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General Alfred Pleasonton – Camp 24  
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Department of California and Pacific  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

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### New Meeting Location

We need a count for dinner

Please let Commander Vaillant know ([jeffreyvaillant@hotmail.com](mailto:jeffreyvaillant@hotmail.com))

Camp Meeting is Tuesday April 17, 2012 – High Street Station Cafe – 1303 High St. (High St. & Encinal), Alameda, CA 94501 Social at 6:00 pm -----Meeting at 7:00 pm

May's newsletter information should be sent to Brad Schall – [bradsuvcw@wavecable.com](mailto:bradsuvcw@wavecable.com) two weeks prior to our meeting. May's newsletter information needs to be received by Friday May 1, 2012.

Camp Commander's Column—April 2012 – Jeffrey Vaillant

### Camp Order No. 3

Series 2012

### Past Camp Commander Privileges Brother Robert Ebert

**By the authority vested in me as Commander of the Gen. Alfred Pleasonton Camp No. 24, by the Camp Bylaws, Department of California and Pacific Bylaws, the National Constitution and Regulations, and National Policies, it is hereby ordered as follows:**

**Section 1: Brother Robert Ebert – a Charter Member of Gen. Alfred Pleasonton Camp No. 24 – has served our Camp continuously and dutifully as its Treasurer since its founding.**

**Section 2: Chapter II, Article II, Section 1 of the SUVCW Regulations states that "Any Brother serving as Camp Secretary or Camp Treasurer continuously in office for a period of ten years may have conferred upon him the rank of Past Camp Commander with its voting privileges at Department Encampments." Brother Ebert has met the above criteria for conferral of this rank, and at the meeting of our Camp on 17 April 2012 shall be granted the rank of Past Camp Commander with privileges by vote of the membership present.**

**Section 3: As Commander of Gen. Alfred Pleasonton Camp No. 24, I wish to congratulate Brother Ebert on his devotion to our Camp, and I will request**

**that this Camp Order become part of the 2013 Encampment of the Department of California and Pacific.**

**By Order of Jeffrey L. Vaillant  
Camp Commander  
Gen. Alfred Pleasonton Camp No. 24**

**ATTEST:  
By Brad Schall, PCinC  
Camp Secretary**

Camp 24 March Meeting Agenda Minutes

Call to Order—Commander Jeff Vaillant at 6:45 p.m.

Those present were Kenneth Felton, Jeff Vaillant., Brad Schall, Bob Ebert, Douglas James, Bruce Hevelin, and new member John Gee, we had two guests, Patti Schall and Katy Douglas.

Rituals were suspended because of location in meeting room.

New member John Gee was introduced and he told of his Civil War ancestor, we went around the table and told him about our Civil War ancestors. Camp voted Brother Gee into membership.

Minutes as written were approved. Treasurer Report: Treasurer Bob Ebert reported we had about \$800.00 in the checking account. Treasurer report approved.

Camp meeting night change was discussed and Brothers decided that the third Tuesday would remain our meeting time.

Brothers Schall, Vaillant and Felton talked about the Department Encampment in San Luis Obispo. This is the largest delegation that we have had for several years. All had a good time. Charlie Mabie, PDC, also attended the encampment.

We had our first meeting at the High Street Station Café at 1303 High Street, Alameda, CA 94501, (510) 995-8049. We voted to have our next meeting at the same location. We will try sitting in another room for some additional privacy. Facility would not work for a speaker.

Brother Bruce Hevelin thanked the Camp for the card that was sent on the death of his father.

Memorial Day was discussed and camp voted for Commander Vaillant and JVC Felton to offer Lone Tree our services in reading General Order #11.

Brad Schall and Jeff Vaillant discussed Alcatraz Living History day on Saturday April 14. Commander Vaillant will be in charge of the kitchen detail, Co. B, 8<sup>th</sup> California will be the Provost.

Company B will participate in two Memorial Day services. Fair Oaks Cemetery on May 26<sup>th</sup> and Sylvan Cemetery on May 28.

Folsom History Museum participation was discussed. March 30 all members are invited to a reception and Saturday March 31<sup>st</sup> to May 13<sup>th</sup> the Museum will be celebrating California and the Civil War. Company B and Camp #22 will be providing artifacts for display.

Chaplain Doug closed our meeting with prayer.

Meeting adjured at 8:15 p.m...

Brad Schall, PCinC  
Camp Secretary

## Activities for 2012

April 14, 2012 – Alcatraz Living History Day  
April meeting April 17, 2012  
May meeting May 15, 2012  
Gibson Ranch Living History May 18, 19, 2012  
Memorial Day May 28, 2012  
Memorial Day – Traditional May 30, 2012  
June meeting June 19, 2012  
July meeting - No meeting in July  
Independence Day July 4, 2012  
August meeting - No meeting in August  
National Encampment August 9 – 11, 2012  
September meeting September 18, 2012  
September 29, 2012 – Living History Day at Alcatraz  
October meeting October 16, 2012  
November meeting November 20, 2012

Meetings are open to members and guest. Please come and join us in honoring the Boys in Blue

Camp #24 services the counties of Alameda, Contra Costa and shares the county of San Francisco with Camp #4

131 National Encampment  
August 9-12, 2012  
Los Angeles, California

Come join your fellow Brothers and Sisters in the Department of California and Pacific. A National Encampment will never be this close again.



When you think of Easter candy, think jelly beans. Americans pop 16 billion little chewy, sugary concoctions every Easter. Created in the 17th century and then refined thereafter, the jelly bean took rise in the U.S. when Boston candy maker William Schrafft marketed them heavily to Union soldiers during the Civil War.

Fortress Alcatraz Historical Trail Committee is formed. Rangers Jayson Vance, Ranger Dave McDonald and FOCWA Board members Fred Bohmfalk, Chuck Gardali, Steve Johnson and Brad Schall will make up the committee.

The concept started with an idea from FOCWA Board member Chuck Gardali to Ranger Jayson Vance and soon discussions were held with other Alcatraz volunteers.

The basic concept will be to set up a Civil War trail on the island going from where the 1857 dock was to the Industries building.

Discussions were held at the first group meeting between Rangers Vance and MacDonald and FOCWA board members Bohmfalk and Schall.

Ranger Vance has a preliminary trail outlined and the four committee members walked the trail offering ideas, suggestions and setting goals to the task before them.

Next meeting was set for March 21<sup>st</sup> on the Island. Committee's goal is to have the project completed by Living History Day April 2013.



Left to right: Fred Bohmfalk, Ranger Jayson Vance, Brad Schall and Ranger Dave McDonald

## Mary Todd Lincoln Insanity Case To Be 'Retried' This Fall



**This is a photograph of an undated daguerreotype of first lady Mary Todd Lincoln. (AP Photo/Library of Congress)**

Former First Lady Mary Todd Lincoln, wife of Abraham Lincoln, will be "retried" for insanity this fall in Illinois.

According to the Associated Press, the retrial reenactment events will be sponsored by the Illinois Supreme Court Historic Preservation Commission in conjunction with Springfield's Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum.

Mrs. Lincoln was initially tried, at the request of her son Robert, on allegations that she was insane in 1875, a decade after her husband's death, GateHouse News Services reports. Lincoln was declared a "lunatic" and brought to Bellevue Sanitarium in Batavia, Ill. A second jury considering the matter later considered her sane and historians have long disagreed over whether Lincoln would be deemed insane under today's health laws.

The events will kick off with an April 16 roundtable discussion addressing Lincoln's life and mental health issues and taking a modern-day look on her insanity trial. Retrials, utilizing modern-day lawyers and judges considering actors playing Robert and Mary Lincoln in period costumes, will be held Sept. 24 at Murphy Auditorium, 50 East Erie St. in Chicago, and Oct. 1 at the Lincoln museum in Springfield.

The audience at the two retrials will act as judges, determining whether, based on the expert testimony, they believe Lincoln was sane.

A series of events next fall marking the life of Mary Todd Lincoln, wife of Abraham Lincoln, will include the staging of retrials of her insanity case.

The events are being produced and sponsored by the Illinois Supreme Court Historic Preservation Commission and the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum in Springfield.

Mrs. Lincoln was tried in 1875 when her son Robert brought allegations of insanity against her. She ultimately was declared a "lunatic" and placed in the Bellevue Sanitarium in Batavia, Illinois.

During the retrials, actors portraying Robert Lincoln and Mary Lincoln will testify dressed in period costumes. The retrials will take place in Chicago on Sept. 24 and in Springfield on Oct. 1. Tickets are available online.

See also <http://rogerjnorton.com/Lincoln22.html>

Book Review by Brad Schall  
After the War by David Hardin

One of my favorite record shows was: “The rest of the story” commentary by Paul Harvey. I found a book the other day that would have given him eleven great programs.

F. Scott Fitzgerald wrote “Show me a hero and I will write you a tragedy.” Author David Hardin tells you the rest of the story of Winnie Davis, William T. Sherman son Tom, U.S. Grant, Mary Chestnut, John Bell Hood, Nathan Bedford Forrest, Mary Todd Lincoln, Joe Johnston, R.E. Lee, George Thomas and Libbie Custer.

Author John C. Waugh, The Class of 1846 , writes “In this wonderful book David Hardin has, in a most compelling and often moving way, brought us the very human rest of the story of eleven prominent Civil War figures after the war. In Hardin’s skillful hands they all live again and we learn things about them we perhaps wondered about, but never knew a most satisfying reading experience.”

David Harden’s ability to make you feel the tragic lives of these eleven people by revealing their secrets.

I hope you will enjoy reading the book.

#### War Units of General Alfred Pleasonton’s Brothers Ancestors:

1<sup>st</sup> United States Sharpshooters, 5<sup>th</sup> United States Infantry, 16<sup>th</sup> United States Infantry, 1<sup>st</sup> Corp Army of the Potomac, II Corp Army of the Potomac, District of Columbia: 2<sup>nd</sup> District of Columbia Infantry  
Illinois: 11<sup>th</sup> Illinois Volunteer Cavalry, 31<sup>st</sup> Illinois, 34 Illinois Infantry, 35 Illinois Volunteer Infantry, 65<sup>th</sup> Illinois, 80<sup>th</sup> Illinois Infantry, 87<sup>th</sup> Illinois Infantry, 119<sup>th</sup> Illinois, 142<sup>nd</sup> Illinois, 131 Illinois, 136 Illinois Infantry, 98 Illinois Mounted Infantry, 1<sup>st</sup> Illinois Volunteer Light Artillery Colvin Battery  
Indiana: 51<sup>st</sup> Indiana, 65<sup>th</sup> Indiana Volunteer Infantry, 130<sup>th</sup> Indiana Volunteers, 6<sup>th</sup> Indiana  
Iowa: 3<sup>rd</sup> Iowa Volunteer Cavalry, 10<sup>th</sup> Iowa, 44<sup>th</sup> Iowa  
Kansas: Co. B 3<sup>rd</sup> Kansas, 8<sup>th</sup> Kansas Infantry, 15<sup>th</sup> Kansas  
Kentucky: 55<sup>th</sup> Kentucky Mounted Infantry  
Maine: 13<sup>th</sup> Maine Artillery  
Michigan: 1<sup>st</sup> Michigan Engineers and Mechanics, 12<sup>th</sup> Michigan, 22<sup>th</sup> Michigan Infantry  
Minnesota: 1<sup>st</sup> Minnesota Heavy Artillery  
Mississippi: 1<sup>st</sup> Mississippi Marine Brigade  
Missouri: 21<sup>st</sup> Missouri  
New Hampshire: 7<sup>th</sup> New Hampshire Volunteer Infantry  
Ohio: 4<sup>th</sup> Ohio Cavalry, 8<sup>th</sup> Ohio, 80<sup>th</sup> Ohio, 100<sup>th</sup> Ohio, 172<sup>nd</sup> Ohio  
Pennsylvania: 11<sup>th</sup> Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, 13<sup>th</sup> Pennsylvania, 18<sup>th</sup> Pennsylvania Volunteer Cavalry, 63<sup>rd</sup> Pennsylvania, 67 Pennsylvania, 71<sup>st</sup> Pennsylvania/1<sup>st</sup> California Infantry, 79<sup>th</sup> Pennsylvania, 100<sup>th</sup> Pennsylvania Volunteers, Co. B 215<sup>th</sup> Pennsylvania, Pennsylvania Provisional Cavalry  
New York: 69<sup>th</sup> New York Volunteers, 154<sup>th</sup> New York Volunteers, 134<sup>th</sup> New York Volunteers, 7<sup>th</sup> New York Heavy Artillery.  
Tennessee: 4<sup>th</sup> East Tennessee Volunteer Cavalry

West Virginia: 11<sup>th</sup> West Virginia Infantry  
Wisconsin: 3<sup>rd</sup> Wisconsin Light Artillery, 30<sup>th</sup> Wisconsin Infantry

**New member John Jacob Gee ancestor unit history:  
Joseph Neibert, enlisted 14 September 1861, mustered out 15 July 1865**

**From Soldiers and Sailors section of the National Park Service website.  
4th Regiment, Ohio Cavalry (spelling was not corrected from website)**

Organized at Cincinnati, Lima, St. Maryes and Camp Dennison, Ohio, August to November, 1861. Moved to Camp Dennison, Ohio, November 23, thence to Jeffersonville, Ind., December 5, and to Bacon Creek, Ky., December 27. Attached to 3rd Division, Army Ohio, to October, 1862. 2nd Brigade, Cavalry Division, Army Ohio, to November, 1862, 2nd Brigade, Cavalry Division, Army of the Cumberland, to January, 1863. 2nd Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division, Army of the Cumberland, to March, 1863. 2nd Brigade, 2nd Cavalry Division, Army of the Cumberland, to October, 1864. 2nd Brigade, 2nd Division, Cavalry Corps, Military Division Mississippi, to August, 1865.

SERVICE.-Action at Roan's Tan Yard, Silver Creek, Mo., January 8, 1862. Advance on Bowling Green, Ky., February 10-15, 1862. Occupation of Bowling Green February 15. Occupation of Nashville, Tenn., February 23. Action near Nashville March 8-9. Camp Jackson March 24. Reconnaissance to Shelbyville, Tullahoma and McMinnville March 25-28. Capture of Huntsville, Ala., April 11. Bridgeport, Ala., April 23. West Bridge, near Bridgeport, April 29. Shelbyville Road April 24. Tusculumbia April 25. Bolivar April 28. Pulaski May 11. Watkins' Ferry May 2. Athens May 8. Fayetteville May 14. Elk River May 20. Fayetteville May 26. Whitesburg, Ala., May 29. Huntsville June 4-5. Winchester, Tenn., June 10. Battle Creek June 21. Huntsville July 2. Stevenson, Ala. July 28. Bridgeport August 27 (Detachment). Fort McCook, Battle Creek, August 27 (Detachment). March to Louisville in pursuit of Bragg August 28-September 26. Huntsville September 1. Tyree Springs September 13. Glasgow, Ky., September 18. Pursuit of Bragg into Kentucky October 1-10. Bardstown Pike, near Mt. Washington, October 1. Frankford October 9. Pursuit of Bragg from Perryville to Loudon October 10-22. Lexington October 17-18. Bardstown and Pittman's Cross Roads October 19. Lawrenceburg October 25. Sandersville, Tenn., November 6. Reconnaissance from Rural Hill December 20. Near Nashville, Tenn., December 24. Advance on Murfreesboro December 26-30. Franklin December 26. Wilkinson's Cross Roads December 29. Near Murfreesboro December 29-30. Battle of Stone's River December 30-31, 1862, and January 1-3, 1863. Overall's Creek December 31, 1862. Insane Asylum January 3, 1863. Shelbyville Pike January 5. Expedition to Auburn, Liberty and Alexandria February 3-5. Bradysville March 1. Expedition toward Columbia March 4-14. Rutherford Creek March 10-11. Expedition from Murfreesboro to Auburn Liberty, Snow Hill, etc., April 2-6. Smith's Ford April 2. Snow Hill, Woodbury and Liberty April 3. Franklin April 10. Expedition to McMinnville April 20-30. Reconnaissance to Lavergne May 12. Expedition to Middleton and skirmishes May 21-22. Near Murfreesboro June 3. Expedition to Smithville June 4-5. Snow Hill June 4. Smithville June 5. Middle Tennessee or Tullahoma Campaign June 23-July 7. Morris Ford, Elk River, July 2. Kelly's Ford July 2. Expedition to Huntsville July 13-22. Occupation of Middle Tennessee till August 16. Passage of Cumberland Mountains and Tennessee River, and Chickamauga (Ga.) Campaign August 16-September 22. Reconnaissance from Stevenson, Ala., to Trenton, Ga., August 28-31. Alpine, Ga., September 3 and 8. Reconnaissance from Alpine toward Lafayette September 10. Battle of Chickamauga, Ga., September 19-21. Operations against Wheeler and Roddy September 30-October 17. McMinnville October 4. Farmington October 7. Sim's Farm, near Shelbyville, October 7. Farmington October 9. Maysville, Ala., November 4. Winchester November 22. Chattanooga-Ringgold Campaign November 23-27. Raid on East Tennessee & Georgia Railroad November 24-27. Charleston November 26. Cleveland November 27. March to relief of Knoxville, Tenn., November 28-December 8. Charleston, Tenn., December 28 (Detachment). Expedition to Murphey, N. C., December 6-11. Expedition from Scottsboro, Ala., toward Rome, Ga., January 25-February 5, 1864. Ringgold, Ga., February

8. Demonstration on Dalton, Ga., February 22-27. Near Dalton February 23-24. Tunnel Hill, Buzzard's Roost Gap and Rocky Faced Ridge February 24-25. Scout to Dedmon's Trace April 10. Atlanta (Ga.) Campaign May 1-September 8, 1864. Courtland Road, Ala., May 26. Pond Springs, near Courtland, May 27. Moulton May 28-29. Operations about Marietta and against Kenesaw Mountain June 10-July 2. McAfee's Cross Roads June 11. Noonday Creek June; 15-19 and 27. Near Marietta June 23. Assault on Kenesaw June 27. Nickajack Creek July 2-5. Rottenwood Creek July 4. Chattahoochie River July 5-17. Alpharetta July 10. Garrard's Raid to Covington July 22-24. Siege of Atlanta July 24-August 15. Garrard's Raid to South River July 27-31. Flat Rock Bridge and Lithonia July 28. Kilpatrick's Raid around Atlanta August 18-22. Red Oak and Flint River August 19. Jonesborough August 19. Lovejoy Station August 20. Operations at Chattahoochie River Bridge August 26-September 2. Sand town September 1. Ordered to Nashville, Tenn., September 21, thence to Louisville November 8, and duty there till January, 1865. Moved to Gravelly Springs, Ala., January 12, and duty there till March. Wilson's Raid to Macon, Ga., March 22-April 24. Selma April 2. Montgomery April 12. Macon April 20. Duty at Macon till May 23, and at Nashville, Tenn., till July. Mustered out July 15, 1865.

Regiment lost during service 5 Officers and 50 Enlisted men killed and mortally wounded and 1 Officer and 169 Enlisted men by disease. Total 225.

General Alfred Pleasonton Camp 24 Officers for 2012

Camp Commander: Jeffrey Vaillant  
Senior Vice Commander: Charles Mabie, PDC  
Junior Vice Commander: Ken Felton  
Secretary: Brad Schall, PCinC  
Treasurer: Bob Ebert  
Council: Paul Hiller, Bruce Hevelin, vacant  
Chaplin: Douglas James  
Counselor: Brad Schall, PCinC  
Color Bearer: Charles Mabie  
Guard: Ben Mabie  
Graves Registration: Ken Felton  
Memorials Officer: Brad Schall, PCinC  
Eagle Scout: Charles Mabie  
Newsletter Editor: Brad Schall, PCinC  
Signals Officer: vacant  
Patriotic Instructor: vacant  
Historian: vacant

#### Website Information

National Website: [www.suvcw.org](http://www.suvcw.org)  
National Facebook page: <http://www.facebook.com/suvcw>  
Department Website: [www.suvmac.org](http://www.suvmac.org)  
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