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May Meeting
May meetings are on May 6th at Alhambra Cemetery
Memorial Day at the National Cemetery – Presidio, San Francisco

COMMANDER'S REPORT :

Special thanks to all the Brothers of Camp #24 who aided in the clean-up of Alhambra Cemetery in Martinez, CA on May 9th, namely John Gee, Charles Kenyon and family, Robert Mayer and myself . We all made in big contribution in maintaining this old cemetery and honoring the many Civil War veterans and other veterans who are buried there. My apologies for failing to get a photograph of the camp brothers at the cemetery. Later in the day after the clean-up, we enjoyed a barbecue and picnic at the cemetery. The grave site of Napoleon Bonaparte Smith, a veteran of the “Bear Flag” conflict in California, during the Mexican War period, was found during this cemetery clean-up

Memorial Day, Monday May 25th is almost here. Brothers of Camp #24 will always remember the Boys in Blue. This year Camp #24 will join Friends of Civil War Alcatraz at Presidio in San Francisco to participate in the Memorial Day Parade. Brothers are strongly urged to march in the parade, if in a Civil War era uniform, or attend this event as a spectator. Please remember to bring a camera to take photographs. After the parade there is a Memorial Day Ceremony at the National Cemetery at the Presidio. Then several Camp Brothers will help by talking about the famous Civil War Veterans buried at this cemetery. Details regarding this event will be coming in an e-mail soon. Brothers please send an e-mail to Brad Schall or myself, if you are able to come to this Memorial Day event at the Presidio in San Francisco.

Another good “Civil War” Memorial Day weekend event to attend will take place at Roaring Camp in Felton, California, which takes place from Saturday, May 23 through Monday, May 25th. Camp Brothers who are able to help with the displays or re-enacting are encouraged to attend this event. The Fourth of July is also not far off. One option for the Fourth of July is to march in the Fourth of July Parade in the city of Monterey, California. We can talk further about the Fourth of July at our next Camp Meeting, scheduled for June 17th. There is a good chance that this June Camp Meeting might be in some new location. Details of the June Camp Meeting will be sent out to Brothers in an e-mail sometime soon.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

Ken Felton, Commander
General Alfred Pleasonton Camp #24

During the last days of General Grant's life he wrote the following:
"I feel that we are on the eve of a new era, where there is to be great harmony between the Federal and Confederate. I cannot stay to be a living witness to the correctness of this prophecy; but I feel it within me that it is so. The universally kind feeling expressed for me at a time when it was supposed that each day would prove my last, seemed to me the beginning of the answer to "Let us have peace"

General U.S. Grant

People Places and Things – Answers from March-April Newsletter

1. Battle of Bull Run , (3) Manassas, VA
2. Star of the West, (4) Union supply ship
3. Appomattox Courthouse, (10) Lee's surrender location
4. Battle of Pea, (3) Ridge Arkansas
5. Battle of the Clouds, (6) Lookout Mountain, Tennessee

May People Places and Things – Answers in June Newsletter

6. Battle of the -----, (7) Petersburg, VA
7. -----, (10) of the Confederacy, Richmond, Virginia
8. Devil's ---, (3) Gettysburg, Pennsylvania
9. ----, (4) Donelson, Tennessee
10. Ford's ----- (7), Washington, DC

Steven Johnson – Secretary – Treasurer, Camp #24

Recently I visited a school in Half Moon Bay that is studying the Civil War. It is a K-8 private school. and the whole school was studying the Civil War under the theme of Civil Rights. I first met with the K-3rd grade students, and then the 4-6th graders. (The 7-8th grades were on a field trip). Talking to the little kids about the Civil War was challenging, so I limited it mostly to showing the soldier carried in his knapsack (tin ware, candles, matches, bag of coffee, etc.) and his haversack (comb, toothbrush, jerky, hardtack, etc.). One little girl asked why there had to be wars anyway, since so many people got hurt. I told her that was an excellent question - and that wars start when people stop talking to one another to work out their problems. That is why their teachers always tell them to "talk it out"; it's a good rule for both kids and adults. With the older kids we were able to have a deeper discussion about why the war started (expansion of slavery), why it lasted so long, and the consequences of the war. I showed them how a musket was loaded and fired, and about the many brave drummer boys in both armies. I also mentioned the brave women nurses, and the women at home helping to support the troops. Finally, I talked about the SUCVW and what we do to keep the memory alive of our ancestors who fought to keep the Union whole. It was a good experience; the kids asked good questions, the teachers were pleased with the presentation, and hopefully on Memorial Day they will understand a little better why that day is important.

Brother Steve Johnson

Great grandson of Pvt. Daniel H. McNulty, 5th U.S. Light Artillery

Trail Biscuits

4 cups	flour
2 tsp	baking soda
2 tsp	Salt
1 cup	Lard
	Water

Crumble lard into dry ingredients. Add water to make a stiff dough. Drop by spoon and bake
“The Seventh First
Garry Owens

2015 Camp #24 schedule

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
September 26 – Alcatraz Living History Day
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
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Guard: Ben Mabie
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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