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Saturday December 27, 2014 Next Meeting
Home of Camp Commander Charles Mabie – 7788 Peachtree Avenue
Newark, CA 94560 – Call or text to confirm – (510) 676-6792
3:00 pm with dinner served at 4:30 pm.

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

Holiday dinner:

On Saturday, December 27th, Camp 24 is having a holiday dinner at the home of Charlie and Kathy Mabie, located in Newark, California. The Camp will provide roasted turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, stuffing, and rolls. Ice tea and lemonade will be provided. Attendees can bring a dessert or side dish, and any adult beverage that they choose. The gathering starts at 3:00 pm, with dinner served at 4:30 pm, allowing for not-so-late of an evening for those who have to travel.

Before and after dinner, guests can peruse approximately 16 cases of books that were formerly from the collection of Lynn Owens, and take some home for a small donation to the Auxiliary. Additionally, the Mabie firearm archive will be available for a hands-on experience.

The address: 7788 Peachtree Avenue, Newark, CA 94560

Please RSVP so we know how much to cook!

Any questions? Call or text Charlie on his personal cell phone: (510) 676-6792.

Brothers,

As some of you knew, the late Lynn Owens of Camp 24 was an avid collector of Civil War artifacts and GAR memorabilia, as well as western saddles, hats, and boots. He and his wife, Linda, traveled the country buying and selling items, and also networked with many of the best known dealers and appraisers of Civil War items. His collection included McClellan saddles, Confederate and Union swords and firearms, original uniforms, paper ephemera, reunion medals, etc. Upon his passing, Linda decided that these items should be sold and shared with individuals that would enjoy them as much as Lynn did, instead of remaining packed away. So, in November 2014, she opened her home to SUVCW brothers and offered an opportunity for items to be purchased. Items sold that day included a large cloth GAR banner, an 1861 musket, an original

doctors kit, medals, photographs, and reproduction (reenactors) leather goods. The accompanying photos represents just a fraction of the items that she had to offer.

Linda has agreed to offer items again for sale at a joint meeting of Northern California SUVCW camps. Preliminary plans are for this to occur in February, and more details will follow regarding the date and location. Because of the sheer size and breadth of the collection, it is not possible to bring everything. However, prior to the sale, brothers will be able to request items for her to bring.



Some of the items from Lynn's collection

2014

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

2015

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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

General Sherman Christmas Message to President Lincoln

Dated 22 December, 1864

"I beg to present you as a Christmas gift the city of Savannah with 150 heavy guns and plenty of ammunition and also about 25,000 bales of cotton," Sherman wrote. The brief message came as a huge relief to Lincoln, who had been out of touch with Sherman for several weeks, since the major general had embarked from Atlanta on his March to the Sea.

Sherman had fought for this plan, which involved severing 62,000 Union troops from supply lines and communications. His two columns of Union men conducted a campaign of fear, moving toward Savannah while destroying military targets and punishing civilians who tried to resist.

Lincoln replied on 26 December 1864: "Many, many thanks for your Christmas gift." He admitted to having been "anxious, if not fearful" when Sherman left Atlanta, but had decided to trust his general: "Feeling that you were the better judge, and remembering that 'nothing risked, nothing gained,' I did not interfere." The plot having succeeded, Lincoln added, "the honor is all yours."

Camp minutes are on the Camp #24 website. Thank you Secretary Steve

General Alfred Pleasonton Camp 24 Officers for 2014

Commander: Charles Mabie, PDC

Senior Vice Commander: Jeffrey Vaillant, SVC

Junior Vice Commander: Ken Felton

Secretary: Steve Johnson

Treasurer: Steve Johnson

Council: Brad Schall, PCinC Bruce Hevelin, Jeffrey Vaillant PCC

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Guard: Ben Mabie

Graves Registration: Ken Felton

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