



The Danish Soldiers Club

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MEMBER OF DANSKE SOLDATERFORENINGERS LANDSRÅD. PROTECTOR HER MAJESTY QUEEN MARGRETHE II OF DENMARK

THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Greetings

Even though I was unable to attend it was reported to me that the May BBQ was a success with nice weather and plenty of good food. Special thanks to all of the members who volunteered to make it a success.

Also it was reported that when the subject of going to the Sonoma Veterans Hall for our 2019 Christmas Celebration was broached, with the membership favoring such a move even though there could be some added costs. Therefore I will meet with the Sonoma County officials to try and secure the hall this month.

Finally it is with great sadness that I notify our members that long time member (since 1981) Inger Lundbæk passed away in April. Our thoughts are with her family.

**Best Wishes and see you
in June**

Rick



Remember their names...



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74 members and guests along with 8 children attended our May BBQ. The BBQ steak, salads, fruit, bread and of course the Kringle were excellent. The weather cooperated and was nice.

Like always to make an event like this successful you need plenty of people to help out from BBQ masters, shoppers, salad makers, bread cutters, chili warmers, drink pourers, coffee makers, food handlers and kitchen clean-up help. To all of those that filled these roles thank you for your time and effort.

One of the subjects for the member meeting was having the 2019 Christmas Party again in Sonoma. It seems that many in our group enjoyed the new location. We will inquire with the County and inform our Caterer to make sure that we still provide the best cost consensus option possible.

The rest of the meetings will without any doubt have great Kastania Faelled picnic weather and temperatures. *Again share this with your family and friends as a way to encourage new members to join and help us celebrate our Danish Heritage. Though this the club will continue to remain vibrant*

Thanks to the many donations for the raffle that help support this club from Karen Lysmer, Peter Scakow, Margrethe & Birthe Baekgaard, Signe Vik, Finn Jacobsen, Vibeke Jensen, Erik Jensen, Kirsten Pedersen and Peder Hoy. Thanks also to Birthe who brought her famous Tuscan cake.

If you already have paid your dues for 2019 you can relax. If not, please send a check for \$30 to:

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Also remember that you can pay online thru

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Order form for Smørrebrød at \$20.00 each

Yes, I wish to order lunch for Kastania Fælled. My check is enclosed

Four pieces of Smørrebrød of which one is

SALMON

Total plates with Salmon

Four pieces of Smørrebrød of which one is

SHRIMP

Total plates with Shrimp

Four pieces of Smørrebrød of which one is

HERRING

Total plates with Herring

Four pieces of "non-seafood" Smørrebrød

REGULAR

Total plates Regular

Drink Tickets are 3 for \$12.00, or 6 for \$20.00. Please specify quantity _____
1 ticket for any mixed drink, wine or beer. Soft drinks 1/2 ticket. Bottled water free.

Name: _____ Check amount _____

Queen Margrethe of Denmark proves she's in good voice as she belts out a song on the Marselisborg Palace balcony while surrounded by her family on her 79th birthday

Queen Margrethe proved she's in good voice as she belted out a song from the porch of the Marselisborg Palace April 16th on her 79th birthday.



Flanked by her son Crown Prince Frederik, daughter-in-law Crown Princess Mary and their four adorable children, the Danish monarch beamed as she waved to the crowds that had gathered for the special occasion at midday in Aarhus.

It is the second birthday she has celebrated without her husband of 50 years, Prince Henrik, by her side, after he passed away last year. Her obvious enthusiasm and passion towards the chant proved infectious, with eight-year-old Princess Josephine emulating her grandmother's raised arm as she sang along.



During the balcony appearance Queen Margrethe received a small bouquet of flowers from Princess Isabella, 11, which featured a patriotic Danish flag. The family all dressed smartly for the occasion, with the Danish Queen sporting a smart grey skirt suit, a bright blue blouse and brown wool coat.

Her daughter-in-law Princess Mary, 47, opted for a jade green belted dress with a white pattern, which she teamed with a complimentary green coat and splash of red thanks to her vibrant nail polish. She wore her brunette tresses loose and naturally wavy, while her mother-in-law swept her locks into a chic updo.

It was smart wool blazers all round for the boys, with Prince Frederik's sons Prince Christian and Prince Vincent following their father's lead, while Princesses Isabella and Josephine both donned stylish check wool coats.

Hundreds gathered to pass on their well-wishes, but one noticeable absentee from the celebrations was the queen's youngest son, Prince Joachim, his wife Princess Marie and his four children.



Queen Margrethe has been on the throne since January 1972, when she succeeded the late King Frederick IX at the age of 31.



Memorial Day

With summer around the corner I thought we could review the history of Memorial Day in the United States which typically marks the beginning of the season

The practice of decorating soldiers' graves with flowers is an ancient custom. Soldiers' graves were decorated in the U.S. before and during the American Civil War. Some believe that an annual cemetery decoration practice began before the American Civil War and thus may reflect the real origin of the "memorial day" idea. Annual Decoration Days for particular cemeteries are still held on a Sunday in late spring or early summer in some rural areas of the American South, notably in the mountain areas. In cases involving a family graveyard where remote ancestors, as well as those who died more recently, are buried, this may take on the character of an extended family reunion to which some people travel hundreds of miles. People gather, put flowers on graves, and renew contacts with relatives and others. There often was a religious service and a picnic-like "dinner on the grounds", the traditional term for a potluck meal at a church.

On June 3, 1861, Warrenton, Virginia, was the location of the first Civil War soldier's grave ever to be decorated, according to a Richmond *Times-Dispatch* newspaper article in 1906. In 1862, women in Savannah, Georgia decorated Confederate soldiers' graves according to the Savannah Republican. The 1863 cemetery dedication at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, was a ceremony of commemoration at the graves of dead soldiers. Some have therefore claimed that Lincoln was the founder of Memorial Day. On July 4, 1864, ladies decorated soldiers' graves according to local historians in Boalsburg, Pennsylvania, which promotes itself as the birthplace of Memorial Day.

In April 1865, following President Abraham Lincoln's assassination, commemorations were widespread. The more than 600,000 soldiers of both sides who died in the Civil War meant that burial and memorialization took on new cultural significance. Under the leadership of women during the war, an increasingly formal practice of decorating graves had taken shape. In 1865, the federal government began creating national military cemeteries for the Union war dead.

On May 1, 1865, in Charleston, South Carolina, recently freed African-Americans held a parade of 10,000 people to honor 257 dead Union Soldiers, whose remains they had reburied from a mass grave in a Confederate prison camp.

In 1868, copying the Southern annual observance of the previous three years, General John A. Logan of the Grand Army of the Republic, an organization of Union veterans founded in Decatur, Illinois, established Decoration Day as a time for the nation to decorate the graves of the Union war dead with flowers. By the 20th century, various Union and Confederate memorial traditions, celebrated on different days, merged, and Memorial Day eventually extended to honor all Americans who died while in the military service.

The preferred name for the holiday gradually changed from "Decoration Day" to "Memorial Day", which was first used in 1882. Memorial Day did not become the more common name until after World War II, and was not declared the official name by Federal law until 1967. On June 28, 1968, Congress passed the Uniform Monday Holiday Act, which moved four holidays, including Memorial Day, from their traditional dates to a specified Monday in order to create a convenient three-day weekend. The change moved Memorial Day from its traditional May 30 date to the last Monday in May. The law took effect at the federal level in 1971. After some initial confusion and unwillingness to comply, all 50 states adopted Congress' change of date within a few years.

In 2000, Congress passed the National Moment of Remembrance Act, asking people to stop and remember at 3:00 PM. On Memorial Day, the flag of the United States is raised briskly to the top of the staff and then solemnly lowered to the half-staff position, where it remains only until noon. It is then raised to full-staff for the remainder of the day.

Memorial Day observances in small New England towns are often marked by dedications and remarks by veterans and politicians. The National Memorial Day Concert takes place on the west lawn of the United States Capitol. The concert is broadcast on PBS and NPR. Music is performed, and respect is paid to the men and women who gave their lives for their country. Across the United States, the central event is attending one of the thousands of parades held on Memorial Day in large and small cities. Most of these feature marching bands and an overall military theme with the Active Duty, Reserve, National Guard and Veteran service members participating along with military vehicles from various wars

However you choose to spend your Memorial Day weekend please make sure to take the time to reflect all of those that sacrificed to make such a day necessary.