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THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Greetings and Happy New Year.

Late last year, 2022 looked like things were going to turnaround and we'd be back to normal. Now it looks like we may face some of the same restrictions on our events this year as we did in 2021. Fortunately, we have an advantage over many other organizations in our Kastania Field picnic grounds. Last year we held several bring-your-own picnics with modest success and if required we can continue with outdoor meetings this year. For this, we have to give thanks to a previous generation of Soldiers who built and furnished the pavilion that can shelter us safely and comfortably. Also, thanks to those volunteers who closed up the grounds, storing chairs and tables and getting the Landsoldaten statue safely inside.

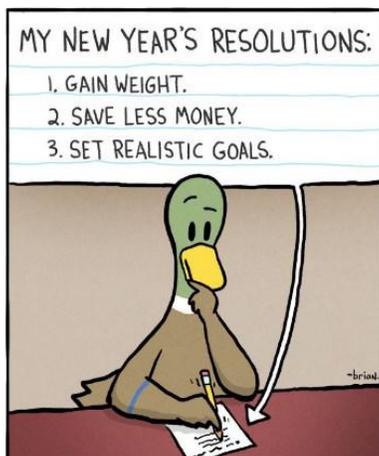
With hopes for a brighter 2022, stay safe and well.

Keith Brians, President



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The Governing Board for 2021

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2022 Board News

With Keith Brians, Dennis Wimple, Vagn Nielsen, Ken Fultz and Adam Byer leaving the Board at the end of 2021 new Governing Board positions of President, Vice-President and Treasurer will be decided as stated in the Club Bylaws by the incoming Board at our next meeting in March.

Final election of the incoming Board will also take place at the March 5, 2022 meeting. People volunteering to fill those positions include:

Annalisa Juul-Diaz, Dennis Diaz, Lizette Burtis, Martha Smith, John Chiles and Michael Gundlund. Thank you stepping forward.

Newsletter

This year for personal reasons I will be stepping down as editor of the Newsletter with the April edition being my last contribution. We need someone to step up and continue our tradition of the Monthly Newsletter just I and others have done in the past. If you are interested

please contact me or someone on the board. I will gladly assist anyone to help them get establish in the process of the newsletter. Thanks, Rick

Happy New Year, and welcome to 2022. The Christmas Party after a year postponement was very successful with close to 85 people celebrating Julefest. The food was excellent This year the Party was at the Reel and Brand Restaurant in Sonoma. It was a departure from our past parties at the Vet Halls but overall it worked out well. John Chiles did a great job as Santa. Thanks to Annalisa Juul and Tove Linberg for their contribution for the children prizes. Also thanks to our Board and volunteers, especially to the Nielsen and Wimple Families for all the work they did to ensure a successful party. Also thank you to those that donated prizes for the raffle. The funds raised from the raffle help to defer some the cost that is required to put on the Party.

Next Meeting

In 2019 the Board decided to do away with having a Lunch/membership meeting in February, therefore **Saturday, March 5th** will our next meeting and again be a "Bring your own food and beverages" picnic, no reservations necessary.

Sad News

Long time club member Finn Peter Kjaer passed away on November 5, 2021, at the age of 78 He leaves behind his loving wife, Jeannie of Florence, OR, after 34 years of marriage.

Finn was born as the youngest of eight on September 2, 1943, to Kristen and Agnate Birgitte Kjaer, in Hadsund, Denmark. At the age of 15, in 1958, Finn became a Merchant Marine and left Denmark to travel the world. At age 23, in 1966, Finn was sponsored by older brother Henning Kjaer, already a US citizen, to obtain a green card in New York. Finn was soon drafted into the Navy and served in Viet Nam.

Finn relocated to San Francisco, CA in 1970. He became a US Citizen on August 15, 1972. He was a 25-year Laborer Foreman in the California Bay Area and retired in 1996 at age 53. Finn became an Oregon resident in 1997.

He is survived by wife Jeannie of Florence, Oregon, daughter Kristine Stultz of Sparks, Nevada, son Erik Kjaer of Sebastopol, California. He leaves five grandchildren, Ahnicka and Iyla Kjaer, and Doug, Konner, and Kordell Stultz.

He had a quick wit, and a great sense of humor. He loved most people, especially children and animals. He was known as a person who would give the shirt off his back to anyone in need. In addition to the Danish Soldiers Club, he was a longtime member Sonderjylland #10.

Rest in Peace Finn, you will be missed by many. Donations to ASPCA are appreciated in lieu of all else.

Order form for renewing Membership to The Danish Soldiers Club

Dear member we just need \$40 for a membership in 2022

Member Name: _____

Many Members due to an unusual year in 2021 still have not paid their 2021 dues. Please use this opportunity to pay 2021 while re-

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP (DUE IN JANUARY)

Add to Cart

It is time to renew your membership with the Danish Soldiers Club. The price is \$40 for 2022. The easiest way is Via **PayPal** on our website www.danishsoldiersclub.com. Just click on the member renewal button on top of the home page, and you are done.

If you do not have computer access you can also send a \$40 check to **Vagn Nielsen** our Treasurer. His address is:

20650 Burndale Rd
Sonoma, CA 95476
Email: dscvagn@gmail.com
Ph. (707) 996-9950

As we have been asserting all year please share this with your family and friends as a way to inspire new members to join, participate and help us celebrate our Danish Heritage. It takes active members to keep our club alive, maybe encourage that next generation to join. Though this the club will continue to remain vibrant

Hopefully we will see you sometime in the coming year as we enter a new year hopefully more normal year.

2021 Julefest in Sonoma

After having to cancel our 2020 Julefest due to the outbreak of COVID-19 we were able to resume the tradition this year. Thanks to our 2021 President and Treasurer – Keith Brians and Vagn Nielsen we were able to secure the Reel and Brand Restaurant (the Old Little Switzerland) to host the party. It was the first time they provided a Traditional Danish Christmas dinner and for most part they succeeded. (They assure us that they will work on the cracklings for next time).

Considering the issues we faced, we were able to keep the cost for members at a reasonable level. Issues included: *uncertainty about renting the Veteran's Hall from the County, how many people would feel comfortable attending, our caterer discontinuing their service, the rising costs related to hosting a party at an independent site (as we have done in the past).*

In my opinion even with all of this happening the Julefest was a success. We worked to provide a safe environment, following indoor safety standards of masking and encouraging social distancing. The staff cooked a good meal with great service, we were able provide Christmas music much of it Dan-

ish Traditional, we were able to dance around the Christmas tree as is our tradition, Lizette Burtis and Martha Smith were great selling raffle tickets, John Chiles was an excellent Santa Claus, Vagn and Karen Nielsen were excellent meeting members at the door to get them situated and organizing the table setups. Dennis Wimple did a great job as our MC and his granddaughters Faith & Jessica excelled in running the raffle. Also our members stepped up by attending, donating raffle prizes and contributing when it came time to provide for the gratuity for the Staff (Thank you to the Nielsen Family).

With 2021 now history lets hope for a better 2022. See you at the March Meeting



