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Our 158TH Year

President's Message



Cordial greetings to all members of the Aztec Club of 1847. This year has been an exciting one for the Club and our future holds great promise.

Over the past few years, members have been encouraged to recruit their sons, grandsons and

nephews to apply for membership using our convenient one-page short form, and to propose other qualified gentlemen using either our electronic application or the old long form. It's a great pleasure to report this campaign has been resoundingly successful. Inside this issue, you will see the fruits of this endeavor. Many fine gentlemen have been admitted to membership, and I hope we will continue to see growth among our ranks. I strongly encourage you, especially if you have not been able to participate thus far in this important membership campaign, to help ensure the Aztec Club's future by building our ranks today.

Many of our members have interesting anecdotes and stories about their Aztec Club ancestor and we encourage sharing such information with fellow members. If you have an interesting story, please submit a short article so that we might publish it in a future edition of *The Chronicle*.

You will notice something new regarding this year's Annual Meeting. Our membership is spread out across America, which for more than 100 years has presented a challenge in attracting members to the Annual Meeting. Last year we voted to reach out to a greater number of members by holding the next Annual Meeting in Dallas, Texas. This is also appropriate, because many significant battles of the Mexican War took place in Texas.

While continuing to meet in the Washington, D. C. area we are experimenting with another location for the Annual Meeting to see what the response will be. If it proves successful in attracting members we may meet in other locations around the country in the future. I look forward to seeing you at the Dallas meeting.

Raymond L. Drake, President

ANNUAL MEETING SET Dallas, Texas October 8, 2005

The 158TH Annual Meeting of the Aztec Club of 1847 will be held at the Dallas Park Central Embassy Suites Hotel, 13131 North Central Expressway, Dallas, TX 75243 on Saturday evening, October 8th. The business meeting will commence at 6:00 pm followed by a reception at 7:00 pm and banquet dinner at 7:30 pm. [White tie, black tie, mess dress or uniform, with decorations.] Spouses and invited guests are welcome.



The Embassy Suites Dallas Park Central Hotel is a short drive from both the Dallas Love Field Airport and DFW International Airport. This North Dallas hotel is just minutes away from the Dallas Galleria, the Sixth Floor Museum at Dealy Plaza, Dallas World Aquarium, Dallas Arboretum, Deep Ellum, Lower Greenville, Mockingbird Station, and the Southfork Ranch, site of the

"Dallas" television series. The Amon Carter Museum, whose collection includes 400 paintings, drawings, and works of sculpture by Frederic Remington and Charles M. Russell — the single most important collection of works by these artists — is in nearby Ft. Worth. (www.cartermuseum.org)

Several special events are planned, kicking off with informal dining at a local restaurant on Thursday, October 6. Friday is planned as an "on your own" day to pursue individual interests and concludes with a reception at the home of Dallas member Robert M. Clark and group dinner that evening. The Dallas chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution has invited members and guests to attend a patriotic breakfast on Saturday morning, October 8. Reservations are required. Our program concludes with the Annual Meeting and Dinner Saturday evening.

Guests of the Embassy Suites Dallas Park Central Hotel stay in a spacious two-room suite and receive a complimentary cooked-to-order breakfast, a two hour nightly manager's reception and free transportation within a five mile radius. The hotel offers high-speed internet access (HSIA). An Aztec Club special group rate of \$109.00/night is available by booking your reservation at: 972-234-3300. (Hotel info: www.dallasparkcentral.embassysuites.com)

Menu choice for Saturday's Annual Meeting: Beef Medallions with Red Wine Mushroom Demi Glaze, horseradish whipped potatoes and seasonal vegetable medley or Lemon Pepper Seared Salmon with Dill Bur Blanc, scalloped potatoes and sautéed asparagus and herb roaster tomato. All meals include fresh dinner rolls and butter rosettes, fresh brewed regular and decaffeinated coffee and iced tea, and dessert of Texas Chocolate Fudge Cake. Cost for the dinner is \$35.00 per person.

Dinner reservations are required and must be received with payment not later than Sept 25th. Checks payable, and mailed to: Aztec Club of 1847, PO Box 8292, Van Nuys, CA 91409. **Hotel arrangements and lodging payment are to be made directly with the hotel.**

Members Elected Since The Last Issue

James Kenneth Abney, Jr.

Capt. Thomas Ingals
Smith's Co., Texas Mounted Volunteers

Stanley Dee Buckles

1st Lt. Earl Van Dorn
7th Infantry Regt., USA

Jason Eric Bullard

2nd Lt John Jackson Snider
TX Mounted Vols.

James Cage Cantrell, II

2nd Lt. John Jackson
Texas Mounted Volunteers

Charles Clement Lucas, Jr.

1st Lt. Jacob B. Daniel
Co. B, 1st Regt., North Carolina Vols.

Douglas Sorrel Mackall, III

1st Lt., (But. Maj.) William Whann Mackall
1st Artillery, USA

Henry Clinton Mackall

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1st Artillery, USA

Alexander Clarke Magruder

Capt. Robert Edward Lee
Engineers, USA

Christopher Dion O'Sullivan

2nd Lt. George F. Cooper
15th Infantry Regt., USA

Thomas Malin Rodgers, Jr.

Lt. Benjamin O'Bannon
Co. K, South Carolina Volunteers

James Jackson Shannon, Jr.

1st Lt. James E. Fowler
1st Tennessee Volunteers

Kelly Loyd Stewart

Lt. William Smith
3rd Ohio Volunteers

Dwight Tetrick

1st Lt. Simon B. Kenton
Capt. Riddle's Co., Ohio Volunteers

Thomas Sumpter Tisdale

Lt. Sebastian d'Amblimont
Col. A, Palmetto Regt., South Carolina Militia

Maj. Richard Robert Welsh, USAR

Capt. Richard Taylor
California Volunteers

Lt. Gen. John MacNair Wright, USA Ret.

Capt. Minor Knowlton
1st Artillery Regt., USA

LCDR. Richard Morgan Wright, USCG Ret.

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1st Artillery Regt., USA

LLOYD BOCKSTRUCK Featured at Annual Dinner



The Club is honored to have as its Annual Meeting featured speaker Lloyd Bockstruck, MA, MS, FNGS, head of Genealogy Section, Dallas Public Library. Mr. Bockstruck was elected to membership in the Aztec Club in 1990 by right of descent from Capt. James C. McAdams, Co. C, 3d Illinois Regiment. He is also a member of the Society of the Cincinnati in the State of Delaware and numerous other hereditary and patriotic organizations.

Mr. Bockstruck graduated cum laude with an B.A. in Biology and History from Greenville College in 1967. He received an M.A. in Modern European History from Southern Illinois University in 1969, an M.S. in Library Science from the University of Illinois at Urbana in 1973, and a certificate from the Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research, Samford University, in June 1973.

After serving as a Graduate Teaching Assistant in the Department of History, Southern Illinois University, 1967-69, Mr. Bockstruck was employed as a secondary teacher and librarian at Mombasa Baptist High School in Mombasa, Kenya, 1969-71, and a Graduate Assistant in the School of Library Science at the University of Illinois, 1971-73.

Lloyd joined the Dallas Public Library in 1973 and has served as Supervisor of the Genealogical Section since that time. From 1974 to 1991 he served as an instructor in the School of Continuing Education, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas. He is the senior ranking faculty member of the Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research, Samford University, having joined in 1974. He has been on the faculty of the Genealogical Institute of Mid-America, University of Illinois at Springfield, since 1994.

Mr. Bockstruck has been a faculty member of the Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research since 1974 and was named a Fellow of the National Genealogical Society in 1993. His genealogy column appears weekly in *The Dallas Morning News*. Lloyd is the author of *Virginia's Colonial Soldiers*, *Genealogical Research in Texas*, *Revolutionary War Bounty Land Grants Awarded by State Governments*, *Naval Pensioners of the United States 1800-1851*, and *Denizations and Naturalizations in the British Colonies in America, 1607-1775*.

Mr. Bockstruck received the Award of Merit from the National Genealogical Society in 1982, and in 1994 was named Outstanding Alumnus of the Institute of Genealogical and Historical Research. He was the first recipient of the "Filby Prize for Genealogical Librarianship" from Scholarly Resources and the National Genealogical Society in 1999. In 2003, Mr. Bockstruck was recognized by the North East Texas Library System with its Lifetime Achievement Award. He was elected an Honorary Member of The Hereditary Society Community, an organization that brings together many elements comprising the hereditary society community, its purpose to create unity, foster relationships, and inform the public. Mr. Bockstruck is active in numerous lineage societies and is featured in *Who's Who in America* among others. His genealogical interests include Southside Virginia, colonial America, and Germany.

Breithaupt Elected President Emeritus



President Emeritus Plaque

Following more than 12 years of service to the Aztec Club, including 9 years as President, Richard Breithaupt, Jr. retired from office at the 2003 Annual Meeting. Only Robert Patterson, President 1867-1880, served longer. By unanimous vote the title of *President Emeritus* was conferred upon him and a committee was formed, co-chaired by Capt. Thomas J. Turpin, USN (Ret.) and Cdr. C. Lansdowne Hunt, USN (Ret.), both Past Presidents, to design and present a suitable award. It was the first time in the Club's history this honor had been

conferred. The award and a large sterling silver breast star were presented to President Emeritus Breithaupt at the 2004 Dinner.

Highlights of Mr. Breithaupt's service as Vice President, 1993-1995, included working with Bailey, Banks and Biddle to create a new set of dies so that the Club's membership medal, long out of production, could once again be available to members. J. Robert Elliott, Jr. graciously loaned an antique medal that was provided to BB&B sculptors for use in creating new historically accurate dies. In 1994 Rick suggested the concept of holding spring meeting socials to reach out to members residing too far to attend meetings in Washington, and hosted that year the first such meeting in Los Angeles at Campo de Cahuenga, the site of the signing of the treaty which ended hostilities between the United States and Mexico in America.

In 1995, after some members read the Centennial History he wrote and published in 1994 for the Sons of the Revolution in the State of California. Mr. Breithaupt was asked by the Executive Committee to conceptualize and author the Club's Sesquicentennial History, for publication during the sesquicentennial celebration in 1997. In 1995 he launched www.aztecclub.com, a web site focused on the Club and the Mexican War. Consisting of more than 700 pages of content, it has received numerous awards, including recognition from The History Channel and Military.com. It has been ranked among the 10% busiest web sites on the Internet. The site includes a searchable database of officers who served in the Mexican War, ten Mexican War art galleries, biographies of original members, military history and battle information.

Mr. Breithaupt was elected Aztec Club President in 1995 and re-elected annually until he retired from office in 2003 over the

objection of members. The Club's sesquicentennial celebration was a highlight of his Presidency. In 1997 the 1,494-page Sesquicentennial History was published. The project had grown to creating a database of all known American officers serving in the Mexican War as no complete list had even been published. Previously, original member Cadmus Wilcox's History of the Mexican War, published in 1892, was recognized by historians as the most complete listing. Although Wilcox listed many Navy officers and a few Marine Corps officers, his research was very incomplete. With the support and cooperation Rick obtained from the Navy and Marine Corps historical centers, he developed a complete list of officers who served in the Mexican War from those branches of the service by studying original muster rolls and reports. With the able assistance of Club member Timothy Rodman, research of each state's Adjutant General's report yielded scores of militia officers who were also previously overlooked. All told, a searchable database was created from fifty-four sources yielding the names and service of about 2,500 officers who had previously not been identified in a master reference.

The Sesquicentennial History was distributed free to selected historical societies and libraries around the nation, and to several military libraries and facilities. Mr. Breithaupt donated his time and energies researching, writing and publishing the book with all proceeds benefitting the Club. The Club quickly recouped all costs of publication. Although supplies are nearly exhausted, for several years it was the largest source of revenue for the Club.

In 1996 initial planning commenced for the Club's sesquicentennial celebration, culminating in an invitation from the President of Mexico to stage the October, 1997 Sesquicentennial Annual Meeting in Mexico City, in the very room of the former Boca Negra Mansion where the Club was founded in 1847, and a marvelous two-week tour tracing in reverse the route of our ancestors in that war. Another important milestone was obtaining original Club diplomas from the US Military History Institute from which a new composite original was digitally created, resulting in the new, high quality, historically accurate membership certificate which has since been presented to new members on acid-free parchment.

During the sesquicentennial, the Club issued a commemorative medal, in bronze, silver and gold, a reproduction of the original Club enameled button, a commemorative tie bar and money clip. Other paraphernalia included a blazer patch designed and procured by Capt. Turpin.

Other Spring Meetings were held in Savannah, Natchez, MS (1998), New Orleans (1999), Philadelphia (2000), and New York City (2002). The records indicate that 110 new members were elected during Mr. Breithaupt's Presidency.

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 Enclosed is my reservation for _____ people for the Annual Dinner at \$35.00 per person.

<u>Name:</u>	<u>Beef</u>	<u>Salmon</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>Guest</u>
_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Your Phone Number: _____ Your arrival day and time: _____
 Do you plan to attend the patriotic breakfast on Saturday, October 8? YES NO

Reservations must be received by September 25, 2005.

Mail this reservation form with payment to:
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 P. O. Box 8292, Van Nuys, CA 91409-8292

Checks made payable to Aztec Club of 1847.

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Full Size Medal

Silver, w/Gold Plating	\$ 85.00
Gold Filled*	\$ 90.00
10K Gold	\$ 515.00
14K Gold	\$ 730.00
Bronze, w/ Gold Plating	\$ 40.00
Silver, w/ Gold Plating	\$ 45.00
Gold Filled*	\$ 50.00
10K Gold	\$ 150.00
14K Gold	\$ 180.00

*Recommended for those not ordering 10K or 14K.

Prices are subject to change. Sales tax and shipping will be added. Medals are special-order items and require written authorization from the Club. Contact the Treasurer or President for an Authorization Chit.

AVAILABLE FROM THE TREASURER

Blazer Patch	\$ 35.00
Lapel Pin	\$ 45.00
Lapel Pin -- Reproduction of 1880's pin	\$10.00
Tie (four-in-hand)	\$ 35.00

Ties are made of finest silk in Aztec Club colors.

SESQUICENTENNIAL HISTORY AVAILABLE

Sesquicentennial History \$ 89.95 + \$10 .00 shipping

Printed on acid-free paper, hardbound, with gold foil embossing and handsome dust jacket. 1505 pages. ISBN: 1886085056.

Order the Sesquicentennial History at:
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PO Box 8292, Van Nuys, CA 91409-8292

Short Form Application

Application for membership by a brother, son, grandson or nephew of a current member is easy using the Club's short form. Because the lineage and qualifying service is based upon the current member's approved papers, completion of one side of one page is all it takes, along with a copy of a birth certificate.

Members can help preserve and pass on th future generations the traditions and fellowship of the Aztec Club encouraging their closest relatives to join. Obtain the short from the Secretary or Registrar.



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Mexico City — October 13, 1847

