



# The Danish Soldiers Club

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## The President's Letter

The one off picnic arrangement worked well beyond expectations. Indeed it is clear that the soldiers are a flexible lot. As usual we had a great and enjoyable day.

The next meeting will be our second BBQ of the year. And as usual Per is on the ball with the substantial planning involved and he kept his clipboard busy with signing up volunteers.

As previously mentioned, our fearsome Vikings are planning an exciting presentation for us, and rest assured their performance is a very special treat.

Despite their fearsome appearance and promised sword play, they are not only exceptionally authentic but also very pro children, so I urge you to bring along your children and grand children. This will be a very educational event for them. For this reason we will have to be much more strict in our schedule.

We will conduct the flag ceremony precisely at noon. Forget the usual moaning that you are late because of the traffic. It is the same miserable traffic every weekend in the Bay Area, so live with it. Just leave a bit earlier and you will be on time.

After a very brief membership meeting, we will enjoy the Vikings until the BBQ is ready for being served. We may even decide to cancel the membership meeting, unless there are compelling reasons otherwise.

So I urge all participants to leave home early, so you will be at Kastania well before noon.

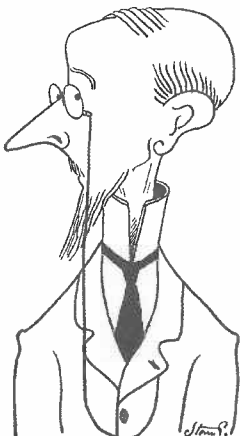
See you all in September.  
Poul



- The reason many people don't understand modern music, is for sure that you call it music.

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-It is very unpleasant in writing to explain your Hot Temper.

Address Correction Requested



-Why don't you go to the dentist?  
-No, No, I am on vacation.

## The Governing Board for 2017

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Thanks to the donors of the raffle: Poul Poulsen, Per Madsen, Rick & Lisa Santarini, Ken Fultz, Vibeke Jensen, Carsten Johansen, Tove, Trudy D and Karen Lysmer.

**Donations  
are Greatly  
Appreciated!**

Our August 5<sup>th</sup> meeting started out with overcast, but by the time we raised the flags, it turned into a beautiful day, perfect for a picnic.

This year, because Annette our Caterer was not available for our August meeting, the club tried something new. Approximately 40 members and guests participated in a "bring your own" Picnic Luncheon. Everyone had a good time bringing their own specialize lunches; the bar was still available to sell drinks and the Club provided the kringle for dessert.

Also, many members brought sweet delicious dishes for the dessert table; they included cheese cake, pastries, Tuscan cake and Danish Æblekage. One thing guaranteed no one went home hungry.

Our next meeting will be our annual September BBQ. Per Madsen has worked out all the details and has lined up the volunteers who help to make this event a success.

As a special treat this year's event will include the **Vikings of Bjornstad** who will give an insight to our Viking heritage with displays, memorabilia and their "Viking Art of War" presentation, a 15 to 20-minute demonstration of Viking age weapons and tactics. [www.vikingsofbjornstad.com/](http://www.vikingsofbjornstad.com/)



Viking diplomacy at work.

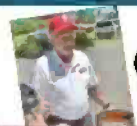
## Order form for **BBQ lunch at \$20.00 each serving**

Yes, I wish to order lunch for Kastania Fælléd. A check with member number is enclosed

### NEW YORK STRIP STEAK

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

There will be free Hot Dogs, Ice Cream and Soft Drinks to all children.  
Number of children \_\_\_\_\_



Mail or email this order no later than Tuesday prior to the lunch to:

[vknielsen@danishsoldiersclub.com](mailto:vknielsen@danishsoldiersclub.com)

Or: Vagn Nielsen  
DSC Treasurer  
20650 Burndale Rd.  
Sonoma, CA 95476

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Adults \_\_\_ Check amount \_\_\_\_\_ \$

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.





**Can you imagine meeting these people at our parking lot at Kastania Park. You can, if you come to our September 2nd. BBQ. One piece of good advice, please do not cut in front of them in the food-line.**



**T**he Vikings of Bjornstad is a living history and educational group, concentrating on the Viking age - from 793 through 1066 AD. The group strives for an authentic

presentation of the culture, weapons and crafts from a thousand years ago, including the cultures of the Vikings, Normans and Anglo-Saxons.

Bjornstad's members work with educational and Scandinavian heritage groups to provide a balanced view of one of history's most fascinating periods and cultures. They provide lectures and seminars on a pretty wide range of subjects, primarily Viking-related, but not always. Each member brings their own range of interests and skills to the group, ranging from textiles to leather, metal and wood working. The members frequently make their own shoes, clothing, tents, chairs and more – or barter among themselves for the gear they need. Some of them can even be persuaded on occasion to demonstrate Viking combat.

productions and has provided extras, weaponry, clothing and props for several independent film projects. Its members provided authentic weapon sound effects for the animated movie *How to Train Your Dragon* and historic authenticity consulting for *Hammer of the Gods*, a British Viking movie released in 2013.



Bjornstad has been filmed twice for History Channel



The Vikings of Bjornstad attend events and group meetings throughout the year, usually once or twice a month; their online Calendar of Events lists each of the events on the schedule.

They have been involved in a wide range of fascinating - and fun - projects.

- They set up their authentic display of Viking culture at a wide range of events such as Tartan Day Scottish Games at the Ardenwood Historic Farm in Fremont and the Leif Erikson Festival in Santa Rosa.
- Annually, they present 5 hours of Viking lecture, demonstration and hands-on interaction for the students at St. Mary's College in Moraga, California.
- In September, 2013, they provided a filmed segment recommending the best three Viking movies for Norwegian Public Television.
- In December, 2012, they joined Dr. Pete Worden, Director of NASA Ames Research, and his staff for a photo shoot as part of their campaign to inspire interest in a new generation of satellite technology.
- They join the Lions Club each year at their annual Special Kids Day event for children with special needs.
- They visit elementary schools throughout the extended San Francisco Bay Area.
- They've provided guest activities at the Midsummer Medieval Festival at the Castello di Amorosa winery in Calistoga, California.
- They've provided actors and authentic props for two History Channel productions, both about the 1066 AD Battle of Hastings.

The Vikings of Bjornstad has one of the best web sites devoted to Viking Age historical re-enactment, [www.vikingsofbjornstad.com](http://www.vikingsofbjornstad.com). The reference material includes an Old Norse/English dictionary, an extensive section on Viking movies and TV series, recommended reading about the Vikings, and hundreds of photos of Bjornstad at their various events.

Bjornstad's members live in the extended San Francisco Bay Area, currently north to Santa Rosa and Fort Bragg, east to Stockton and south to San Jose. Vikings of all ages, whether by heritage or inclination, are always welcome to join as members. They welcome everyone and ask only that those under 16 be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Although they strive for authentic Viking Age clothing, crafts and gear, they know that's a goal to

work toward and everyone has to start somewhere. Annual membership to the group is \$20. If you've ever even considered becoming a part-time Viking, send them a message at [info@vikingsofbjornstad.com](mailto:info@vikingsofbjornstad.com)

The Vikings of Bjornstad will be setting up their encampment for the Danish Soldiers Club barbecue on September 2nd.

They will also be at the Dixon Scottish Games on September 23<sup>rd</sup> and at the Viking Fest at the Sons of Norway Freya Lodge in Santa Rosa on October 14<sup>th</sup>.

