



The Danish Veterans Committee

Annual Report 2026

Change of Chair in the Veterans Committee

At the turn of the year 2025–2026, Nicolaj Rasmussen stepped down as Chair of the Committee. Lene Jensen took over, while Pia Poulsen continued as a member of the Committee. We would like to extend our sincere thanks to Nicolaj for the tremendous work he has done during his time on the Committee – we will do our very best to carry it forward!

Farewell to a Personality in Veteran Fencing

In the summer of 2025, one of the great personalities of Danish veteran fencing passed away. Jørgen Kock was 83 years old. May he rest in peace.

A Year Full of Activity

The Veterans Committee can look back on an active year, with many Danish and Denmark-based veteran fencers participating both nationally and internationally. Here is an overview of the activities:

- **Training camps:** The Veterans Committee organized training camps in Copenhagen in April and September 2025, with participation from fencers from clubs in Zealand and Copenhagen.
- **Veterans Danish Championships 2025:** Thanks to Glostrup Fencing Club for a great event.
- **World Championships, European Championships, and Nordic Championships:** Denmark had veteran fencers competing at all three major championships in 2025. At the Nordic Championships, Denmark won 13 medals in the veteran categories.
- **Participation in the EVF Circuit:** Danish fencers took part in many European competitions this season, including events in Poland, England, Hungary, Spain, Sweden, and Germany.
- **Participation in Italian veteran training camp:** This year, five Danish fencers attended a summer training camp in Italy, organized by the Italian Veterans Federation.
- **Veterans Christmas Championship:** As tradition dictates, fencers competed for delightful liquid prizes at this year's Christmas Championship, hosted by Fægteklubben Trekanten.
- **Workshop: Tactics and Strategy:** Veteran fencers made up a large portion of participants at the tactics and strategy workshop held by Fægteklubben Trekanten in March 2025.

Where is Veteran Fencing Headed in 2026–2027?

We would like to conclude by outlining what we plan to focus on in the coming year.

We will continue the training camps and build on the veteran community established in Eastern Denmark, while aiming to create a similar environment with local camps among clubs in Western Denmark. We have reached out to clubs and mapped where veteran fencers there are located – we hope to organize at least one Jutland/Funen training camp this year.

We have also asked ourselves if it is set in stone that the Veterans Committee only organizes activities for fencers over 40. Our thinking is: “the more, the merrier.” Therefore, this year we will open many of our activities to adult fencers in general – including those under 40. We draw inspiration from other European federations, which include categories for those aged 25+ and 30+.

Finally, we would like to advocate for making Danish veteran fencing more international. We hope to inspire more fencers to travel together to European veteran training camps and competitions. We also dream of organizing an international “Veteran Weekend Camp” in Copenhagen, focusing on learning, inspiration, and social engagement.

Kind regards,

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