



The Danish Soldiers Club

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The President's Letter

Hello Danish Soldiers Club,
Well our March 2nd meeting was a success, in spite of a few rain showers which interrupted the sun's attempts to peek through the cloudy blue sky. We had a good attendance of over 45 people, many of whom enjoyed the Danish Craft Beers which were brought from Denmark for your enjoyment. As we look forward, our next meeting will be on April 6th.

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DANISH VIKING MEAD DAY (APRIL 6, 2024)

Although Viking fierceness runs in our Danish blood, from time to time we take a break from pillaging to bond over delicious Danish Viking mead (fermented honey wine)! As Viking luck would have it, on Saturday, April 6th ONLY, DSC will be offering flights of exclusive and direct-from-Denmark meads in several historic styles: Gammel (old) Dansk, Odin's Skull (imbues one with 'supernatural powers'), Viking (hibiscus) Blod, Ribe (bog myrtle) Mjød, Klapøster (added Danish aquavit) Mjød, Vikingernes (hops) Mjød, Estrid Byrding's (sea buckthorn) Mjød and the award-winning Havulvens (Sea Wolf) Mjød (bottle contains actual viking ship timber).

The latter two have never before been exported outside of Denmark. To further sweeten the deal (pun intended), we will be rolling back our prices to what they were in A.D. 878 when the Danelaw was at its zenith! Thus, attendees will be able to savor a flight of FOUR historic Danish meads for

the cost of just one drink ticket (extra for the legendary Sea Wolf Mjød).

For attendees who have forsaken the Norse gods of yore, delicious Tuborg Påskebryg (Easter beer) has also arrived from Denmark and will be served only on April 6th.

Our regular selection of beverages will also be available. Drink tickets can be purchased in advance online or with cash at the event. In addition, a delicious smørrebrød (open-faced sandwich) luncheon will be served (see menu online).

Food orders must be in by Wednesday, April 3rd at 5pm at DanishSoldiersClub.com.

Order Form for Smørrebrød Lunch, \$25 each

April 6th * Lunch is served at 1pm

Name _____

Plate _____ **Quantity** _____

Order Total \$ _____

Mail **this form** to: Vagn Nielsen
PO Box 53
Vineburg, CA 95487

There is no fee if you mail in a check.

If you use PayPal on the website, we add \$1.50 because the bank charges us fees. This is also true if you use your PayPal app, but you have to add it yourself, otherwise the club gets charged.

Drink Tickets are 3 for \$12 or 6 for \$21.
1 ticket for mixed drink, beer and wine.
1/2 ticket for soft drinks. water is free.
Tickets can be purchased at the meeting.



A) Shrimp, Ham, Cheese _____

B) Salmon, Roast Beef, Cheese _____

C) Roast Beef, Ham, Cheese _____

For our April 6th meeting, we have decided to make open-faced sandwiches in-house. In order to provide lunches made in house, we need sufficient numbers of volunteers to do this! Not only is there the time and labor needed to assemble the food and plate it, but there is also the shopping for, cleaning, slicing and sometimes baking and mixing the ingredients at home where equipment and resources like ovens are available or more conveniently located. We need a crew of volunteers for every step, who can be reliably available as needed from month to month, without having to ask the members each and every time for help! Please contact Board Members: Annalisa and Yoko to sign up.



Later in the month **on April 20th, the Danish Soldiers Club will be participating in the Sacramento Scandinavian Festival.** Our goal is to have fun, wear Danish costumes (if you have one) and recruit potential new members. Denmark has not had any presence whatsoever at this festival since 2019. DSC will be joined there by other Northern California Danish organizations with whom we are co-sponsoring Denmark Day.

We will have two tables there, one to offer Aebleskiver for sale and another to provide information about The Danish Soldiers Club to anyone interested in our Club or wishing to join the Danish Soldiers Club. We need volunteers to help man these tables for one or two hours each, allowing all volunteers time to otherwise enjoy the rest of the Festival. Please contact Annalisa to sign up to volunteer for the Festival.

To find out more about the April 20, 2024 Sacramento Scandinavian Festival Go to: <https://www.monitorlodgesacramento.org/calendars-events/scandinavian-festival/>



On May 4th, we celebrate Denmark Day!

DENMARK DAY May 4, 2024 Danish Soldiers Club, 4560 Kastania Rd, Petaluma, CA

This will be a 15-and-over event. The cooperation of attendees in remaining appropriately quiet during the violin performance, consul's remarks and presidents' remarks will be greatly appreciated. Denmark Day tickets will be considerably cheaper for DSC PAID members than those whose dues are not paid up for 2024.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

10:30am-12pm: Attendees arrive/share drinks and conversation + Great Danes + award-winning Danish-American wine from Flying Suitcase Wines (wine purchase qualifies for Danish gift basket raffle)

12pm: Flag ceremony*/USA + Danish national anthems (vocalists: Maya Rasmussen Mohan, Amalie Sonne Ricafrente)

- i. Consul General: Laying of Liberation Day wreath at Landsoldat Monument
- ii. Table candle lighting
- iii. Moment of silence

12:15pm: Light meal served (frikadeller and sides catered from Lighthouse Cafe, Mill Valley)

12:35pm: Brief remarks from leadership

- Danish consul general Jesper Kamp
- Danish Soldiers Club VP Annalisa Juul-Diaz
- Young Scandinavians Club President Jeanette Flodell
- Tivoli Lodge #300 (Danish Sisterhood of America) President Karin Wasler
- Scholarship Awards (Consul General + Sponsoring Presidents)
- Flying Suitcase Wines founder Anders Vinther
- Dania/Dannebrog former Grand Lodge President Tom Martin
- Danish-American Chamber of Commerce President Christian Møller Andersen
- Danish Club of SF President and Aldersly Chairman of the Board Peter Schakow

1:15pm: Vocalists: Maya Rasmussen Mohan, Amalie Sonne Ricafrente a. Den Tapre Landsoldat (singalong) b. Vi er Røde, Vi er Hvide (singalong) c. I Skovens Dybe og Stille Ro

1:25pm: Grammy-award winning violinist Mads Tolling performance set 1

2pm: Sacramento Area Nordic Dancers (SAND) set 1

2:35pm: Mads Tolling set 2

3:10pm: Costume Contest (Traditional Scandinavian folk attire/Viking/Danish Military - all welcome) - Costume wearers receive free beverage ticket and are eligible to enter contest for prize

3:25pm: "Greatest Dane" Great Dane Contest (Great Dane Club of NorCal Education Committee Lorrie Spencer)

3:35pm: SAND set 2 (audience participation dance)

Due to the DSC's 85-year history of fostering relations within the Danish-U.S. military alliance, the Danish Armed Forces (Forsvaret) has graciously given DSC written permission to wear, during our ceremonial events, a replica of the signature red parade pelisse jacket worn by the Danish Guard Hussar Regiment Mounted Squadron tasked with protecting the Danish Royal Family. Ours will be proudly worn by a former member of that elite unit. To our knowledge, no other U.S. organization has been granted such permission. DSC does not purport to contain active Danish military members.

Please be sure to join, renew or update your membership in The Danish Soldiers Club.

We welcome your comments and ideas to help the DSC grow and prosper. This Club is only what you, the members, help it to be.

Stay healthy and safe!

See you April 6th,

Henrik Olsgaard,

President