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THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Greetings.

Regretfully, the board has determined that there will not be a June meeting. The next meeting may be some time well into the future when we are released from the requirements of California's Stay At Home order. The order was modified on May 8, initiating the first phase of stage 2 of the four stage process permitting some additional activities including some retail with curbside pickup, manufacturing, offices, and opening more public spaces in addition to previously deemed essential activities. Stage 3 when condition permit will allow for some meetings with appropriate physical distancing and limits on group size but given our ages or possible medical conditions, members may not be willing to attend until a cure or vaccine are available. This will be a potential problem for us as we have to provide a minimum number of lunch orders to pay the caterers and are struggling to meet that minimum now. That being said, we will work to restart our meetings as soon as it is permitted and safe to do so.

I wish you all the best during these difficult times and look forward to seeing you soon. Stay safe.

Keith Brians
President



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2020 Danish Soldiers Club Schedule		
All Events on Hold until Further Notice		
June 6th	Luncheon/Meeting	CANCELLED
July 4th	Luncheon/Meeting	
August 1st	Luncheon/Meeting	
September 5th	BBQ/Meeting	Board Nominations
October 3rd	Luncheon/Meeting	Board Elections
November 7th	Luncheon/Meeting	
December 20th	Julefest	Sonoma Vets Hall

On March 17, 2020, the [Health Officer of the County of Sonoma issued a shelter in place order](#) limiting all but essential business and government operations to mitigate the spread of the disease. Again due to this and to ensure the health and well-being of our membership we did not have a May meeting as the Governing Board may the decision to cancel our May 2nd BBQ and meeting.

As of now the expectation of the Board is that we may not be able to meet for awhile. Group gatherings, especially of people in our age range, may be one of the last things to return. We will look at resuming the schedule when Governor Newsom and the County of Sonoma says it's acceptable.

Right now the Board wishes for all of you and your families to remain safe and well until we are able to see each other again.

During this time our care-keeper/groundskeeper Romel has been busy pressure washing the facilities, trimming trees and brush, along with chipping the remains as pictured below.



If you already have paid your dues for 2020 you can relax. If not, please send a check for \$40 to:

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IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING THE June 6th LUNCHEON and MEETING AND THE CORONA VIRUS, COVID-19

To ensure the health and well-being of our membership, the Board has regretfully made the decision to cancel the June 6th Luncheon and meeting on the recommendations of health authorities regarding the corona virus, Covid-19. As we have put all events on hold until further notice we will revisit the meeting schedule when the situation becomes clearer and then will provide more information on the upcoming meetings.

Queen Margrethe of Denmark made special request for her 80th birthday



Queen Margrethe II was set to celebrate her 80th birthday last month. However, the milestone birthday on April 16 went by with very little fanfare as celebrations were cancelled due to the coronavirus crisis. But the head of the Danish Royal Family was still trying to spread joy and bring a smile to the people on her big day, by making one special request of the public.

The Queen receives flowers every year on her birthday from near and far," a statement from the Palace said. "This year, the Queen called for a bouquet to be sent to one of the many senior citizens who are facing particular difficulties during this time. " The sweet sentiment was bound to brighten homes and lives across the country.

Another tradition that changed this year, according to Palace officials, was "the opportunity to personally meet to write congratulations in the Yellow Palace". Instead, they had a section on the official Danish Royal Family website where people could post their well-wishes.

Queen Margrethe, who has been on the throne since 1972, officially cancelled her birthday celebrations on March 12, "in light of the spread of COVID-19 and the consequences for society".

There was originally set to be a carriage procession, reception at Copenhagen City Hall and a private dinner and dance at Fredensborg Castle for Her Majesty's big day. In lieu of those usual celebrations outside Amalienborg Palace in Copenhagen, over 200,000 people across Denmark pledged online to sing for their Queen at midday.

The Facebook group titled 'Danmark synger for dronningen' (or Denmark sings for the Queen) coordinated the singalong.

The page told their fellow countrymen and women they would still be marking the milestone but from

"the proper Corona distance"

"At noon we sing - on balconies, out the window, in gardens, workplaces - where we are now," the group description says.

"When Corona has closed for the official party - we have to mark the day ourselves! "Raise the flag, waving the flag - share the day with family, children, grandchildren, etc. - at the proper Corona distance."



Royals from across Europe have surprised the monarch by sending their warm wishes via video call.

Royals including Crown Princess Victoria of **Sweden** and her family, King Felipe VI of **Spain** and his wife Queen Letizia, and King Willem-Alexander and Queen Maxima of the **Netherlands** all appear on the footage, that was shared to Instagram on April 16th. The clip of the European royals was posted with the caption: 'A number of Europe's royal family members surprised Her Majesty The Queen with a video greeting on 16 April 2020 on the occasion of the 80th birthday. 'Though Their Majesties and Their Royal Highnesses could not be present to celebrate The Queen in Denmark as otherwise planned, all nevertheless wanted to delight Her Majesty with personal congratulations.

'Here are excerpts from the many greetings that The Queen has just seen.'

First to wish Margrethe a happy birthday were King Carl XVI Gustaf and Queen Silvia of Sweden, with the former affectionately calling the birthday girl by her nickname 'Daisy' and 'cousin'. Next to appear in the video was King Harald and Queen Sonja of Norway, followed by King Willem-Alexander and Queen Maxima of the Netherlands. Willem-Alexander said: "Queen Maxima and I would have loved to have joined you for the celebration of your 80th birthday. Unfortunately, circumstances have dictated otherwise."

King Felipe VI of Spain, appearing alongside his wife Queen Letizia, added: "Hello Aunt Daisy, we're joining in for this surprise, I understand, since we can't be there with all of you to celebrate your 80th". Queen Letizia added: 'I'm sure we'll be able to share in the celebration soon, please send all our love from us and to all your family.'

Following the Spanish royals' address, messages were shown from Grand Duke Henri of Luxembourg and his wife Grand Duchess Maria Teresa added 'We are in this pandemic all across the world and especially in Europe, and so we're saddened by all that, but at the same time, we have to keep these times we're able to celebrate and to remain happy within the family.'

Crown Princess Victoria of Sweden was joined by her husband Prince Daniel and their two children Prince Oscar, four, and Princess Estelle, eight, to send their best wishes. Prince Carl Philip of Sweden also sent a sweet message of congratulations to the Danish Queen. Addresses from Crown Prince Haakon of Norway and his wife Mette-Marit, Crown Princess of Norway followed, as well as messages from King Phillippe and Queen Mathilde of Belgium. Also appearing in the footage were messages from King Harald and Queen Sonja of Norway.

Queen Margrethe also received video messages from her grandchildren, which were then shared online by the Danish royal household (below)



On the morning of her birthday, the 80-year-old Queen was greeted with songs from her palace aides



The aides of course kept an acceptable distance apart and played for Her Majesty, who was standing watching from above (pictured)

80th Birthday Commemorative Coins

The National Bank of Denmark has released new silver coins on the occasion of the 80th Birthday of Queen Margrethe, 16 April 2020. There has been a long tradition of the National Bank and the Royal Danish Mint to release commemorative coins to mark Royal events. This is the sixth coin which celebrates Queen Margrethe's birthday. The first coin was issued when she was Heir Presumptive in 1958 on the occasion of her 18th Birthday.



The Royal Danish Mint released a 500 kroner silver commemorative coin on the occasion of the 80th birthday of Queen Margrethe II. Photo courtesy of the National Bank of Denmark.



Besides the silver coins smaller non-precious metal coins with a face value of "20 Kroner" are also available. Photo courtesy of the National Bank of Denmark.