

AZTEC CLUB OF 1847

MILITARY SOCIETY OF THE MEXICAN WAR



THE TEOCALI

DECEMBER 2012



REPORT FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Compatriots,

Aztec Club members gathered in New Orleans for our 2012 Spring Meeting during the weekend of June 1-3. As described in Nell Nolan's society column in the New Orleans Times Picayune,

"Elsewhere, history made the happening when the Aztec Club of 1847, Military Society of the Mexican War, held its national meeting in the Crescent City. The weekend's activities began with a Friday evening cocktail reception at the historic Garden District home of Patricia Strachan, where Jefferson Davis died. Martin Wine Cellar catered, providing multiple taste treats, and a large arrangement of mock orange graced the table.

On Saturday, a tour of the Confederate Museum, followed by a viewing of "Beyond All Boundaries" at the National World War II Museum and lunch in the museum's American Sector,

filled the bill. That evening, Aztec Club National President Max Maxwell welcomed members to a black-tie dinner at the New Orleans Country Club. Steve Baker embellished the Founder's Room with gorgeous flowers.

Following the filet-mignon dinner, Maxwell spoke about the world of the mid-1800s, where the great western migration had begun and the country was entering the Second Industrial Revolution. He continued, describing the controversy surrounding the Mexican War."

On September 15th, Carlo Capomazza and I represented the Aztec Club in a wreath laying ceremony at the foot of the statue of Benjamin Franklin in New Orleans' Lafayette Square in commemoration of the 225th anniversary signing of the U.S. Constitution. We joined other state officers of the hereditary society Community in Louisiana in the celebration, which featured speeches by New Orleans City Council President Jacquelyn B. Clarkson and Guest Speaker, U.S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals Judge James L. Dennis (former Associate Justice of the Louisiana Supreme Court and former Chairman of the Louisiana Commission on the Bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution). A feature article of the event, which was sponsored by the Louisiana Society of the Order of Founders and Patriots of America, appeared in state and local newspapers.

Hereditary Society Community (HSC) week is held each year in Washington D.C. during the month of April. Most of the national hereditary societies hold breakfast, lunch or elegant dinner meetings and social events. Although the Aztec Club has not formally

participated in HSC activities, a number of members were in attendance at one or more of the events. The Aztec Club of 1847 has been encouraged to participate in 2013. The National Society of Blue and Grey has graciously invited us to join them at their meeting, which is scheduled to be held on April 13, 2013, at the Washington Club. I will circulate a reservation form as the event draws near.

At the Annual Meeting, the Board voted to reduce the lifetime membership fee from \$500 to \$250 for a brother, son, grandson or nephew of a current member, now through June 30, 2013. A short form application is available, and proofs of the relationship between member and candidate are required. Contact me if you are interested.

We extend thanks to President Emeritus Richard Breithaupt, Jr., who continues to maintain the Club mailing list. If you are aware of members who are recently deceased, or have moved, please notify Rick by e-mail (rick@aztecclub.com) or by mail to Aztec Club of 1847, PO Box 8292, Van Nuys, CA 91409-8292.

With best wishes for a healthy and prosperous 2013,



Max E. Maxwell



Max and Margaret Maxwell
Rosemonde and Carlo Capomazza



Capt. Peter and Diane Labouisse,
Lcdr. Richard Wright



Michael and Aimeé Bell, Gerald Jack



Louisiana Hereditary Society Officers

2012 ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Aztec Club of 1847 was held at the Chevy Chase Club in Washington D.C. on October 12, 2012. 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	Lcdr. Richard Morgan Wright, USCG (Ret.) (2004)
Secretary	Mr. Gregory Scott Clemmer (1995)
Treasurer	Cmdr. Conway Lansdowne Hunt, USN (Ret.) (1970)
Registrar	Mr. Carlo Capomazza di Campolattaro (1999)
Executive Committee	Mr. Richard Hoag Breithaupt, Jr. (1992)

Cmdr. C. Lansdowne Hunt presented the reports of the Secretary and Treasurer, noting that the Club continues to enjoy a healthy financial condition. The Executive Board voted to reduce the fees for a brother, son, grandson or nephew of a current member from \$500 to \$250 (lifetime dues) through June 30, 2013. Sons and grandsons younger than 18 will be considered upon review by the Executive Committee. Following these matters, the meeting was adjourned for the annual dinner of steak, salmon and the trimmings. After dinner, president Maxwell presented the talk he delivered at the Spring Meeting.

We were especially pleased to have our historic silver Teocali grace the meeting, thanks to the efforts of Rick Breithaupt and Lanny Hunt. 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, for a list of upcoming events.



The beautiful Aztec Club flag



Learn more about the historic Teocali Centerpiece at aztecclub.com, under *History of the Aztec Club*

2012 NEW MEMBERS

The Aztec Club of 1847 is pleased to welcome the following members elected since the January 2012 issue of the *TEOCALI*, listed with their propositi:

Mr. James Bowling (2012) Springfield, VA

Lt. James Titus Longstreet, Brevet Captain

Mr. Edward Church Bush (2012) New Orleans, LA

William C. Shelton, 2nd Lt., 5th Tennessee Vols.

Mr. Christopher Edward Chapman (2012) McDonough, GA

Joseph Abney, 2nd Lt. Co. D, Palmetto Regiment, S.C. Vols.

Mr. Lander Goodspeed Dunbar (2012) New Orleans, Louisiana

Abisha Lawton Morrison, 2nd Lt., Co. A. 1st Indiana Vols.

Mr. David Barr Gooch (2012) New Orleans, LA

Capt. John Gorman Barr, Battalion of Alabama Vols.

IN MEMORIAM

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

James David Boyle, M.D. (1999) Winnetka, CA

James W. McCall (2010) Hillsboro, CA

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

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