



The Danish Soldiers Club

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THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Greetings

Our meeting on August 3rd had great Kastania Faelled picnic weather. The good news is our attendance increased so thank you to all that came and had a great time. Preparations for our great barbeque event in September is well under way, and we expect to have the crew in place well in advance. Our goal is that the barbeque will be absolutely first class with Dennis Wimple doing the BBQing, and that we have a great event in store for you. Do not forget to bring along the children. This is a family event.

Also with Fall soon arriving it is time to think about Board nominations and elections. We have two board members with expiring terms; Jill Brians and myself. This is the end of my 3rd three year term and according to the Club by-laws you are only allowed three consecutive terms after which you must leave the Board. Therefore we will have at least one vacancy to decide on this year. So this is the time for Members to consider (especially new members) joining the board to help continue to keep this club strong and vibrant.

Best Wishes - Hope to see you all at our September BBQ

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If there are any suggestions for items to put in the newsletter please feel free to send them to me at ricksantarini@danishsoldiersclub.com

August 3rd came with beautiful weather, and 51 members and guests enjoyed Kastania Fælled and the Danish Smørbrøds lunch. We also welcomed three new members to our club. As they are part of the Wimple family they have been coming for quite awhile now but now they are officially Danish Soldiers Club members. Welcome to Dennis' wife Conni (native of Denmark) and his two granddaughters Jessica and Faith.

We are now down to a handful members owing 2019 dues, and hopefully that will be taken care by the end of August. Plans are already being formulated for our September BBQ, so mark September 7th on your calendar. Guaranteed good food and good times for all so please plan on attending.

Please try to get your order into Margrethe by US Mail, Email or PayPal no later than Wednesday (September 4th) evening.

The rest of the meetings will without any doubt have great Kastania Fælled picnic weather and temperatures so hopefully attendance will climb. **Again share this with your family and friends as a way to encourage new members to join, participate 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 Margrethe & Birthe Baekgaard, Rick & Lisa Santarini, Per Madsen, Erik Larsen, Elsbeth & Leo Pedersen, Erika & Ned Hill and Kristen Pedersen. Thanks also to Birthe who brought her famous Tuscan cake. ***Next Meeting/BBQ Luncheon Saturday September 7th: Flag Ceremony at noon followed by the Member-ship meeting with Lunch around 1:00.***

Order form for BBQ lunch at \$20.00 each serving



Yes, I wish to order lunch for the BBQ.

NEW YORK STRIP STEAK

We will prepare the finest, most tender and well seasoned beef available with three kinds of salads, beans and dinner rolls. Coffee and pastry are included.



Email or mail this order to arrive no later than Wednesday PM prior to the lunch to:

Margrethebaekgaard@danishsoldiersclub.com

Or:

Margrethe Baekgaard
1740 Brandee Lane
Santa Rosa, CA 95403

Or PayPal thru the DSC Web Site
www.danishsoldiersclub.com

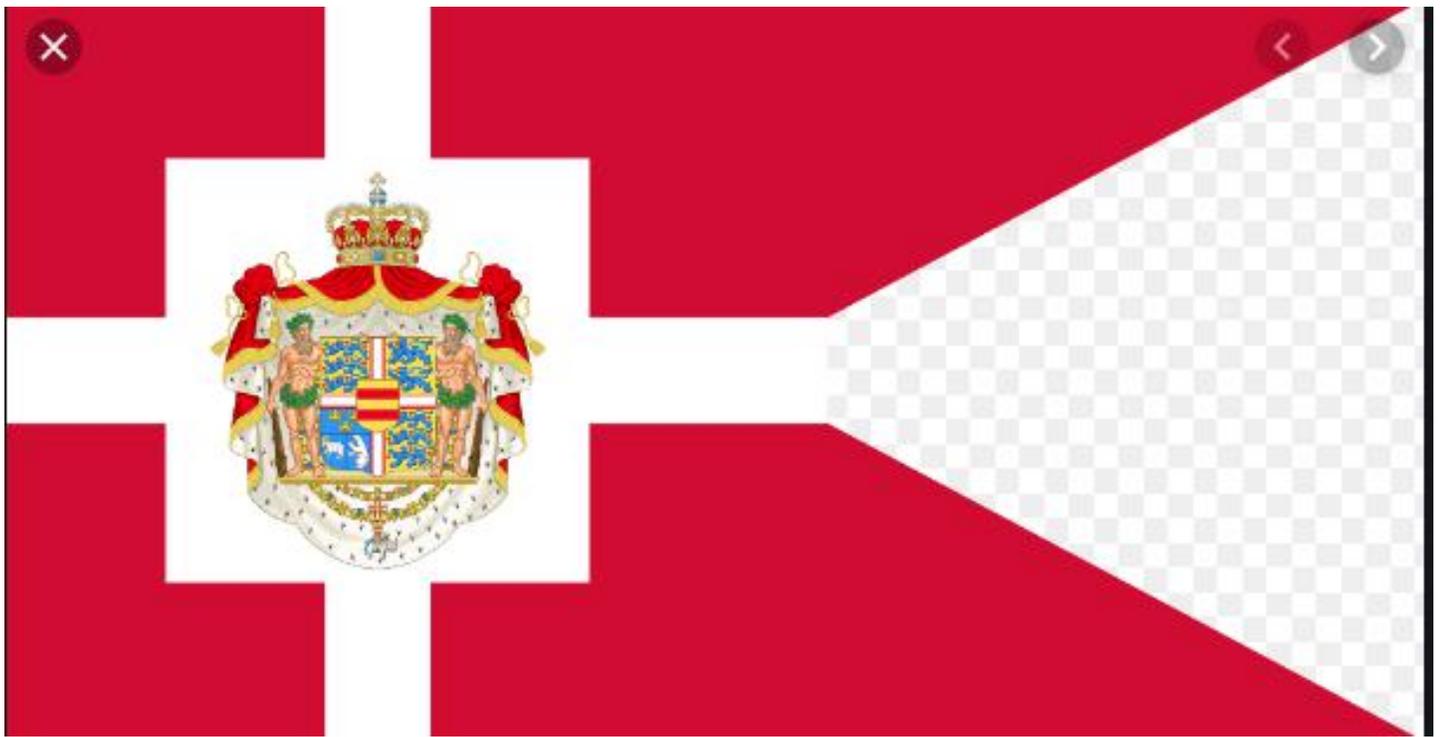
For just \$1 there will be Hot Dogs, Ice Cream and Soft Drinks to all children.

Name: _____ # of Adults _____ # of children _____

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

Check amount \$ _____





The Story of the Royal Danish Flag in our Clubhouse

There has been interest showed by many of our newer members about the story of the “Konge Flag” which we exhibit behind the desk in our club house at Kastania Fælled. Thanks to an article by Eiler Foss (longtime editor of this newsletter) in our August 2012 Newsletter here is the story of that Flag. Eiler reached out to one of our past Presidents and longtime members Hans Andersen (husband of member Inger Marie).

In 1999 our club was chosen to receive and protect this flag. The flag differs from the standard “Dannebrog” Flag due to the Danish official coat of arms in its center (with two ancient giant fighters). This Royal Dannebrog was flown from the stern of the white Royal Yacht “Dannebrog” of King Fredrick IX and was retired when he passed away and was succeeded by his daughter Queen Margrethe II in 1972.

With this the “Landsrådet for Danske Soldarterforeninger” (our parent organization) in cooperation with the “Marineforeningen” (the Danish Marine Association) selected the Danish Soldiers Club of Northern California to protect this “retired” flag. Therefore in 1999 at a ceremony at “Haderslev

Kaserne” (in southern Jutland) when representatives of our club were presented this special flag. The Club’s representatives were all long-time members important in the establishment, building and strength of our club. They were Stephen Ulrich, Gustav Sckerl, Henning Jensen (past co-editor of Bien)’ Hans Andersen (past President), Lawrence Bentsen (past President and who our pavilion is named for) and Preben Frank.



The four-meter-wide flag is the only one to be protected outside of Denmark. Hans Andersen who carried the flag to our clubhouse at Kastania Fælled was granted the Danish Medal “Fortjentsmedaljen” (Merit Medal) since he was one of veteran Danish Military status from “Ingeniør Tropperene” (Engineer Troops) in Randers, Jutland.

The other retired Royal Dannebrog flags are in Rønne, Frederikshavn and Copenhagen. The Club was given instructions on how to fold it for its framed display, which also had a provision for adding protective moth balls. The folding was done by two long time and current members Lillian Rasmussen and Inger Marie Andersen, the frame was made by longtime member Jørgen Hansen. One requirement we have is that should this club ever be discontinued we have an obligation to return the flag to Marineforeningen in Denmark.

The Royal Yacht Dannebrog



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The Royal Yacht Dannebrog was named by Queen Alexandrine (wife of King Christian X) in Copenhagen in 1931 and hoisted its flag for the first time on 26 May 1932. Dannebrog now serves as the official and private residence for The Queen and other members of the Royal Family when they are on official visits overseas or on summer cruises in home waters. The Royal Yacht also takes part in surveillance and sea rescue operations when at sea.

Dannebrog was built in 1931-1932 at the Naval

Dockyard in Copenhagen as a replacement for the previous royal vessel, the paddle steamer Dannebrog from 1879.

The ship's hull is a riveted steel construction on transverse frames. The ship has a clipper bow and an elliptic stern. Seen from the outside, the Royal Yacht can be divided into two sections. In front of the funnel, there is space for crew accommodations, cargo and the engine. At the rear is the royal compartment, which could accommodate patients if the vessel is ever used in its role as a hospital ship. During visits to Danish and foreign ports, the covered quarterdeck is used for receptions.

The royal compartment includes The Queen's study, a dining salon, a lounge, the bedrooms and more. HM The Queen has taken a personal interest in the interior design, the choice of furniture and general outfitting. The royal compartment contains furniture and fittings from the previous royal vessel from 1879.

The Royal Yacht Dannebrog is an independent command administered by the Chief of HM The

Queen's Naval Household, who is a member of the Royal Household. Dannebrog's full crew consists of 9 officers, 7 sergeants, 2 able seamen, 2nd class and 35 enlisted personnel, who are all specially-selected from the Navy. The officers are normally seconded for periods of two to four years, whereas the able seamen stay for just one summer.

Since the flag was first hoisted in 1932, the yacht has travelled more than 400,000 nautical miles and visited most of the ports of Denmark, Greenland and the Faroe Islands. The yacht has also visited European ports, especially in France, and has been in the Mediterranean and the Caribbean seas.

