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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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February 20, 2013 Next Meeting

California Genealogical Society - 2201 Broadway on the LL 2, Oakland, CA
Gathering at 6:30 pm, meeting at 7:00 pm

Commander's Report

Commander Valliant asked that we include the Installation Ritual so all that missed the meeting could share the event.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS of General Alfred Pleasonton Camp #24
January 16, 2013 – Oakland, California – National Junior Vice Commander Tad Campbell, PDC

Installing Officer Campbell: Secretary, have all reports been properly forwarded to Department Headquarters?

Secretary Schall: Sir, they have.

Installing Officer Campbell: Treasurer, have all moneys due Department Headquarters been forwarded?

Treasurer: Sir, they have.

Installing Officer Campbell: Commander Vaillant, in relieving you of the command of Gen. Alfred Pleasonton Camp #24 on behalf of the Department Commander Glen Roosevelt, I convey to you his thanks for the manner in which you have discharged your duties. I trust that in surrendering the command of this Camp your interest, in the welfare of the Order will not cease. Having received the highest honors which our fellow members can confer upon you, your continuing commitment will point the way for others who still serve the Order. Please be seated on my left.

Installing Officer Campbell: Commander Elect Jeffrey Vaillant, are you prepared to announce your staff appointments? If so the guide will hand the list to the secretary.

Installing Officer Campbell: Secretary, please call the roll of the Officers Elect and Staff Appointments who, as their names are called, will rise and come forward.

Three raps ***

Brothers, these are your regularly chosen Officers for the next term. If any Brother has any valid reason why any of them should not be installed, let him now speak or forever hold his peace.

One rap *

Installing Officer Campbell: As no work of this nature can be a success without the assistance of the Divine Provider, the Chaplain will ask His assistance and guidance.

Chaplain Douglas James: Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, we humbly ask your blessing on these Brothers assembled for installation. Grant them your wisdom that they may daily perform the duties of the office into which they are to be installed, with the knowledge that Thou art ever watching over them. Keep them in good health so that they will not falter on the way. Bless them with your great mercies that they might be competent to administer the many problems that will confront them. Bless their every action in your name through the mediation of Your Blessed Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Brothers and visitors: Listen to the declaration of these officers. Your support of their commitment is essential for the success of this camp.

Installing Officer Campbell: Three raps *** You will each raise your right hand, place your left hand on the Bible, and repeat after me, using your name where I do mine:
(When necessary, candidates may be directed to place their left hand on the shoulder of another whom, in turn, has placed his left hand on the bible)

I Tad Campbell, **having been regularly chosen** /as an Officer of General Alfred Pleasonton #24/ **Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War**/Hereby renew/ **the sacred obligation**/ given at the time of my initiation / **and in the presence of Almighty God**/ and the members of this Camp meeting here assembled/**do furthermore**/solemnly and sincerely/**promise and declare**/that I will/ **to the best of my ability**/in word and deed/**and without fear or favor**/faithfully/ **honestly** /and with strict impartially/ **carry out**/as an officer of the camp,/ **the principals and objects**/ of the order;/ **that I will closely adhere to**,/ execute and sustain/ **its constitution and Regulations**,/ By-laws and Orders/ **coming from competent authority**,/ I furthermore promise and declare/ **that in no manner or form**/ will I, in any degree/ **abuse or misuse**,/ the authority placed in me;/ **and that upon my retirement from the office**/ I am now about to assume,/ **I will, without delay**,/ turn over to my successor./ **All of the property of the Camp**/ in my possession,/ **taking his receipt there for**,/ to the full and complete performance/

of all the foregoing. On my honor as a man, / I hereby pledge myself, / and I pray God/ to keep me true and steadfast/ in my sacred obligation/ as an officer of this Camp/ So help me God (Drop hands)

All members return to their places except the Camp Commander.

Installing Officer Campbell: I have the honor to present the Commander of Camp #24 of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Installing Officer Campbell: Commander, your officers have been installed. You are personally responsible for three of our orders most precious documents. The camp charter, the rituals and our constitutions and regulations. Learn them well, they are the string that ties us to the Boys in Blue and the GAR.

Installing Officer Campbell: And now by the virtue of the authority invested in me, as the Installing Officer of Camp #24, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, I hereby declare the Officers of this Camp legally elected and installed and qualified to enter upon the discharge of their several duties for the term ending December 2013, or until their successors are regularly elected, qualified and installed.

Commander Vaillant I return the General Alfred Pleasonton Camp #24 to your command.

Minutes of 16 January, 2013 meeting

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Camp #24 – January meeting 16 January 2013
California Genealogy Society offices, Oakland, CA

Before the meeting Brothers and guests hosted National Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Tad, Rachelle, and Emelia Campbell for dinner at Luka's Restaurant in Oakland. Attending were Brothers Vaillant, Mabie, Schall and Hevelin. Patti Schall, and the Campbell family joined in the evening of breaking bread.

Attending the meeting were Camp #24 members, Vaillant, Mabie, Schall, Felton and Hevelin. Guests were Patti Schall, Tad Campbell, Rachelle Campbell and Emelia Campbell.

Commander Vaillant called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Charlie Mabie led in opening prayer.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Charlie Mabie.

Brad Schall called the roll.

Guests were introduced by Commander Vaillant

Installation of 2013 officers was preformed by National Junior Vice Commander Tad Campbell.

Tad Campbell then spoke on what's happening at National:

 Gettysburg change of date

 501 (c) (3) progress

Commander Vaillant presented a motion to endorse Brother Campbell for National Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Owen Stiles for Department Secretary/Treasurer and Brother Dean Enderlin for Department Junior Vice-Commander, Charlie Mabie seconded the motion and the Camp voted unanimously.

Officer and Committee reports:

Secretary Report Brad Schall

Department Encampment

Ad for program at encampment – motion by Schall and second by Vaillant to place a one page ad.

Brother Mabie will develop ad.

Items for drawing were discussed.

Ft. Point Living History day on January 26 was discussed. Vaillant, Schall, Felton and Gee will represent Camp #24.

Museum day on February 2 at the California Military Museum was discussed and Camp #24 decided to participate.

Alcatraz Living History Day has been changed to March 2, 2013. Camp #24 will support.

Treasurer report Brad Schall

Commander Vaillant congratulated JVC and Graves Registration Officer Ken Felton who discussed new stone at Mountain View Cemetery for John Watkins. Mountain View Cemetery wants \$78.00 to set stone. Camp #24 will raise the money for this project.

We will try and do the headstone dedication on April 28, 2013.

Ken discussed the Presidio Cemetery. Camp discussed our past Camp picnics at the Presidio and we will try to put one together in May. Brad Schall will contact the Presidio for places to have a picnic.

Camp discussed what to do with a set of Official records given to the Camp. We are still looking for a home. Brad Schall to complete endorsement of Brother Enderlin and send to Brother Vaillant..

Rachelle Campbell discussed the Auxiliary and how each camp needs to have an auxiliary. Charlie Mabie discussed how his wife enjoys the Auxiliary. Rachelle discussed the Auxiliary financial condition. Camp will decide at the February meeting a donation.

Charlie Mabie gave the closing prayer.

Commander Vaillant closed the meeting at 8:40pm.

Submitted by Brad Schall, Camp Secretary.

March newsletter information should be sent to Brad Schall at
bradsuvvw@wavecable.com by March 4, 2013. March meeting is the 20th.

Camp 24 February 2013 Agenda

Call to Order - Commander Vaillant

Introduction of Guest

Roll Call - Secretary Brad

Opening prayer – Chaplain James

Pledge - All

Committee Reports

Ft. Point Living History Day report – Ken Felton and John Gay

Museum Day in Sacramento

Treasurer Report - Treasurer Bob Ebert

Secretary Report – Brad Schall

- Angel Island – June 7-8
- Department Encampment
- Items for drawing
- SIRS meeting in Roseville

Membership Report - JVC Ken

Discussion Items:

March Meeting – March 20, 2013.

Department Encampment – March 8 and 9

Alcatraz Living History Day – Saturday March 2, 2013

Meetings are open to members and guests. 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.

Annual Dues are \$28.00 and can be sent to Brother Bob Ebert at 2873 Ptarmigan Drive #3, Walnut Creek, CA 94595.

Company B annual dues are \$6.00 and can be sent to Brother Fred Bohmfalk, 8517 Annette Engle Way, Fair Oaks, CA 95628.

Activities for 2013

Camp meeting – Wednesday February 20, 2013

127th Department of California and Pacific Encampment in San Luis Obispo – March 8 & 9

Camp meeting Wednesday March 20, 2013

Alcatraz Living History Day – Saturday March 2, 2013

Camp meeting Wednesday April 17, 2013

Camp meeting Wednesday May 15, 2013

Memorial Day at Lone Tree Cemetery – Monday May 27, 2013

Living History Days at Angel Island – June 7,8

Camp meeting Wednesday June 19, 2013

No July Camp meeting

No August Camp meeting

National Encampment in Milwaukee, Wisconsin August 8-11, 2013

Camp meeting Wednesday September 18, 2013

Camp meeting Wednesday October 16, 2013

150th anniversary of Gettysburg address – Gettysburg, PA – November 19, 2013

Camp meeting Wednesday November 20, 2013

57th GAR Gettysburg Parade – Gettysburg, PA – November 23rd, 2013

Office of the Senior Vice Commander Timothy P. Reese, PCC

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December 29, 2012

Dear Department Brothers

The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Department of California and Pacific is proud to announce the 127TH Annual Department Encampment to be held at the NCO Club/Parker Hall in Camp San Luis Obispo on March 8th & 9th, 2013.

Friday evening we will be having the “CAMPFIRE” Gathering at the NCO Club The ASUVCW will be in charge of the dinner, cost will be \$10.00. Please note*: the optional dinner is offered as a conveyance to those in attendance and is not mandatory for attendance or participation at the Campfire”.

On Saturday Morning, we will have our Camp/Auxiliary Memorial Service and then the day long business meeting.

At the NCO club: The Registration fee for the encampment will be \$31.00 which will include a Deli-Style buffet lunch as well as the usual accouterments of the day (lunch for guest is 15.00). After the completion of

the Saturday business meeting, we will have a Memorial dedication service at the Graves of Union Civil War Veterans at the IOOF cemetery off of Elks Lane (Across from the Elks Lodge in the GAR plot & Big Bill Cannon area – an estimated 7 miles – 11minute drive, see separate map).

We will be honored to be joined by SUVCW National Commander-in-Chief: Perley Mellor and his wife Diane. who is the National Aux. Vice President.

National Aux. President: Jane Graham, DUVCW President Carole Morton, and JR. Vice Commander-in-Chief: Tad D. Campbell

The Saturday C-IN-C dinner will be held at the NCO Club/Parker Hall. The cost will be \$33.00. The menus for the three meals are provided with the registration/meal reservation form.

During the encampment there will be three opportunities for delegates and guests to participate in fund raising for both the SUVCW and Auxiliary departments. Items donated by our various Camps will be available for bidding.

Camp San Luis Obispo is the original home of the California National Guard, established in 1928 as a California Army National Guard training camp, it originally totaled 5,800 acres, and was known as “Camp Merriam”. The link to the Camp San Luis Obispo website is:
<<http://www.calguard.ca.gov/cslo/pages/default.aspx> >Please note that camp San Luis Obispo is an active military installation, and the California National Guard requires that all drivers must complete a vehicle registration application form prior to entering the facility. Please have the form completed and ready to hand to the sentry at the main gate. (The on-line form is available on the Departments events web page or accessible at <<http://www.calguard.ca.gov/cslo/Documents/Camp San Luis Obispo.htm>)

All info regarding RV facilities and housing availability will be handled through the CSLO Billeting representative. at (805)594-6500 8am to 4:30pm.

All Encampment documents & forms are available at the Department events webpage:
www.suvpac.org/encampment.html>

Please respond as soon as possible, as we need to plan for meals, etc. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,
Timothy P. Reese, - DSVC
Dept. of California & Pacific

Department of California and Pacific

SUVCW 127th Annual Department Encampment March 8th & 9th, 2013
Camp San Luis Obispo, Calif.
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Department Encampment Registration / Meal Registration form

Name: _____ Camp : _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone#: _____ EMAIL: _____

Event Quantity Total Amount

Friday Night Dinner: _____ @ 10.00 = \$ _____

Encampment (Members) _____ @ 31.00 = \$ _____

(Registration & Sat Lunch)

GUESTS (Sat Lunch) _____ @ 15.00 = \$ _____

C in C Dinner: _____ @ 33.00 = \$ _____

TOTAL AMOUNT \$ _____

Name of Guests: _____

Make checks payable to: SUVCW Dept. of Calif. & Pacific

Please remit to: Dept: S&T: Phillip L. Caines, 704 Virginia st. El Segundo, Ca. 90245

This years catering service is “ Popolo’s of San Luis Obispo”

Prepare for a request by the guard to temporarily park in parking area to submit paperwork.
WWW.calguard.ca.gov/cslo/Documents/camp%20San%20Luis%20Obispo.htm

**** FRIDAY NIGHT CAMPFIRE DINNER MENU ****

Baked Potato Bar with all the fixings, such as, chicken , steak, chile, with tossed garden salad. soda and water.

Our Camp is included in Company B, 8th California Volunteer Infantry unit and information on it’s activities can be found on www.camp22.org website.

Camp #24 is an active participant in the Friends of Civil War Alcatraz. One of our projects was raising money for uniforms for volunteers at Alcatraz and our former Camp Commander Corky Reed’s uniform is on display at Alcatraz. We have raised about \$1,000.00 in the past five years for Alcatraz activities. Camp #24 and Company B is the Headquarters Company for Alcatraz Living History days.

General Alfred Pleasonton Camp 24 Officers for 2013

Commander: Jeffrey Vaillant, PCC

Senior Vice Commander: Charlie Mabie, PDC

Junior Vice Commander: Ken Felton

Secretary: Brad Schall, PCinC

Treasurer: Bob Ebert

Council: Paul Hiller, Bruce Hevelin, vacant

Chaplin: Douglas James

Color Bearer: Charles Mabie, PDC

Guard: Ben Mabie

Graves Registration: Ken Felton

Memorials Officer and Counselor : Brad Schall, PCinC

Eagle Scout: Charles Mabie, PDC

Newsletter Editor: Brad Schall, PCinC

Honoring the Boys in Blue every day of the year.