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Meeting Next
Wednesday April 15th, 2015
Meeting Location – California Genealogical Society –
2201 Broadway on the LL 2, Oakland, CA - Gathering at 6:30 pm, meeting at 7:00 pm

COMMANDER'S REPORT: Ken Felton

The first burials in Alhambra Cemetery in Martinez, California date back to the early 1850s. The grave site locations of several Civil War veterans have been discovered in Alhambra Cemetery. I discovered the grave site of Morgan Hurst Bailhache, a Union Civil War veteran and an early President of Alhambra Cemetery Association, during the Fall clean-up at Alhambra Cemetery last October. The Spring Clean-up Day is scheduled for Saturday, May 9, 2015 (starting about 9 am). All General Alfred Pleasonton Camp brothers are encouraged to attend this clean-up. Bring garden gloves and small garden tools, such as rakes to rake up the fallen leaves. The City of Martinez acquired this Alhambra Cemetery in 1976, and they hold two clean-up day events each year in an effort to preserve and protect the property.

The city of Martinez provides soft drinks and drinking water for all who participate in this clean-up event. Last Fall clean-up a barbecue was also held. A cemetery brochure says that volunteers can bring a sack lunch. I suggest that we bring picnic items to share during the afternoon (after the clean-up is completed). We can discuss this more at the April 15th camp meeting. I might have the Clean Up Day notice from the City of Martinez by then. Perhaps this Clean Up Day picnic can replace the 15th Anniversary Camp Picnic, which was originally planned for last August but was canceled. I hope our camp is able to find more Civil War veteran grave sites during this clean-up event.

The directions to Alhambra Cemetery are:

Go west on Highway 4 and take the Alhambra exit, go right toward downtown Martinez. Continue on Alhambra Avenue to Main Street and turn left. Go three blocks on Main Street and turn right on Talbart Street and go four blocks on Talbart Street and then proceed left up the hill on Carquinez Scenic Drive. Alhambra Cemetery is to the right at the top of the hill.

On March 18th Steve Johnson was the guest speaker at the Sons in Retirement - Chabot #6 Branch March Luncheon in Castro Valley, California. Steve Johnson gave a very informative talk about California's part during the American Civil War. The photograph on the next page was taken at the conclusion of Steve's talk, when he was presented with the certificate of appreciation for this talk.



SPECIAL GENERAL ORDER NO. 5

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR Passing of Past Commander-in-Chief Richard Greenwalt

By the authority vested in me as Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the National Constitution and Regulations, and National Policies, it is hereby ordered as follows:

Section 1: It is with a heavy heart that I report the death of senior Past Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Richard L. Greenwalt on April 6, 2015 at the age of 87 years.

Section 2: Richard Lee "Dick" Greenwalt was born February 1, 1928 to Truman and Dora (Allison) Greenwalt. His father was a veteran of World War I and during the Civil War his grandfather, Peter R. Greenwalt, served in Company I, 10th West Virginia Infantry.

Section 3: Brother Greenwalt joined McClellan Camp No. 91, SUVCW in Alliance, Ohio in 1965. He was elected Camp Commander in 1967, Commander of the Department of Ohio in 1968, and Commander of the Central Region Association of the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic in 1973. He served the SUVCW National Organization as Patriotic Instructor, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, and was finally elected Commander-in-Chief at the 97th Annual National Encampment held in Grand Rapids, Michigan on August 13-17, 1978. Brother Greenwalt joined the Sons of Veterans Reserve (SVR) in 1971.

Section 4: Brother Greenwalt is survived by many relatives who are active members of the Allied Orders. Condolences may be sent to widow Beatrice Greenwalt at 2276 County Road 139, Ovid, NY 14521, and/or to daughter Nancy Greenwalt Hilton at 1576 Charl Ann Drive, Alliance, OH 44601.

Section 5: There will be a viewing with Masonic and SUVCW services on April 12, 2015 from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM at Cassaday-Turkle-Christian Funeral Home, 75 South Union Avenue in Alliance, Ohio. The funeral will take place at the same location on April 13, 2015 at 10:00 AM, with interment to follow at Locust Hill Cemetery in Chester, West Virginia at 2:30 PM.

Section 6: The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War extends its sincere condolences to Brother Greenwalt's family and friends, and to the members of his Camp and Department.

Section 7: All Charters are to be draped in black for a period of thirty (30) days.

Section 8: All Brothers are respectfully directed to attach a black mourning ribbon to their membership badge for a period of thirty (30) days.

The foregoing General Order is proclaimed this 7th day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand fifteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred thirty-ninth, in the City of Gilroy, County of Santa Clara, State of California.

/s/ Tad D. Campbell, PDC
Commander-in-Chief

ATTEST:
By: /s/ Alan L. Russ, PDC
National Secretary

Brothers,

Past Commander-in-Chief was a very nice man and in recent years attended the National Encampments in a wheelchair. He missed the last two because of illness.

I will always remember his kind words of encouragement when I announced my candidacy for Commander-in-Chief. He will be missed.

Brad Schall, PCinC

Find out where your enemy is.
Get at him as soon as you can.
Strike at him as hard as you can
As often as you can
Keep moving on

Ulysses S. Grant

People Places and Things – Answers in May Newsletter

1. Battle of Bull ____, Manassas, VA
2. Star of the ____, Union supply ship
3. Appomattox _____, Lee's surrender location
4. Battle of ____, Ridge Arkansas
5. Battle of the _____, Lookout Mountain, Tennessee

Quote from PCC Charles Mabie on his LinkedIn posting:

“Successful people are always looking for opportunities to help others
Unsuccessful people are always asking what's in it for me”

2015 Camp #24 schedule

April 15 - Camp Meeting, Oakland, 7 pm

April 24-26 – Boy Scout program - Livermore

May 6 - Spring Clean-up Day is scheduled for Saturday, May 9, 2015 (starting about 9 am). Alhambra Cemetery

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 22-23 - 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

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

General Alfred Pleasonton Camp 24 Officers for 2015

Commander: Ken Felton

Senior Vice Commander: John Gee

Junior Vice Commander: Charles Kenyon

Secretary: Steve Johnson

Treasurer: Steve Johnson

Council: Bruce Hevelin, Jeffrey Vaillant PCC, Robert Mayer

Chaplin: Charlie Mabie

Patriotic Instructor: Brad Schall

Color Bearer: Charles Mabie, PDC

Guard: Ben Mabie

Graves Registration: Ken Felton

Memorials Officer: Brad Schall, PCinC

Counselor: Jeffrey Vaillant, PCC

Eagle Scout: Charles Mabie, PDC

Newsletter Editor: Brad Schall, PCinC

We try and put out the newsletter a week or 10 days before our Monthly meeting or during special events. Please submit articles to Brad Schall at dschall@starstream.net