



The Danish Soldiers Club

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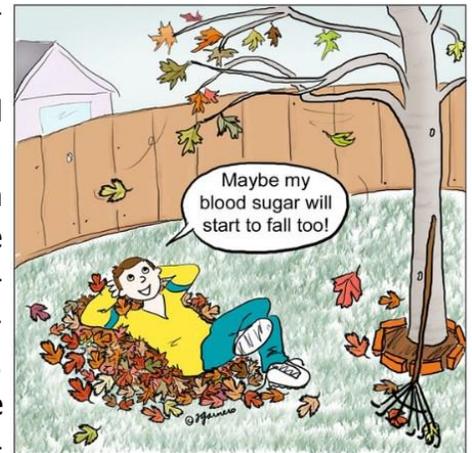
NEWSLETTER FOR THE DANISH SOLDIERS CLUB OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA, INC. POST OFFICE BOX 41, PETALUMA CA. 94953
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THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Greetings

We had some of nicest weather all year for our October meeting. As usual everyone appeared to have had a great time.

With Fall arriving we took time in the membership meeting to discuss Board nominations and elections. We have three board members with expiring terms; Jill Brians, Michael Stecher and myself. Both Michael and Jill have agreed to run for another term, but as I have stated before 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 still one vacancy to decide on this year, unfortunately no one at the meeting stepped forward. This is the time for Members to consider (especially new members) joining the board to help continue to keep this club strong and vibrant. Remember my replacement is for a member of the Governing Board not for President. As stated in the bylaws the Governing Board selects Club Officers.



Best Wishes - Rick



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Address Correction Requested

The Governing Board for 2019

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The October meeting came with beautiful weather with 50 plus members and guests enjoying Kastania Park and a wonderful Danish lunch.

Plans are being formulated for our Christmas Party in Sonoma, so mark December 15th on your calendar. Guaranteed good food and good times for all so please plan on attending. Due to rising expenses with the hall and catering the price for the Christmas Party will be increasing by \$5.00 to \$60.00 (\$45.00 for under 16).

At the membership meeting due rising Club expenses the members present voted to increase the membership dues to \$40.00 for 2020, this is the first increase in 10 years. Also we still need one more person to help fill out the Governing Board due to a vacancy, please consider helping the club out by stepping forward.

Our last meeting of 2019 in November will hopefully have great Kastania Fælled picnic weather and temperatures for a great turnout. **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. Thanks also to Birthe who brought her famous Tuscan cake. We also celebrated Birthe's birthday with a Princess cake.

Next Meeting/Luncheon Saturday October 5th: Flag Ceremony at noon followed by the Membership meeting with Lunch around 1:00.

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



Email or mail this order no later than Tuesday prior to the lunch to:

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Or:

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Or PayPal thru the DSC Web Site

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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

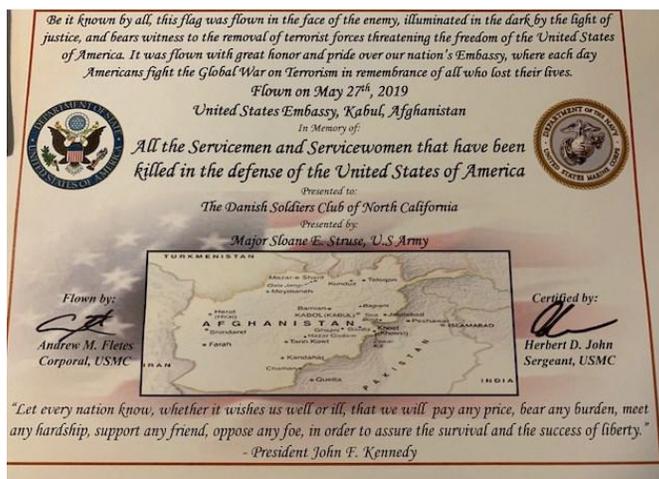
Drink Tickets are 3 for \$12.00, or 6 for \$20.00. Please specify quantity _____
1 ticket for any mixed drink, wine or beer. Soft drinks 1/2 ticket. Bottled water free.

Name: _____ Check amount _____

Certified American Flag flowed at Kastania Faelled

Club Member Sloane Struse of Hawaii who serves in the American Military just returned home for some overdue leave after serving thirteen months in Afghanistan. While there Sloane again had the privilege to interact with Danish Troops who provided his team with a security escort during their movements in Kabul.

While in Kabul Sloane had an American Flag flown over the U.S. Embassy, he then had the flag along with a certification letter sent to us at the Danish Soldiers Club of Northern California.



On Saturday October 5th we had the honor to fly that flag at Kastania Faelled. Our plan is to frame both the Flag and the Certification letter and display then in our clubhouse.

Thank you Sloane for this gift and for your service. Sloane is looking forward to about 45 to 78 days of leave depending on his next mission. He believes he will next be heading to Bahrain as the Deputy Director for Defense Logistics Agency Energy. Here he will have the important task of ensuring that our military has access to the fuel needed to support our operations.

Sloane also says to let any members of our club know should they happen to be any where close to Kapolei, Hawaii please look him up.



The Royal Danish Army.

The **Royal Danish Army** is the land-based branch of the Danish Defense, together with the Danish Home Guard. For the last decade, the Royal Danish Army has undergone a massive transformation of structures, equipment and training methods, abandoning its traditional role of anti-invasion defense, and instead focusing on out of area operations by, among other initiatives, reducing the size of the conscripted and reserve components and increasing the active (standing army) component, changing from 60% support structure and 40% operational capability, to 60% combat operational capability and 40% support structure. When fully implemented, the Danish army will be capable of deploying 1,500 troops permanently on three different continents continuously, or 5,000 troops for a shorter period of time, in international operations without any need for extraordinary measures such as parliamentary approval of a war funding bill.

The Royal Danish Army has historically been an integral part of the defense of Denmark and thus involved in warfare, skirmishes and battles continuously to protect her interests. Most notably various territorial wars with [Sweden](#), [Russia](#) and [Prussia](#), the [Napoleonic Wars](#) on the side of France, and the [Second World War](#), controversially and famously against the wishes of the Danish government, which had ordered immediate surrender to Germany. In modern times the Royal Danish Army has also become the backbone of Danish international missions, such as those in Kosovo, Iraq and Afghanistan.

Recent deployments

The Royal Danish Army has been committed to a number of United Nations and NATO peacekeeping and unconventional warfare operations since becoming involved in the Yugoslav Wars under UN mandate in 1994, most notably in the famous Operation Bøllebank. The Royal Danish Army was also engaged in the Kosovo War and continues to this day to maintain peacekeeping operations in Kosovo as part of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo (UNMIK), together with the Danish Home Guard. Furthermore, the Royal Danish Army was involved in the War in Iraq from 2003-2007 with a significant contingent of soldiers responsible for creating and maintaining peace in the province of Basra, together with the British.

Denmark lost its first soldier in Iraq on 17 August 2003: Preben Pedersen a 34-year-old Lance Corporal with the Jutland Dragoon Regiment became the first coalition

soldier not from the United States or Britain to die in



A Danish soldier surveys the Afghan plains while halted during a foot patrol in the district of Nahr-e Saraj, Helmand Province, Afghanistan on January 6, 2012

the Iraq War. Starting in 2001, the Royal Danish Army has also been involved in the War in Afghanistan. For the past few years, the Royal Danish Army and the British Army have been involved in heavy clashes with the Taliban in the Helmand Province, where about 760 Danish soldiers control a large battlegroup. The Danish army withdrew its combat forces from Afghanistan in May 2014. After the Afghan National Army took responsibility for the security in Afghanistan in 2015, the Danish army, has provided training, advisory and security support as part of Resolute Support Mission.

The Danish engagement in Afghanistan

From the beginning of 2015, Afghan national security forces took full responsibility for the security in Afghanistan. This shift of responsibility marked the beginning of a more equal cooperation between Afghanistan and the international community. However, the country is still facing major challenges. The former ISAF mission (International Security Assistance Force) is therefore, on invitation by the Afghan government, replaced by the NATO-led Resolute Support Mission (RSM). RSM consists of more than 16.000 soldiers aiming to strengthen Afghanistan's ability to take care of themselves. RSM is not a combat mission, but focuses on training, counseling and support for national institutions, including a focus on Afghan national security forces. RSM is in Afghanistan on a mandate from the UN Security Council. 39 countries participate in the mission.

The Danish effort

Denmark's military contribution in Afghanistan operates within the framework of parliamentary resolution B25 of 18 December 2014 on a Danish military contribution to RSM. The goal of Denmark's military efforts is to contribute with the required training, counseling and support capacities in the mission. During 2014, the Danish force

contribution was adjusted, which has created the prerequisites for meeting the new objectives under the RSM. The training and counseling efforts are gathered in Kabul and the Danish military contribution consists of approximately 100 people.

The Danish Forces are deployed as follows:

- Training and advisory contributions: Includes approx. 25 people, distributed by advisory functions at the Afghan officers school and the Afghan officers academy.
- Transport and Security contributions: Approx. 30 people to transport and security advisors and staff officers in Kabul.
- A staff contribution: Approx. 15 people to Resolute Support Mission Headquarters.
- A military policy contribution: Approx. 10 people in Kabul airport.
- Logistics, administrative and technical support: Includes a support-element of approx. 20 people, which may vary, depending on how the current needs develop.

Purposes of the effort

The overall purpose of the Danish efforts in Afghanistan is to contribute to national, regional and global security and stability by preventing the country from becoming a sanctuary for terrorists. At the same time, the Danish efforts must contribute to the emergence of a stable and more developed Afghanistan, which manages its own security, continues its democratic development and promotes respect for human rights. The purpose of to ensure robust security institutions where the security forces are under civilian control and ensure security in accordance with Afghan law and international law.

The Danish Afghanistan Plan is backed by the Social Democrats, Socialist People's Party, Radical Left, Left, Conservative People's Party, Danish People's Party, and the Liberal Alliance. Denmark is in Afghanistan to: Secure Denmark. Denmark feels that if they do not solve the problems in Afghanistan, the problems will come to them.

- Ensure that Afghanistan is not again home to terrorists.
- Help create a stable and more developed Afghanistan.
- Strengthen the ability of Afghan national security forces to take care of security in the country.