



# AZTEC CLUB OF 1847



MILITARY SOCIETY OF THE MEXICAN WAR

## THE TEOCALI

JANUARY 2012

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### REPORT FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Compatriots,

I extend my sincere appreciation to the Executive Board and Nominating Committee for my election as 2012 President of the Aztec Club of 1847. I am honored, and committed to building upon the works of the pantheon of great men who have served before me. The Executive Board of the Club is blessed with a considerable depth of experience and talent that I will not hesitate to call upon as I assume the role.

During the coming year we will continue to focus on recruitment and education, while restating one of the original purposes of the Club: a 'promoter of good fellowship.' To that end we will hold the 2012 SPRING MEETING in New Orleans during the weekend of **June 1-3**. The first spring meeting was held in Los Angeles during the weekend of



May 21, 1994. Subsequent meetings were held at La Porte, Texas (the San Jacinto Battlefield Monument), Savannah, Philadelphia, and more recently, at the Chevy Chase Club. We plan to tour the Confederate Museum and the National World War II Museum. In addition to viewing the extensive exhibits, we will attend a showing of 'Beyond All Boundaries' at the Victory Theatre. The weekend is especially poignant as June 6<sup>th</sup> is the anniversary of D-Day. We will complete the day with a sumptuous Black Tie dinner meeting at one

of the fine old New Orleans restaurants. Details on the Spring Meeting will be forthcoming. Please **SAVE THE DATE**.

Thanks to the efforts of Mr. Rick Breithaupt, Jr., President Emeritus, the Club maintains an extensive historical database and a current membership list. We would like to expand the membership list to include email and telephone number. I am enclosing a member information sheet that I request you complete and return to Rick or send him the information by email. If you are aware of members who are recently deceased, or have moved, please notify Rick by email ([rick@aztecclub.com](mailto:rick@aztecclub.com)) or by mail to Aztec Club of 1847, PO Box 8292, Van Nuys, CA 91409-8292. If you have suggestions for the Executive Board, regarding membership, recruitment, or activities you would like to see incorporated, please use the form to indicate those also.

I urge you to join us in recruitment of qualified candidates. Many such opportunities for recruitment exist in other lineage societies such as Sons of Union Veterans, Sons of Confederate Veterans, National Order of the Blue and Gray, and Sons of the American Revolution. I extend congratulations to Carlo Capomazza and others for the recruitment of 15 new members added since the last listing in the 2009 *TEOCALI*. We have a short form application for membership by a brother, son, grandson or nephew of a current member, which is available by mail or email. For assistance with this form or other membership proposals, please contact the Registrar, Mr. Carlo Capomazza. di Compolattaro, , by email (registrar@aztecclub.com) or phone .

During the coming months I will be speaking to various organizations in order to build awareness of the Aztec Club and the Mexican War. Although considered controversial by some and overshadowed by the Civil War, the Mexican war is arguably one of the most important actions ever entered into by US troops. The decade leading up to the war was a time of cataclysmic change and promise. Americans believed they were destined by God's favor to possess the entire continent 'From Sea to Shining Sea.' Thus began the ineluctable migration west, with the attendant winds of war.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge and thank Mr. John Mauk Hilliard for his unwavering guidance as President of the Aztec Club of 1847 following the untimely death of President Huss in November 2008.

With all best wishes,



Max E. Maxwell



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## 2011 ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Aztec Club of 1847 was held at the Chevy Chase Club, Maryland, on October 7, 2011. On recommendation of the Nominating Committee, presented by Mr. Rick Breithaupt, Jr. the following 2012 Officers were elected:

President	Mr. Max Edward Maxwell (2009)
Vice President	Mr. Patrick Joseph Griffin, III (1996)
Secretary	Mr. Gregory Scott Clemmer (1995)
Treasurer	Cmdr. Conway Lansdowne Hunt, USN (Ret.) (1970)
Registrar	Mr. Carlo Capomazza di Campolattaro (1999)
Executive Committee	LCDR. Richard Morgan Wright, USCG (Ret.) (2004)

Cmdr. C. Lansdowne Hunt presented the reports of the Secretary and Treasurer, noting that the Club continues to enjoy a healthy financial condition. Following these matters, the meeting was adjourned for the annual dinner. We were pleased to have as our speaker Mr. Peter Arrott Dixon, who presented an overview of numerous hereditary societies, of which he has served for many years in the highest positions of leadership. All members are welcome and encouraged to attend the Annual Meeting, which occurs around October 13, the founding date of the Aztec Club. An announcement is sent to the membership about a month before the meeting. Members can also consult the Club's website, [aztecclub.com](http://aztecclub.com), for a list of upcoming events.

## WWW.AZTECCCLUB.COM

Members are encouraged to consult the Club website, which holds a wealth of information regarding the history of the Club, biographies and photographs of founding and early members, and descriptions of the Mexican War battles. The site features a searchable database of all qualifying officers for membership. The Club is grateful to President Emeritus Rick Breithaupt, Jr. for creating, maintaining, and continuing to update this valuable site.

## NEW MEMBERS

The Aztec Club of 1847 is pleased to welcome the following members elected since the Spring 2009 issue of the *TEOCALI*, listed with their qualifying ancestor:

**Mr. Herschel Lee Abbott, Jr.** (2009) New Orleans, LA  
Maj. Montfort S. Stokes. NC Vols  
**Mr. George Alfred Coiron, III** (2009) New Orleans, LA  
1st Lt. Pierre Goustave Toutant Beauregard. Engineers, USA  
**Mr. Charles Collin Hilliard, DC** (2009) Austin, TX  
Lt. John A. Merrifield. KY Vols.  
**Mr. William Lee Hilliard, DC** (2009) Portales, NM  
Lt. John A. Merrifield. KY Vols.  
**Mr. Max Edward Maxwell** (2009) New Orleans, LA  
Capt. John Bankhead Magruder. 1st Artillery, USA

**Mr. Nishan Ohannes Partamian** (2009) La Cañada, CA  
1st Lt. Jonas Kendall Tyler. MA Volunteers

**Mr. Craig Montfort Ripley** (2009) New Orleans, LA  
Capt. William Allen Talbot. VA Volunteers

**Mr. George Andrews Gaines** (2010) Metairie, LA  
2d Lt. Francis Young Gaines. 3d Dragoons, AL Vols.

**Mr. James Wilson McCall** (2010) Hillsborough, CA  
Midshipman John E. Hopson Frigate Constitution, Pacific Squadron, USN

**Mr. Lemuel Moye Sanders** (2010) New Orleans, LA  
2d Lt. William H. Moye. Co. "A", NC Volunteers

**Michael John Bell, Esq.** (2011) Metairie, LA  
2d Lt. James J. Odell. 5th TN Volunteers

**Mr. Adam William Gaines** (2011) Harrow, Ontario, Canada  
1st Lt. (Bvt. Capt.) Henry B. Judd. 3d Artillery, USA

**Mr. John Peter Labouisse, III** (2011) New Orleans, LA  
2d Lt. James Sterrett Woods. 2d Infantry, USA

**Mr. Andrew James McCall** (2011) Hillsborough, CA  
Midshipman John E. Hopson Frigate Constitution, Pacific Squadron, USN

**Mr. Douglas Mather Mabee** (2011) Saratoga Springs, NY  
Capt. Washington Lafayette McNair. 3d MO Mounted Vols.

## RECENT PAST PRESIDENTS

**Mr. John Mauk Hilliard** 2009-2011

**Judge William W. Huss** (deceased) 2007-2008

**Judge Raymond Lawrence Drake** 2004-2006

**Mr. Richard Hoag Breithaupt, Jr.** 1995-2003

**Hon. Richard Bender Abell** 1993-1995

**Cmdr. Conway Lansdowne Hunt, USN (Ret)** 1992-1993

**Capt. Thomas Jefferson Turpin, USN (Ret.)** 1990-1992

**Nicholas Donnell Ward, Esq.** 1978-1980

## INSIGNIA

The beautiful and distinctive Aztec Club full size (approx. 1 ½" across) and miniature medals are now available from Bailey, Banks and Biddle/ J.E. Caldwell. An authorization form is required and is available by contacting Max Maxwell, President. The form can be mailed or emailed to you. Ties and rosettes are available and may be purchased by contacting Cmdr. Lanny Hunt, Treasurer. Please refer to officer contact information below. By authority of a joint resolution of the Fifty-First Congress, Officers and enlisted men serving in the armed forces of the United States may wear the Aztec Club medal on all occasions of ceremony.

## TRADEMARKS

As a result of the research of our late president Huss and the perseverance of Rick Breithaupt, Jr., the words Aztec Club of 1847 and maltese cross logos are trademarks

registered with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. Rules pertaining to the use of these marks may be found on the Club website. We are grateful to Rick for bringing this task to fruition.

### **IN MEMORIAM**

It is with regret that we record the passing of the following members:

Col. Joseph Bland Love USA (Ret.)

John Thaddeus Radzynski, (1975) Died from the long-term effects of Agent Orange (Vietnam).

Robert Paul Radzynski (1975)

Dr. Stanley Francis Radzynski (1959)

### **CONTACT INFORMATION**

**President** Mr. Max Edward Maxwell

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**Secretary** Mr. Gregory Scott Clemmer

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**MEMBER INFORMATION FORM**

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STREET \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_

STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_

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Please return with email, telephone number, corrections and suggestions to Rick Breithaupt, Jr. by mail to Aztec Club of 1847, PO Box 8292, Van Nuys, CA 91409-8292.

If you have email access, in lieu of the form please send a message to (rick@aztecclub.com) with your telephone number and any corrections.