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# Wednesday November 20, 2013 Next Meeting New Meeting Location – Elks Lodge/Alameda, California 2255 Santa Clara Avenue, Alameda, CA Business Meeting Starts at 7:00 p.m. Election of Officers for 2014

The Gettysburg Address President Abraham Lincoln

## November 19, 1863 - at the dedication of the Soldiers' National Cemetery at Gettysburg.

Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth upon this continent, a new nation, conceived in liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.

Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation, or any nation so conceived and so dedicated, can long endure. We are met on a great battlefield of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of that field, as a final resting place for those who here gave their lives that this nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this.

But in a larger sense, we cannot dedicate - we cannot consecrate - we cannot hallow - this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it, far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note, nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. It is for us, the living, rather to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced.

It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us, that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion; that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain; that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom, and that this government of the people, by the people, and for the people shall not perish from this earth.

### **Commander's Column Commander Jeffrey Vaillant**

### Chasing a Civil War Ancestor Edwin P. Ammerman (1843-1933)

I was making a presentation to the Marin County Genealogical Society on Chasing a Civil War Ancestor and intended to use as one example Alonzo Ammerman who is listed at the SUVCW Grave Registration site. My first step was to visit the Mt. Tamalpais Cemetery at 2500-5<sup>th</sup> Avenue in San Rafael where he is listed as being buried. The office had no record of a burial in that name. However there was a burial for an Edwin P Ammerman so I set out to find that grave.

There are some 28 Ammerman's listed in the SUVCW Grave database; however, there is no Edwin P Ammerman. On Edwin's gravestone is indicated that he served in the 21<sup>st</sup> Missouri Infantry as a Private. Indeed at the Civil War Soldiers & Sailors System such a person is listed. A few more facts about Edwin:

In the California Voter Registrations 1900-1968 list at ancestry.com for the period 1920-1934 there is an Edwin P Ammerman living at 55 Miller Ave in Mill Valley who is a Clerk and a Republican. At the same address are Mrs. Margaret V Ammerman listed as a Home keeper and a Democrat and an Alonzo B. Ammerman, retired and a Republican.

Edwin's gravestone indicates a birth date of 26 July 1843 and a death date of 18 Jan 1933. The cemetery office looked at his record and found that Keaton and Dusel handled the funeral arrangements.

In the 1850 United States Federal Census for Amanda, Fairfield, Ohio there is a household containing William Amorman, age 35 who was born in Pennsylvania, Charlotte, age 33, born in Pennsylvania, Theodore, age 8, born in Ohio, Edwin P., age 7, born in Ohio, Alonzo, age 4, born in Ohio.

In the 1860 United States Federal Census for Salt River, Knox, Missouri (Post Office Edina) there is a household containing William Amerman, age 45, whose real estate is valued at \$600 and personal property valued at \$200 who was born in Pennsylvania, Charlotte, age 43, born in Pennsylvania, Edwin P., age 17, born in Ohio, Alonzo, age 14, born in Ohio and 4 other children are listed.

In the 1870 United States Federal Census for Kirksville, Adair, Missouri there is a household containing William Ammerman, age 55, born in Pennsylvania, who is working on the railroad, Frances S., female, age 36, born in Missouri, who is Keeping House, Alonzo P., age 23, born in Ohio, who is a railroad hand, and two other persons.

There is no kinship relationships stated in the 1850, 1860 nor 1870 federal census records. We might reasonably hypothesize that Alonzo and Edwin were brothers whose father was William.

In the 1880 United States Federal Census for Glenwood, Schuyler, Missouri there is a household containing A. B. Ammerman, age 34, born in Ohio, who is a rail road station agent, Carrie, age 29, born in Illinois, wife, keeping house and Susan Warren, age 55, widowed, mother-in-law, who was born in England. This could be Alonzo.

In the 1880 United States Federal Census for Salisbury, Chariton, Missouri there is a household containing a E. P. Ammerman, white, male, age 36, born in Ohio who is a rail road station agent, Maggie V, white, female, age 32, who keeps house and was born in Kentucky and Clay B., White, male, age 11, born in Missouri. This could be Edwin.

In the 1890 Veterans Schedules (Special Schedule—Surviving Solders, Sailors, and Marines, and Widows, etc.) there is listed in Kirksville, Adair, Missouri, an Edwin P. Ammerman (line 22) who was a Private in Company D, 21<sup>st</sup> Missouri Infantry who enlisted 14 Dec 1861 and was discharged 14 Feb 1865 after serving 3 years and 4 months.

In the 1900 United States Federal Census for Kirksville, Adair, Missouri there is a household containing Alonzo Ammerman, age 54, born in Ohio, Carrie, age 48, born in Illinois who have been married 25 years. (From the IGI there is a listing for the marriage date being 9 Sept 1874 in , Chariton, Missouri with Carrie listed as Carrie Warren.)

In the 1900 United States Federal Census for Lemoore, Kings, California there is a household containing Edwin Ammerman, white, male, July 1843, age 56, married 32 years, born in Ohio who is a book keeper, Margret, wife, white, female, Dec 1847, age 52, married 32 years, birthed 2 children both alive, born in Kentucky, Earl, son, white, male, Aug 1880, age 19, single, born in Missouri, a farm laborer and William, father, white, male, Mar 1814, age 86, widowed, born Pennsylvania.

In the 1910 United States Federal Census for Larned, Pawnee, Kansas there is a household containing Alonza E. Ammerman, age 64, born in Ohio and Emma, age 58, born in Illinois. (Hypothesis that Carrie and Emma are the same woman giving the information in the census image.)

In the 1910 United States Federal Census for Lemoore, Kings, California there is a household containing Edwin, male, white, age 66, married once for 44 years, born in Ohio who is a fruit farmer, in the Union army, Margaret, wife, female, white, age 63, married twice for 44 years, birthed three children, two alive and born in Kentucky.

In the 1920 United States Federal Census for Lemoore, Kings, California there is a household containing an Alonza B Ammerman, age 73, born in Ohio who is a widow and a brother to the head of household, Edwin, age 76, born in Ohio and a public book keeper along with Margaret, age 73, born in Kentucky.

In the 1930 United States Federal Census for Sausalito, Marin, California there is a household containing Edwin P., male, white, age 86 first married at age 22, born in Ohio and Margaret, wife, female, white, age 84 who first married at age 18 and was born in Kentucky.

E. P. Ammerman died in Sausalito on 18 Jan 1933. There are several newspaper accounts citing his Civil War service. His wife Margaret (Shanks) died 24 January 1935. Their son, Earle William (born about 14 August 1880 in Missouri) died in Marin County about 18 August 1963. Based upon the 1920 Federal Census, Earle had several children one of who is Kenneth E. born about 1911 in California. There is a Kenneth E Ammerman born in January 1941 who marries a Judith A Lageson (born about 1941) in San Diego about 9 February 1963 in San Diego. Another Kenneth E Ammerman is born about 21 May 1964 in San Diego County whose mother's maiden name is Lageson. There is a Kenneth E Ammerman II born in May 1964 who is living in the Portland, OR area.

It was my recommendation that Edwin P. Ammerman be added to the SUVCW Grave Registration data base.

Wednesday October 16, 2013 Elks Lodge, Alameda, CA Attendance: Brothers Felton, Gee, Johnson, Hevelin, James, Schall and Vaillant Guests: Katy James, Patti Schall Meeting was called to order by Commander Vaillant at 7:00 pm. Secretary Schall called roll Pledge of Allegiance Prayer by Chaplain James Treasurer report by Brad Schall for Bob Ebert: No income since 1 June 2013. Balance in account is \$748.98. Treasurer Ebert has requested that he be replaced as Treasurer for the Camp. He is unable to attend meetings and thinks that the Camp needs a Treasurer that attends meetings. Membership report by Brother Felton: He has sent out two applications since last meeting and has not received any responses. National Encampment in Atlanta was discussed. Brothers Schall and Vaillant will attend. Monterey Civil War Encampment, October 12<sup>th</sup>. Report by Brothers Felton and Vaillant. Brothers Gee and Johnson expressed interest in attending next year. Camp Officers for 2014. Commander Vaillant, Treasurer Ebert and Secretary Schall would like to be replaced. A Camp discussion followed. Commander Vaillant asked for volunteers. The usual silence filled the room. Brother Johnson volunteered for the Secretary – Treasurer position. Secretary Schall will start the training process. Commander Vaillant will continue the process of recruiting officers for 2014. Elections will be held at our November meeting. Installation of Brother Steven Johnson. Dedication of Grave site in Hutchinson Kansas by Past Commander-in-Chief Schall. Veterans Day discussion by Camp. Brother Johnson will look at locations in San Francisco. Remembrance Day in Sacramento. Brother Schall gave details of Remembrance Day at Old City Cemetery in Sacramento. All Brothers are invited. Membership dues for 2014. Secretary Schall collected dues from Brothers Felton, Johnson, Gee and the four Schall's. Brother Felton will write a newsletter story on the Presidio National Cemetery, Brother Gee on Fort Point and Brother Johnson on Alcatraz. Each brother will write up to one page. A discussion will be held at our November meeting on Camp activities and meeting location for 2014. Elks Lodge was a nice place to hold our meeting but lacked some privacy. Brother Schall will attend Remembrance Day in Gettysburg. Closing Prayer by Chaplain James. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Brad Schall Camp Secretary

December newsletter information should be sent to Brad Schall at bradsuvcw@wavecable.com by December 2, 2013.

#### SAN FRANCISCO NATIONAL CEMETERY – PRESIDIO By Brother Kenneth Felton

This cemetery is located in the north central portion of the Presidio, and it presently occupies a little over 28 acres. Originally, it was less than 10 acres in size. The cemetery rests on a slope overlooking the San Francisco Bay. The first Post Cemetery at the Presidio was located east of the present cemetery, and it was in use when California was under the rule of Spain and later Mexico.

Following the Mexican War, California and other western lands became under the rule of the United States. The first known United States/American burial at the Presidio Post Cemetery was in 1854. After a Petition to the War Department by the Presidio Post Commander, Lieutenant Colonel George Pierce Andrews, General Order 133 was issued and established "a part of the reservation of the Presidio, including the Post Cemetery thereon to be known as the San Francisco National Cemetery", and it was placed under the control of the Quartermaster General's Office in 1884 as the first National Cemetery on the west coast.

San Francisco National Cemetery offers a final resting place for many of the nation's military veterans and their families. There are many Civil War era veterans buried in San Francisco National Cemetery, and the National Graves Registration Project by the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War continues to discover many additional grave sites which had not yet been registered. Some prominent Civil War veterans grave sites which were just recently discovered are:

#### (1) Colonel George Pierce Andrews (Sec. OS; Row 39; Grave 5)

George Pierce Andrews was born in Connecticut in 1821. He graduated from West Point Military Academy on July 1, 1845. He served during the Mexican War, and he was wounded at the Battle of Molino Del Rey, Mexico on Sept. 8, 1847. During the U.S. Civil War he served as a Captain of Battery B of the Third U.S. Artillery at various posts in California, including being the Post Commander at Fort Point, San Francisco Harbor, California from April 29, 1862 to Sept. 10, 1863. Colonel George Pierce Andrews retired from the First U.S. Artillery at San Francisco, California on March 22, 1885. He died on July 2, 1887 at Fort Winfield Scott (near Fort Point), and he was buried at San Francisco National Cemetery – Presidio on July 3, 1887.

### (2) Lieutenant Colonel Joseph Stewart (Sec. OS; Row 8; Grave 1)

Joseph Stewart was born in Kentucky in 1822. He graduated from West Point Military Academy on July 1, 1842. He served with the Third U.S. Artillery, during the Mexican War. He rose to the rank of Captain of Battery H of the Third U.S. Artillery, prior to the U.S. Civil War. He served as Post Commander on Alcatraz Island, San Francisco Harbor, California in 1860 and 1861. At the start of the U.S. Civil War, he served as Chief of Artillery in the defense of Washington, D.C. (McCall's Division), from Dec. 26, 1861 to Feb. 28, 1862. He served as Post Commander at Fort Point, San Francisco Harbor, California, from July 1863 until 1865. He rose to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel in the Third U.S. Artillery. Joseph Stewart retired on August 25, 1879. He died on April 23, 1904 at his home in Berkeley, California. He was buried in San Francisco National Cemetery – Presidio on April 28, 1904.

### (3)<u>C. Mason Kinne</u> (Sec. OS; Row 70; Grave 3)

Charles Mason Kinne was born in De Witt, Onodaga County, New York on April 11, 1841. He enlisted at the rank of Private in the "California Hundred" (Co.  $A - 2^{nd}$  Mass. Cavalry) on December 8, 1862 at San Francisco, California. He was soon promoted to Sergeant, and then to First Sergeant, and then to Sergeant-Major of the regiment. He was promoted to  $2^{nd}$  Lieutenant of Company  $A - 2^{nd}$  Mass. Cavalry on July 1, 1863. He married Elizabeth D'Arcy on April 11, 1864 at Vienna, Virginia. He was wounded

at Waynesborough, VA on Sept. 28, 1864. He was commissioned a Captain and Assist. Adjutant General of the U.S. Vols. (Army Corps) on Feb. 1, 1865, and his commission papers were signed by Lincoln. These commission papers identified him as: C. Mason Kinne. Afterwards, he refused to acknowledge, respond to or accept anything not so addressed to "C. Mason Kinne". He mustered-out on July 11, 1865 at the rank of Captain and Assist. Adjutant General of the U.S. Vols.

He returned to San Francisco, California in April of 1866. He joined the California National Guard and he rose in rank to Colonel and Paymaster General. He was a founder of the Veteran's Home in Yountville, CA, and he became the First President of the Veteran's Home Association. He was a Charter Member of the first GAR Post organized on the Pacific Coast (Lincoln Post No. 1 – San Francisco, California), and he was Department Commander for two terms. He was a commander and Treasurer of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of California. He died at his home in Berkeley, California on December 25, 1913. He was buried at San Francisco National Cemetery – Presidio on December 30, 1913.

By Kenneth G. Felton Camp #24, Junior Vice Commander Graves Registration Officer Gen. Alfred Pleasanton Camp No. 24 Department of California and Pacific Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

"I do not know what we would do in this great national emergency were it not for the gold from California."

General Ulysses S. Grant

### Time for renewal of membership

Membership dues for calendar year 2014 are now due. Membership runs from January to December 31 each year. General Alfred Pleasanton dues are \$26.00 per year. We send \$18.00 a year to National for per capita and \$3.00 to the Department of California and Pacific. Our Camp keeps \$5.00 for expenses. You can also send additional donations that we will use for Camp projects.

Name\_\_\_\_\_

Due Amount\_\_\_\_\_

Donation\_\_\_\_\_

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Please make your checks out to: SUVCW, Camp #24

You can give your dues at the Camp meeting to Commander Vaillant, Secretary Schall or Treasurer Ebert.

You can mail them to Brother Bob Ebert, SUVCW, 2873 Ptarmigan Dr. #3, Walnut Creek, CA 94595

## Department of California and Pacific Encampment March 7-8, 2014 Hawthorn Suites by Wyndham in Sacramento, California Further details and registration forms can be found on the Department website at: http://www.suvpac.org/encampment.html



October 26, 2013

Department Brothers and Sisters:

The survey results are in! The California and Pacific Departments of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War are pleased to announce their 128<sup>th</sup> and 103<sup>td</sup> respective annual Department Encampments.

The Encampments will be held March 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at Hawthorn Suites by Wyndham, 321 Bercut Drive in Sacramento, California. Some of the great perks of this hotel include: free airport shuttle; full breakfast; free parking; free banquet room to store our auction items; large space with tables and seating for visiting; easy access to I-5; and about a mile and a half from Old Town Sacramento.

On Friday evening, instead of the "campfire" gathering, dinner is on your own followed by a private tour of the California Military Museum from 7:00 - 8:30 pm. The Museum is in Old Town and car pools will be arranged for transportation.

On Saturday morning we will start with the SUVCW/ASUVCW Memorial Service, then conduct the business meeting portions of the Encampments. There will be a break for lunch in the banquet room. Saturday night will be the VIP Banquet with our honored guests: Commander-in-Chief Ken Freshley and wife Sue Freshley; National President Diane Mellor and Past Commander-in-Chief Perley Mellor; Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Tad Campbell and National Vice President Rachelle Campbell; and DUVCW National President Carole Morton.

#### \* \* \* IMPORTANT \* \* \*

Please bring only Civil War related or Civil War period items to donate for the auction. During the Encampments there will be opportunities for attendees to participate in fund raising for both the Sons and Auxiliary Departments.

We have negotiated with the Hawthorn Suites for special room rates for our members. The room rates are: King Bed = \$79.00 per night; Two Queens = \$89.00 per night (excluding taxes). To reserve a room, please contact the Hawthorn Suites directly at (916) 441-1200. Tell them you are with the "Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War". We recommend reserving early to guarantee a room at the above rates.

All Encampment documents and forms are available at the Department Encampment web page: www.suvpac.org/encampment.html

Please respond by <u>JANUARY 15, 2014</u> as we need to plan for meals, transportation, etc. If you have any questions, please contact me directly.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty

Thomas T. Graham, PCC Senior Vice Commander Department of California & Pacific E-mail: <u>svc@suvpac.org</u> Phone: (408) 264-1794

#### FORT POINT

#### By Brother John Jacob Gee John Gee and Steve Johnson from our Camp are volunteers at Ft. Point

Fort Point is situated directly under the Golden Gate Bridge on the San Francisco side of California's San Francisco Bay. Begun in 1853 and finished at the start of the American Civil War, the fort is almost completely intact; minus its armament. On display there are examples of the types of armament originally fitted. Officially named Fort Winfield Scott, that name never caught on and it has always been known as Fort Point. It is a minor miracle that this pre-Civil War fortification was not destroyed during the construction of the Bridge, but that is another story for another time. Fort Point is a prime example of the Third System of U.S. coastal fortifications, the 37 major fortifications built after the War of 1812. It is the only example of a fortification of its kind located west of the Mississippi, and the only one built with four levels.

The California Gold Rush of 1849 took the United States, and everyone else, by surprise. Not only was the wealth in the gold fields incalculable, but also ship traffic into San Francisco Bay increased by 1000 percent. The harbor of San Francisco became the most valuable prize in North America. Accordingly, the Army planned a series of defense works around the Bay: at Lime Point in Marin County, on Angel and Alcatraz Islands and the most important, at Fort Point right at the entrance to the bay. And, in 1853, Secretary of War Jefferson Davis (yes, that Jefferson Davis), authorized the plan. The first step in the fort's construction was to level the 90-foot cliff at the location, and create a flat area, 15 feet above the high tide line, so as to enable artillery mounted in the new fort to have the optimum angle of fire on passing ships, right at the waterline. The granite blocks for the fort's foundation were sent, pre-cut to size, from China and fitted into place in 1854. Trans-Pacific trade is not new, as you can see. In the meantime, cisterns capable of holding 200,000 gallons of water had been completed. After all, the garrison would need water if besieged. The first level is largely granite, later in the process California granite was used to construct the circular stairways for example. The granites types can be differentiated by the color, the Chinese granite has a pinkish tint. The upper three levels are all brick. Ultimately 8.5 million bricks were use in the construction; the bricks being cast in a large kiln built near the site.

The almost completed fort was occupied on February 15, 1861 by Company I, 3<sup>rd</sup> Artillery Regiment, though none of the armament was as yet fitted. The occupation was carried out to prevent Southern sympathizers from capturing the position. The fitting of armament began at once and by October of 1861 55 of the planned 141 guns were in position. In the end only 102 guns were mounted in the Fort. As the Civil War progressed, it soon became clear that a vertical-walled fort was no longer effective against modern artillery. So, many of the guns that were intended for Fort Point were mounted in dirt emplacements along the ridge behind the fort and on the other side of the entrance to the bay, right above what is now the north end of the Golden Gate Bridge. During the Civil War, various units were stationed at the fort, including a company of the 8<sup>th</sup> California Volunteer Infantry. The garrison was to consist of two artillery companies and an infantry company, but it was often smaller.

Given the clear obsolescence of brick forts, it is not surprising that the garrison was withdrawn in 1868. In the ensuing decades, the fort was often entirely empty, sporadically used as a barracks, in the care of the "Fort Keeper" who was also charged with maintenance of the dirt emplacements on the ridge above. When the army began to expand in the 1890's, the fort was used as a barracks until after WWI. In 1912 a plan was advanced to convert it to a military prison, replacing Alcatraz, but little came of this other than some repairs and the demolition of a few walls. During the construction of the Golden Gate Bridge, the fort as used as office space, for a small hospital and as a cafeteria for the workers. During WWII, three 75mm guns were mounted on the top tier to protect the submarine net strung across the entrance to the bay. After 1944, the Fort was again abandoned, until after years of efforts by various groups succeeded in getting the fort recognized as a National Historical Site in 1970.

Fort Point is open during winter months Friday through Sunday, 10 a.m. until 5 p.m.. Entrance is free, and anyone interested in military history and especially American Civil War history should visit.

August 30, 2014 will be Camp 24 15 Anniversary. Let's have a party!! What are your thoughts?

"In 1860, the ties that bound the Pacific to the Government at Washington were no where very strong." Asbury Harpending, Confederate partisan in California

Activities for 2013

Camp meeting Wednesday November 20, 2013 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Gettysburg address – Gettysburg, PA – November 19, 2013 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Gettysburg address – November 19, 2013 – Sacramento, CA – Old City Cemetery Camp meeting Wednesday November 20, 2013 57<sup>th</sup> GAR Gettysburg Parade – Gettysburg, PA – November 23, 2013 Department Encampment – March 7-8, 2014 – Sacramento, California

### Davis Medert remembered for work with veterans

Past Commander-in-Chief Medert was a dear friend and mentor to PCinC Schall. Schall said that he will always be remembering for his smile, devotion to his family and our Order and his great sense of humor.

**CHILLICOTHE** — Dave Medert, an Army veteran and historian who served as the driving force behind the construction of a local World War II memorial, was being remembered this week as a patriot who cared tremendously about his fellow veterans.

Medert died Tuesday at his home in Chillicothe at the age of 85.

Medert wore many hats during his lifetime, which began Feb. 29, 1928, in Chillicothe. He was a sergeant in the 82nd Airborne Division, a lieutenant in the Ohio Highway Patrol and a fruit farmer in Athens County. But he will perhaps be best remembered in Ross County for his efforts to preserve and celebrate

American history, particularly the country's military history and the contributions of his fellow veterans. "The first thing that comes to mind when I think of Dave is that he was a true patriot," said Ray Pryor, who served with Medert on the Ross County Veterans Council. "He was all about keeping our history alive and promoting the great things this country is all about."

Medert's interest in the military and its members spanned decades. He was a member of both the Sons of the American Revolution and the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. As a member of the latter, he served as its commander in chief from 1995 to 1998.

Medert was the last surviving charter member of the Joshua Sill Chapter Civil War Round Table, which was organized in Chillicothe in 1957. He also was a member of American Legion Post 62.

Along with his wife of 64 years, local historian Pat Medert, he was deeply involved in the Ross County Historical Society. In 2011, the couple was honored with Lifetime Achievement Awards through the historical society's First Capital History Award program.

"He was a major supporter of the historical society and volunteered quite a bit of time here," society director Tom Kuhn said. "He meant a tremendous amount to us."

Kuhn described Medert as a "larger than life" figure who captured people's attention when he would enter a room.

"He was a retired state trooper and had that professional bearing. He never slouched," said Neil Miller, who came to know Medert through their work on the Ross County Veterans Council.

Miller said Medert was the catalyst behind the effort to construct a World War II memorial in Veterans Park on Yoctangee Parkway. According to his obituary, Medert led the campaign to raise funds for the memorial and assisted in its design. It was dedicated in 2004.

Medert also organized fundraising campaigns to restore the Civil War monument in Grandview Cemetery and the Civil War and World War I monuments in Yoctangee Park.

In 2010, Medert was inducted into the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame, in part because of his efforts to

#### 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

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

Annual Dues are \$26.00 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.

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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, 5<sup>th</sup> Light Artillery Battery F, Regular US 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, 131 Illinois, 136 Illinois Infantry, 98 Illinois Mounted Infantry, 119<sup>th</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, 22thMichigan Minnesota: 1<sup>st</sup> Mississippi Marine Brigade, Missouri: 21<sup>st</sup> Missouri, New Hampshire: 7<sup>th</sup> New Hampshire Volunteer Infantry Ohio: 8<sup>th</sup> Ohio, 80<sup>th</sup> Ohio, 100<sup>th</sup> Ohio, 172<sup>nd</sup> Ohio, 4<sup>th</sup> Ohio Cavalry 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, Company C, 9<sup>th</sup> Tennessee Cavalry West Virginia: 11<sup>th</sup> West Virginia Infantry Wisconsin: 3<sup>rd</sup> Wisconsin Light Artillery, 30<sup>th</sup> Wisconsin Infantry

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