have invited the American Diabetes Association to join us at this Red Cross blood drive .

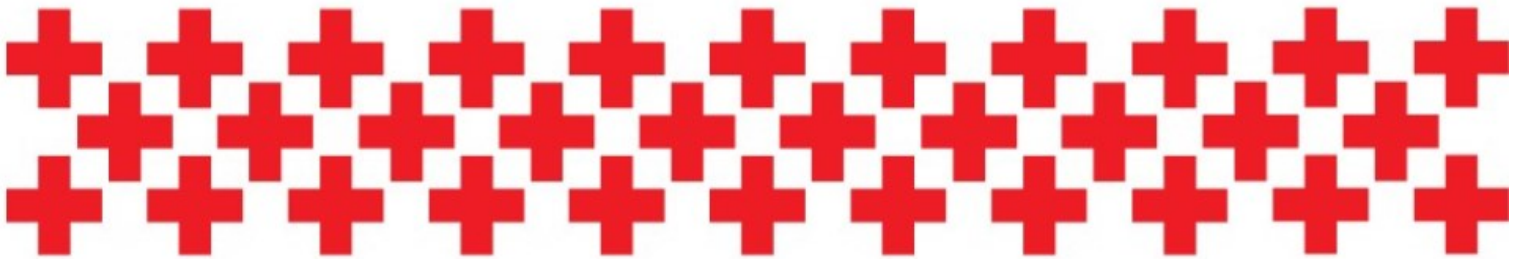
- **Providing informational materials** about diabetes prevention and management at the event.
- **Having a representative** from the American Diabetes Association available to speak with attendees about diabetes awareness.
- **Engaging local individuals who have shown interest in diabetes education** and encouraging them to consider blood donation.

At its core, this effort supports two vital causes—ensuring an emergency blood supply and raising awareness about diabetes

Gene Grundstrom

American Red Cross

Give blood. Help save lives.



Blood Drive
Sponsored by
Rotary Club of Santa Clara and
American Legion Santa Clara
Post 419

Main Hall
958 Homestead Road
Santa Clara, CA 95050

Wednesday, March 19, 2025
11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

To schedule your appointment or for more information visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter Sponsor Code: ROTARYSANTACLARA or call 1-800 RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the DAY OF your appointment.

If you have questions regarding your eligibility to donate blood, please call 1-866-236-3276.

Photo identification is required.



Scan to be directed to
RapidPass®

**Give in March for a \$10 Gift Card by email & successful
donations get A1C testing. rcblood.org/March**



Scan to schedule
an appointment.



NATIONAL VIETNAM WAR VETERANS DAY

“Welcome Home!”



Oak Hill Funeral Home & Memorial Park | Reception Rooms 2 & 3
 300 Curtner Avenue, San Jose, CA | March 29th, 2025 | 11:00 AM

Welcome

Post Colors

National Anthem

Pledge of Allegiance

Recognition Act of 2017

Words of Remembrance

Presentation of Wreath

Spiritual Renewal Service

God Bless America

TAPS

Retrieve Colors



Sean Algee, General Manager, Dignity Memorial

American Legion District 13 Color Guard

Reyna Padron, Violinist

Craige Edgerton, Poet, Writer, and Adventurer

Karen Carter, Director Community Relations

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Sunny Dosanjh, Chaplain American Legion

Reyna Padron, Violinist

American Legion District 13 Color Guard

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MUST RSVP For the Spiritual Renewal Service Part of the Ceremony

Full Name and Branch of Service to: Karen.Carter@DignityMemorial.com 408.560.6691



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Celebrate Military Appreciation Night at the Tank!


Each ticket purchase through this link includes a \$5 donation to Honor Flight Bay Area Foundation.

<https://fevo-enterprise.com/event/Sharksmilitary7>



The ticket also comes with a
**Commemorative
Sharks Challenge Coin**



 Mar 29, 2025 7:30 PM PDT
 SAP Center
525 W Santa Clara St, San Jose, CA 95113, US

Questions? Looking for more than 9 tickets?
Contact Gunnar Holmberg at
GHolmberg@SJSharks.com



FLIGHT #37: 04.10.2025 – 04.12.2025

(COVID Vaccinations not required, masks strongly encourage.)

Orientation Dates:

- Santa Clara American Legion Post 419: 03.30.2025 @ 11:30 AM
- Roseville American Legion Post 169: 04.01.2025 @ 11:30 AM

Reunion Date:

- Santa Clara American Legion Post 419: 05.04.2025 @ 1:00 PM



FLIGHT #38: 05.15.2025 – 05.17.2025

(COVID Vaccinations not required, masks strongly encourage.)

Orientation Dates:

- Santa Clara American Legion Post 419: 04.27.2025 @ 11:30 AM
- Roseville American Legion Post 169: 04.29.2025 @ 11:30 AM

Reunion Date:

- Santa Clara American Legion Post 419: 06.08.2025 @ 12:00 PM

FLIGHT #39: 09.11.2025 – 09.13.2025

(COVID Vaccinations not required, masks strongly encourage.)

Orientation Dates:

- Santa Clara American Legion Post 419: 08.31.2025 @ 11:30 AM
- Roseville American Legion Post 169: 09.02.2025 @ 11:30 AM

Reunion Date:

- Santa Clara American Legion Post 419: 10.05.2025 @ 1:00 PM



FLIGHT #40: 10.09.2025 – 10.11.2025

(COVID Vaccinations not required, masks strongly encourage.)

Orientation Dates:

- Santa Clara American Legion Post 419: 09.28.2025 @ 11:30 AM
- Roseville American Legion Post 169: 09.30.2025 @ 11:30 AM

Reunion Date:

- Santa Clara American Legion Post 419: 11.02.2025 @ 1:00 PM

Contact 408.499.1739 | admin@honorflightbayarea.org
<https://honorflightbayarea.org/>



Socks & more for Vets

Accepting donations of new socks and underwear for
Veterans in need.

Sponsored by the
Sons of the American Legion



April 5th, 2025



American Legion Post 419
958 Homestead Rd.
Santa Clara

Turkey, or Ham, and all the fixin's

Tickets \$30

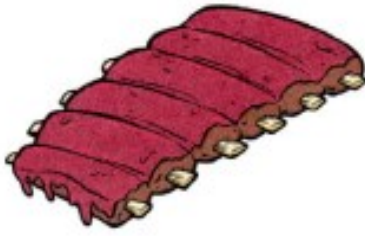
Frances Borg at (408) 243-5832
Post 419 at (408) 244-3050 Ext. 2, or 5

Doors open at 5:00 PM

Dinner served at 6:00 PM

Dancing from 7:00 to 9:00 PM





Rib Feed



Sponsored by the
Sons of the American Legion

May 3rd 2025

American Legion Post 419
958 Homestead Rd.
Santa Clara

BBQ Chicken, or Ribs

Potato salad & corn on the cob

Green Salad & Garlic Bread

Tickets \$30

Frances Borg at (408) 243-5832
Post 419 at (408) 244-3050 Ext. 2, or 5

Drinks 5-6 PM

Dinner 6-7 PM

Dancing 7-9:30 PM





American Legion Post 419

VETERANS HELPING VETERANS AND THE COMMUNITY

958 HOMESTEAD ROAD, SANTA CLARA, CALIFORNIA

Annual

CAR SHOW

**Saturday June 14, 2025
10 am to 3 pm**

Come join us for a fun day of Music, BBQ,
Drawings, and some terrific Vehicles

Lunch: \$15

Call 408-244-3050



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



**NET PROCEEDS BENEFIT POST 419's
VETERAN SUPPORT PROGRAMS.**

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REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____ Phone _____ Email _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Make, Model & Year of Vehicle: _____

\$35 donation per vehicle: Lunch tickets @ \$15 each: _____ X \$15 = _____ Total: _____
Make checks payable to: American Legion Post 419

Mail registration form and checks to:
Legion Car Show, 958 Homestead Road, Santa Clara, CA 95050

Check-in: 8 - 9:30 am

We Require Volunteers: Please contact us if you can assist:
americanlegionpost419@comcast.net



Come join your comrades for Coffee, Donuts & Conversation

Every Thursday - 9 am - 11 am

American Legion Post 419

958 Homestead Rd - Santa Clara

Hostess, Karen Carter

408 560-6691, for more information

No agenda, just fun together sharing stories.

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LIFE WELL CELEBRATED[®]

MARCH 2025 LUNCH MENU

March 2025



Veterans helping
Veterans and the
Community

Lunch: \$10.00
11 am-2:00 pm

*Hot Entrée
or
Hamburger
Cheeseburger
Chips & Desert
Drinks NOT included*

958 Homestead Road
Santa Clara, CA 95056
(408) 244-3050

www.alpost419ca.org

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comcast.net

**LUNCH
SERVICES
Thursday &
Friday only**

Come to the Post for Lunch.

Lunch is served from 11:00 to 2:00 Order your lunch from the club room and enjoy it there or sit down in our outside patio. It is only \$10.00.

We offer a Daily Special or you can get Cheeseburger, Hamburger, and now serving Shrimp Salads All lunches come with a house baked cookie.

Lunches are served Thursday and Friday

March 2025						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4	5	6 Meatloaf	7 Beef Chili	8
9	10	11	12	13 Zesty Chicken	14 Salmon Burger	15
16	17	18	19	20 Fried Chicken	21 Tuna Melt	22
23	24	28	26	27 Beef Lasagna	28 Clam Chowder	

2025 Calendar of Events

HOST	EVENT	DATE
Post	First Sunday Breakfast	2-March-25 9-11 am
Post	Post 419 Legion Post Meeting	5-March-25 7-8 pm
SAL	SONS Membership Meeting	6-March-25 3-4 pm
Aux	Membership Meeting	12-March-25 7-8 pm
Post	St. Patrick's Dinner Dance	15-March-25 7-8 pm
Post	Post 419 Legion Post Meeting	2-April-25 7-8 pm
SAL	SONS Membership Meeting	3-April-25 3-4 pm
SAL	50's Sock Hop	5-April-25 5-9 pm
Post	First Sunday Breakfast	6-April-25 9-11 am
Aux	Membership Meeting	9-April-25 7-8 pm
SAL	SONS Membership Meeting	1-May-25 3-4 pm
SAL	Rib Feed & Dinner Dance	3-May-25 5-9:30 pm
Post	First Sunday Breakfast	4-May-25 9-11 am
Post	Post 419 Legion Post Meeting	7-May-25 7-8 pm
Aux	Membership Meeting	14-May-25 7-8 pm
Post	Memorial Day Hot Dogs	26-May-25 Noon



Editors Update

If you have anything you want to include in our newsletter or website, please contact me at the following: sunny@veteranscourage.org

Sunny "Dos" Dosanjh, Newsletter & Website Editor <https://www.alpost419ca.org>

