



The Danish Soldiers Club

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MEMBER OF DANSKE SOLDATERFORENINGERS LANDSRÅD. PROTECTOR HER MAJESTY QUEEN MARGRETHE II OF DENMARK

THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Greetings,

The board asks that you complete a one question survey by Zoom or by mail as to your interest in meeting under the conditions we would have to impose detailed in the Survey section of the newsletter. This will help us in determining when to meet again and enable us to prepare properly to do so. Your response and any comments are appreciated.

We have had two workdays at the club recently to remove low hanging limbs and tree debris on the grounds to improve our wildland fire resistance. I want to thank Vagn Nielsen for organizing our team and providing his truck and tools. Vagn worked with the rest of the crew, Per Madsen, Ken Fultz, Dennis Wimple and his granddaughter Jessica, and myself who spent two mornings sawing, hauling and dumping limbs and debris. There is still more work to do including chipping the limbs that remains and we should finish shortly. My thanks to you all for your efforts.

My hope is that we will be able to safely meet again soon. Stay well.

Keith Brians



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Stay Safe!

We are all in this
together

Address Correction Requested

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2020 Danish Soldiers Club Schedule

All Events on Hold until Further Notice

August 1st	Luncheon/Meeting	CANCELLED
September 5th	BBQ/Meeting	Board Nominations
October 3rd	Luncheon/Meeting	Board Elections
November 7th	Luncheon/Meeting	
December 20th	Julefest	Sonoma Vets Hall

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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Also remember that you can pay online thru
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Survey:

We have received some interest from members in returning to Kastania Faelled for luncheon. Revised Sonoma County guidance as described in Order of the Health Officer C19-14 permits small outdoor gatherings of not more than ten people (not necessarily from the same household or living unit). Multiple groups of ten or fewer could get together at Kastania Faelled for lunch. To comply with the guidance as described in C19-14 the following requirements would be in place.

- *All buildings except restrooms would be closed.*
- *Members would provide their own lunch and beverages. Lunch would not be catered, and the bar would be closed.*
- *Groups of ten or fewer could sit together.*
- *Picnic tables would be spaced such that greater than six feet of space separate them.*
- *Face coverings would be required except when sitting at the table with your group.*

You can take the survey a few ways—

- Online Link: <https://www.danishsoldiersclub.com/>
- Or below and then send by mail to The Danish Soldiers Club Post Office Box 41 Petaluma, CA 94953
- Or email a board member

1. With the above conditions in place, please rate your level of interest in participating:

- Very interested
- Moderately interested
- Not interested
- No interest in returning until there is either a vaccine or treatment for COVID-19

2. Please share your thoughts regarding meetings below:

Name of Member taking the Survey: _____

IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING THE AUGUST 1st 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 August 1st 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.

White Cliffs of Møns Klint

Walking Down the Stairs



Again, after our 2020 summer trip to Denmark was cancel due the COVID-19 pandemic I have decided to look back on past trips to Denmark. Perhaps the most lovely and noteworthy sites we took in was on our spring of 2017 trip. My cousin Solveig and her husband Lars took us one of most beautiful beaches and interesting geological sight in the whole country, Møns Klint.

Møns Klint is a remarkably interesting geological structure that formed back in ancient times when the glaciers were moving to the West leaving billions of shells of tiny sea creatures to turn into chalk. The cliffs are incredibly old, no wonder some of Denmark's oldest and most interesting fossils were found here. One of Europe's best science centers is located here. When you visit it, you will learn more about Earth's history and the fossils.



The unique environment of the cliffs also lets some very unusual and rare plants to grow here. On the top of the cliffs, you will also see a really old forest. A wooden boardwalk will lead you through it to the edge of Møns Klint, which is also framed by a boardwalk.

From the very top, there are 497 steps on a wooden boardwalk which will lead you through the fairytale forest, where eventually, you will reach the bottom of the cliff. The stairs are easily accessible and perfectly safe for children to use as well. Thankfully, we were prepared for the walk wearing suitable shoes. When on the stairs, you can already hear the sound of the sea



and witness the power of the sea, as the waves crash against the shore. It is quite a spectacle and experience, as the sounds get louder once you encounter the last few steps. At the end of the staircase the forest begins to open up. With that, the view is just breathtaking, and the steepness becomes very apparent. As you look back, the cliffs begin to rise over 120 meters (394 feet) high above the clear, turquoise blue waters of the Baltic Sea.



After the steep staircase, you will find yourself on a narrow beach with majestic white cliffs towering over the turquoise sea. Take your time to enjoy a hike along the shore and pay attention, maybe you will be lucky to find some interesting fossils as well.

Møns Klint is a 6 km (3.7 miles) stretch of chalk cliffs along the eastern coast of the Danish island of Møn in the Baltic Sea. Some of the cliffs fall a sheer drop to the sea below. The highest cliff is



Dronningestolen, which is 128 meters (420 feet) above sea level. The area around Møns Klint consists of woodlands, pastures, ponds and steep hills, including *Aborrebjerg* which, with a height of 143 meters (470 feet), is one of the highest points in Denmark. The cliffs and adjacent park are now pro-



ected as a nature reserve. Møns Klint receives around 250,000 visitors a year. There are clearly marked paths for walkers, riders and cyclists. The path along the cliff tops leads to trails down to the shore in several locations.

Møns Klint GeoCenter



When first arriving at Møns Klint, you enter the Møns Klint GeoCenter which is situated on the peak of the cliffs tops. Here, at the visitor's center, you can

learn all about Denmark's past with many fun and interactive exhibitions, containing Dinosaurs, cave climbing and a variety of workshops that focus on activities that highlight more information about the cliff. It makes a great experience for the whole family to enjoy.

On 29 May 2007, the GeoCenter Møns Klint was opened by Queen Margrethe. The geological museum with interactive computer displays and a variety of attractions for children traces the geological pre-history of Denmark and the formation of the chalk cliffs. The museum was designed by PLH Architects, the winners of an international design competition

