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THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Greetings,

The board met by Zoom on Saturday, August 8. We discussed the survey results that ran strongly in favor of holding a meeting despite Covid restrictions. Therefore, we will hold a special "picnic" meeting on September 12, at noon. You will be responsible for your own lunch, beverages and utensils. Some tables will be blocked off to ensure social distancing is maintained. The buildings will be closed, but the restrooms will be open.

Our last workday was in July and the pile of tree limbs was chipped. Again, I thank our volunteers, Vagn Nielsen, Per Madsen, Ken Fultz, and Dennis Wimple and his granddaughter Jessica for their help in getting this necessary work completed.

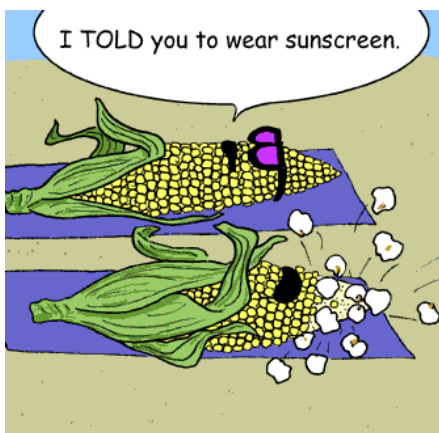
I hope to see you soon. Stay well.

Keith Brians
President



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2020 Danish Soldiers Club Schedule

	Bring your own	
September 12th	Picnic	Board Nominations
October 3rd	TBD	Board Elections
November 7th	TBD	
December 20th	Julefest—TBD	Sonoma Vets Hall

The Board managed to have a ZOOM virtual meeting on Saturday August 8th where they decided to try a picnic meeting on Saturday, September 12. Bring your own food and beverages. It will be a good test to see how many folks are interested in attending meetings during this situation.

Volunteers have been busy with needed maintenance at Kastania Faelled. Special thanks to Ken Fultz, Per Madsen, Keith Brians, Vagn Nielsen, Dennis Wimple and his granddaughter Jessica for their hard work while following safe COVID-19 work practices.



Also with Fall soon arriving it is time even during this strange year to think about Board nominations and elections. We have three board members with expiring terms; Keith Brians, Margrethe Bækgaard and Ken Fultz.

So this is the time for Members to consider (especially new members) joining the board to help continue to keep this club strong and vibrant.

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 PayPal at www.danishsoldiersclub.com

Important Notice Regarding the September Luncheon and Meeting and the Coronavirus, COVID-19

We have received some interest from members in returning to Kastania Faelled for luncheon. Therefore we have decided to try a picnic meeting on Saturday, September 12. Bring your own food and beverages. 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.*

12pm: Flag Ceremony and National Anthems.
12:15pm: The General Membership Meeting commences outside utilizing prescribed Safe Social Distancing
1pm: Lunch

RV trip to Missouri

As I have mentioned in past newsletters my wife Lisa, along with my mother Inger and I had plans to visit Denmark this summer. Like many people who had travel plans in 2020 those plans were cancelled due to COVID-19 related travel restrictions. Therefore, my plan to share that trip in this newsletter had to be altered.

Instead I will be sharing some pictures from a RV trip we just took to Kansas City, Missouri. Many may ask why Missouri, well my brother moved to the Kansas City area in 2018 and was getting married now on July 19th. My 86-year-old mother was interested in attending but we still do not feel comfortable flying or even travelling by car and staying in hotels. My sister and her husband (who live in Redding) mentioned that they were going and taking their 25ft RV, this sounded like the safer option so we decided to use our airline ticket refund and rent a RV from Cruise America then caravan to Missouri with them.

The plan was to take five days/four nights to get there and the same to come home, staying five days/four nights in Grain Valley, MO (20 minutes east of KC). This plan had us driving between 340 to 400 miles a day (around 6 hours driving), getting us to our planned RV parks in plenty of time to enjoy ourselves.

Day 1 – Leaving Santa Rosa on Sunday July 12th we met up with my sister and brother-in-law in Sparks, Nevada. This route up I-80 thru the Sierras allows you to enjoy the beauty that is California before you enter the vast emptiness of Nevada. At Fernley, NV we diverted to get to US Highway 50 because we were staying at an RV park about 40 miles east of Fallon, NV. There we setup our site, fixed some adult beverages and prepared dinner.



Day 2 – Leaving our Nevada RV park after breakfast, our plan was to go 350 miles to Delta, Utah. This day's trip would continue us on US Highway 50, designated with the name "The Loneliest Road". The name "Loneliest Road" originates from the remote areas which U.S. 50 goes through, with few or no signs of civilization along many parts of the route. The highway crosses several large, desert like plateaus separated by numerous mountain ranges towering over the valley floors.

This route took us through barren land and the small towns of Eureka, Ely and Baker at the Utah border. The distance between these towns was both long and empty



When we crossed into Utah the scenery was about the same and the highway just as lonely until we arrived in the farming commu-

nity of Delta where we spent the night at the Antelope Valley RV Park. Here we had a nice until about 9:30 PM when our 14 1/2 year Black & Tan Dachshund Leiah wandered off into the night. You have not experienced anything until you search for a



black little dog in the darkness of night, that is both hard of hearing and has poor vision. Eventually we found her and were finally able to turn in for the night.



Day 3 – Actual-ly scenery wise this was one of the best days

of the trip. The plan had us going to Gypsum, Colorado



about 385 miles away. This route continue of US 50 but it is was not lonely anymore until we reached I-15 and eventually I-70. Here we traveled thru the southern end of the Wasatch mountains as we approached the Rocky Mountains



As we cross into Colorado we approached Grand Junction I-70 started to follow the Colorado River which gave us wonderful views for the next 100 miles when we reached Gypsum. At that point we followed a tributary of the Colorado, Eagle River for a few miles where



we found our next RV park – River Dance RV

Park on the banks of the Eagle River. Here we also experience a typical mountain thunder storm that lasted throughout the evening.



Day 4 – We were doing about 380 miles. The first half of the day matched the scenery of the previous day as we followed the Eagle River, crossed the Rockies through the Eisenhower Tunnel

and declined down I-70 heading toward Denver passing through the Ski Report towns of Vail and Copper Mountain.

The **Eisenhower Tunnel** is a dual-bore, four-lane vehicular tunnel approximately 60 miles west of Denver, Colorado. The tunnel carries I-70 under the Continental Divide in the Rocky Mountains. With a maximum elevation of 11,158 feet above sea level, it is one of the highest vehicular tunnels in the world. The tunnel is the longest mountain tunnel and highest point on the Interstate Highway System.



After Denver I-70 heads into the High Plains of Colorado then into Kansas where we spent the night in Oakley Kansas at the wonderful High Plains RV Park where due to COVID-19 they closed down their restrooms/showers. Here again we had time



for the adult beverages, a fine BBQ dinner and another thunderstorm.

Day 5 - The final leg to my brothers house in Grain Valley Missouri about 420 miles away. The first 200 miles or so continued the plainness that is the High Plains. As we travelled east and entered eastern Kansas we

started see a more rolling landscape with more trees that kind of reminded me of rural Denmark. Eventually we reached Kansas City then Grain Valley, where we were greeted by happy family and 90 degree temperatures with about 70% humidity.



We you were looking to sweat this was the place to come. We stayed for four nights



at the local RV park , my mom and us got to see my brother get married in his hot humid backyard. We all had a great time with family, new family and new friends.

On Monday July 20th we hit the road for our return trip home, which I will speak about in next months newsletter.

