



SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
General Pleasonton Camp #24

MINUTES OF THE CAMP MEETING
May 17, 2017

Meeting at the Albany City Library was called to order by Commander Charles Kenyon at 7:00 pm.

The pledge of allegiance was recited, and Brother Mabie gave the invocation.

Members in attendance: Brothers Brad Hatton, Ken Felton, John Gee, Charles Mabie, Brad Schall, Steve Johnson, Jeffrey Vaillant, Gary Hormel.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report: Brother Johnson reported that as of May 31st, the camp has \$579, \$200 of which is in the Braden Schall Memorial Fund.

Brother Felton reported on the JROTC Award that he presented at Heritage High School in April. He commented that it would be good for schools to give us plenty of lead time before the award, so that the certificate and medal can be ordered from the SUVCW Quartermaster in time.

Upcoming events were discussed:

- Brothers Ken Felton and Charles Mabie will represent the Sons at the Living History Days at Roaring Camp, May 27 - 29.
- Brothers Gary Hormel, John Gee, Ken Felton, and Steve Johnson will represent the Sons at the Memorial Day activities at the San Francisco Presidio on May 29th
- Our camp is invited to join with other camps to march in the Fourth of July parade in Redwood City
- Our camp is invited to join other camps to represent the Sons at the Duncan Mills Civil War days July 15 - 16
- Several members of our camp will attend the Living History Days at Fort Point (August 19th) and at Alcatraz (September 30th)

Brother Steve Johnson gave a brief talk about Civil War Forts in California, particularly ones that still have existing buildings and museum displays. Besides the familiar Fort Point, Fort Alcatraz, and Camp Reynolds on Angel Island, there are also:

- Fort Humbolt State Park in Eureka, which has a museum inside the only remaining building, the fort's hospital. There is also a reconstructed surgeon's quarters. They have an annual living history day.
- Benecia Barracks, part of a large army encampment and terminus of the Camel Corps. Today's Benecia City Museum has displays and tours about the military period.
- Fort Tejon on the Grapevine, Interstate 5. Several building have been restored and there is a very active re-enactment group which has monthly activities.

- Drum Barracks, in Wilmington, LA County. The last remaining building of the Army HQ for Southern California is run by the County as a Civil War museum. Annual re-enactments are held nearby.

For more detailed information, readers can see the article about these forts in the May newsletter of The Friends of Civil War Alcatraz:

http://www.friendsofcivilwaralcatraz.org/Newsletters/FOCWA_News_0517.pdf

It was decided to have no meeting in June. The next meeting will be held at the Albany City Library in the third week of July. (Day TBD) The guest speaker will be Ranger Rik Penn of the Presidio. He will be giving a talk about the Buffalo Soldiers stationed there and their responsibilities in protecting Yosemite National Park. Members are encouraged to bring interested friends and family members to hear this talk.

Respectfully submitted,
Steve Johnson
Secretary/Treasurer