



Camp 24  
Minutes of the Meeting  
October 17, 2014  
Oakland, California

The meeting began at 7:15 p.m. In attendance were Brothers Charles Mabie, Jeffrey Vaillant, Ken Felton, Steve Johnson, John Gee, and new member Charles Kenyon.

Charles Kenyon lives in Alameda and is a re-enactor with the NCWA. He told us of his 3rd great-grandfather Charles A. Cooper, who immigrated from Germany in 1835 and became a successful farmer in present-day South Dakota. He enlisted in 1863 with Company A of the Wisconsin 43rd Volunteer Infantry. He participated in the battles of Johnsonville and Duck River, and pursued bushwhackers in Alabama, Tennessee, and Georgia. He was mustered out of service in June of 1865. Charles Kenyon was welcomed into the camp; he says he would like to participate in living history events and visit schools as part of our camp's mission to interact with the public.

The officers voted to formally adopt Fort Point, Fort Alcatraz, and the Presidio as part of our mission to support the rangers in interpreting Civil War history at those locations. A letter will be sent by the camp secretary to that effect.

Brother Ken went to the Alhambra cemetery in Martinez to help the city with their periodic clean-up. Ken was able to find the nearly buried headstone of a Union soldier and made it more visible. There will be another clean-up in April 2015 and members will be advised so our camp support this effort.

After some discussion it was decided to plan out the calendar for the remainder of this year and for next year. Please note the following dates:

2014

November 19 - Camp Meeting, Oakland, 7 pm Election of Officers

December 27 - Holiday Dinner at the Commander's House, Newark

2015

January 24 - Investiture of Officers and Civil War Day at Fort Point, 9:30 am - 5 pm

February 18 - Camp Meeting, Oakland, 7 pm

March 6-8 - Department Encampment, Sacramento

April 15 - Camp Meeting, Oakland, 7 pm

May 25 - Memorial Day at the Presidio

June 17 - Camp Meeting, Oakland, 7 pm

July 4th - Various Fourth of July Events

August 19-23 - National Encampment, Richmond VA

August (TBD) - Civil War Day, Fort Point

September 16 - Camp Meeting, Oakland, 7 pm

October (TBD) - Civil War Encampment, Fort Mervine, Monterey

October 21 - Camp Meeting, Oakland, 7 pm

November 11 - Veteran's Day Activities

November 18th - Camp Meeting, Oakland, 7 pm Election of Officers

Brother Jeffrey said he will contact the Berkeley Historical Society and ask about accessing their G.A.R. records.

Brother Steve said he will reproduce brochures about the SUVCW, which will include contact information for Camp 24. These will be used to pass out to interested persons at events in which our camp members are participating.

Brother Charles M. invited our camp members to join with Sheridan Camp 4 to march in the Veteran's Day Parade in San Jose. Contact him for details.

The Meeting concluded at 8:45.

Respectfully submitted,  
Steve Johnson  
Secretary