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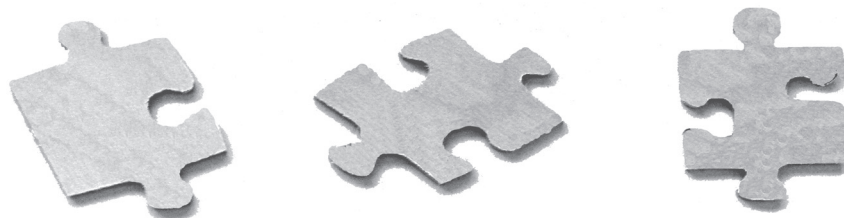
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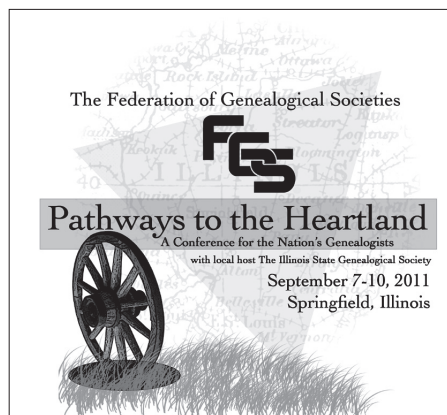


Last soldier from WWI has died

As mentioned in SAG 1/2011, p. 20, the last U.S. soldier from WWI, Frank Buckley, died 27 February 2011.

Now he has been followed in death by the last WWI combat veteran, *Claude Choules*, who died 5 May 2011, at the ripe old age of 110. Mr. Choules served in the Royal Navy and immigrated to Australia in the 1920s.

(BBC News 5 May 2011)



The 2011 conference, "Pathways to the Heartland" offers an exciting opportunity for anyone interested in researching their family history.

The conference is held in Springfield, Illinois, September 7-10, 2011. See link on p. 30.

The Swedish National Archives and the Sweden America Center will cooperate

On 21 June 2011 an agreement was signed by the Swedish National Archives (*Riksarkivet*) and the Sweden America Center in Karlstad to cooperate on placing more documents concerning migration online on the Emiweb site, which will be a big help for all researchers.

Link on p. 30

The John Ericsson Day in Värmland

The inventor John Ericsson is celebrated in his hometown of Filipstad on **July 30**. There will be a ceremony at his mausoleum, and shortly afterwards a re-enactment of the Battle of Hampton Roads, which goes with a big bang!

(The Bridge 2/11)

The 2nd Bridge Conference in Karlstad 2012

In 2006 there was a successful conference, The Bridge Conference, in Karlstad, Sweden, organized by the Sweden America Center and Swedish Council of America. Now plans are underway for a follow-up conference in Karlstad to be held next year, *12-15 September 2012*.

This is now in the planning stage, but as soon as more definite plans are made, SAG will write about it.

(The Bridge, 2/11)

New Swedish Council Awards of Merit

At the meeting of Swedish Council in Portland, OR, in April 2011, the following deserving Swedish-Americans received the SCA Award of Merit: *Judy Rust, Leif Rosqvist, Sandra Nelson Miller, Elisabeth Mendenhall, Lillian Johnson, Kristi Johnson-James, Jeff Klein, Ellen Jacobson, Alice Iverson, Lars Nordström, and Denver James.*

(SCA E-Update April 2011)

SAG on Facebook

SAG has now, at the end of June, 227 friends, and more are welcome! This is the easiest way to know how the work with the next SAG is going, or if the editor is just lying in her hammock.

Kerstin Lane is the Swedish-American of the Year



Kerstin Lane of Chicago has been chosen by the Vasa Order of America as the Swedish-American of the Year for 2011.

She is well-known for her involvement ever

since 1977 with the Swedish American Museum Center in Chicago – for many years as the head of the museum. After retirement she continues to be active in many Swedish-American organizations.

SAG adds its congratulations to the many that have already arrived!

The site of the Minnesota Day is changed

Minnesota Day has been celebrated in Växjö, Sweden, for many years, but now it is moving to a historical place in the vicinity.

This year *Minnesota Day* will be held in *Ljuder*, the parish from which the fictional hero Karl Oskar Nilsson and his family and friends emigrated in Moberg's novel "The Emigrants."

On *Sunday August 14th* the program starts with a church service in *Ljuder* church at 11 a.m. This is followed by a coffee social in the *Hembygdsparken*, near the church, followed by a speech by photographer and poet *Anders Johansson* from Kalmar. The many little houses in the *Hembygdsparken* are reminders of the emigration period.

(Emigranten 1/2011)