



British Officers Club Washington DC

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The Sea Gipsy

I am fevered with the sunset,
I am fretful with the bay,
For the wander-thirst is on me
And my soul is in Cathay

There's a schooner in the offing,
With her topsails shot with fire,
And my heart has gone aboard her
For the Islands of Desire.

I must forth again to-morrow!
With the sunset I must be
Hull down on the trail of rapture
In the wonder of the sea.

Richard Hovey 1864-1900

1. The Garden Party

This newsletter is solely about the Garden Party to celebrate the 80th Anniversary of the Liberation of Paris in the summer of 1944.

It will be held on Saturday 14th September at Lloyd House, 220 N Washington Street, Alexandria, doors open 1800.

Working with the Alexandria-Caen Sister Cities committee, plans have moved along. We have signed a contract with musicians from Voices of Vets who will provide French Café music for the meal and dance music a la 1944 for dancing post prandial.

The City of Alexandria is letting us use the marquee (not to be confused with the Maquis) so we will be sheltered come rain come shine, and the French menu food contract is just about to be signed.

The French Embassy has shown a lot of interest – we shall see how that pans out.

Final costings will be in soon and the aim is to set the ticket price mid July. It is going to be around \$75.

By agreement with all other parties, when tickets go onto the market, only BOCDC members will be able in the first week to buy tickets. Then the market will be opened to the general public. We expect about 80 people to attend.

So, live music, cash bar, good food and good friends. What more could you ask for?

If you do not wish to receive any more newsletters, then just let me know.

Keep safe

Peter Pennington

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