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June Meeting

Wednesday June 17th, 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 :

On Memorial Day, May 25, 2015, General Alfred Pleasonton Camp No. 24 and Friends of Civil War Alcatraz marched together, wearing Civil War uniforms and 1860's period costumers, in the Grand March from the Presidio Officer's Club to San Francisco National Cemetery at the Presidio in San Francisco, CA. Several camp members, including Brad Schall, Steve Johnson, Kenneth Felton and Don Wilt (Camp No. 22) attended this event. The day was cool and windy. A Memorial Day Ceremony was held at San Francisco National Cemetery at the Presidio just after the parade. The announcer at the ceremony introduced our group as the General Alfred Pleasonton Camp No. 24 of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. The ceremony was well attended by the general public and everyone seemed to enjoy the day. Our group was introduced as "General Alfred Pleasonton Camp No. 24 of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War" by the announcer, upon our entrance at the site of the ceremony.

After the ceremony, camp members and members of Friends of Civil War Alcatraz, went to the grave sites of notable Civil War veterans to give talks about each Civil War veteran. These Civil War veterans included: Lt. Colonel Joseph Stewart (First Commander of Alcatraz); Pauline Cushman (Union Spy); Major General Irvin McDowell; Major General Edward Baker (Senator from Oregon and a close personal friend of Abraham Lincoln); and 1st Lieutenant William Rufus Shafter (awarded a "Medal of Honor", based upon his service at Fair Oaks, VA). Those attending this event, spent the rest of the afternoon at a picnic on the plaza near the Presidio Officer's Club. Everyone had plenty of chicken and other dishes of good food to eat, along with a variety of great cookies for desert.

I attended the Civil War event at "Roaring Camp" in Felton, California on the Saturday, just prior to Memorial Day this year. I assisted members of Phil Sheridan Camp No. 4 and Abraham Lincoln Camp No. 10 of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War at this Civil War living history event with their displays, regarding :the Civil War; the Grand Army of the Republic; and the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. This event was attended by a large group of tourists from China. They really enjoyed seeing the Civil War re-enactment battles and all of the Civil War related displays at "Roaring Camp".

On June 2, 2015, Brothers Charles Kenyon and Kenneth Felton visited Mountain View Cemetery in Oakland, California, looking for grave sites of Civil War veterans. They visited the grave sites of veterans: James Patrick McElroy, Sgt. in Co. H of 9th Vermont Infantry; James Rockwell, Private in Co. A of 16th Iowa Infantry; and Alfred B. Clark, Private in Co. M of 1st Minnesota Heavy Artillery. The veteran grave sites of James Patrick McElroy and James Rockwell will be added to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War National Graves Database and the listing in this database for Alfred B. Clark is being updated. Another trip will be made soon to

Mountain View Cemetery to continue looking for the burial sites of Civil War veterans: John Delos Presher, a Private in Co. G of the 22nd Wisconsin Infantry; and Thomas Phillip Canham, Bugler in Co. F of the 2nd California Cavalry. Brother Charles Kenyon plans to contact the Veterans Administration regarding the unit markings on the headstone for James Patrick McElroy, (listing his unit as being: Co. R of the 19th Vermont Infantry). His original military headstone, which was made and shipped to Mountain View Cemetery shortly after his death on August 8, 1900, listed him serving in Co. H of the 9th Vermont Infantry. The marking listing Co. H of the 9th Vermont Infantry, is the correct listing for all or nearly all of this veteran's service. The listing of Co. R of the 19th Vermont Infantry is either for this Civil War veteran's unit, where he served only briefly, or else it is an error.



From left to right: Br. Timothy P. Reese (SUVCW - Lincoln Camp 10, PCC; also Past Depart. Commander of Depart. Of CA & Pacific); Thomas Graham (Commander of Depart. Of CA & Pacific; also in Phil Sheridan Camp 4); Beverly L. Graham (President of Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War - Department of CA & Pacific; also in Mary E. Walker, Auxiliary No. 52); Br. Paul Lavrisheff (Phil Sheridan Camp 4); Br. Rick LaRosa (Phil Sheridan Camp 4); and Br. Kenneth Felton (Commander of General Alfred Pleasonton Camp 24; and Depart. Of CA & Pacific Grave Registration Officer).

The next Camp meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 17, 2015 at the Meeting Room of the California Genealogical Society in Oakland, CA. My original decision to cancel this meeting was due to confusion and poor thinking on my part. I apologize. I hope everyone is able to attend this June meeting, at which Camp Brothers will be able to report about their Memorial Day experiences and also to plan for General Alfred Pleasonton Camp No 24's activities on the Fourth of July this year.



Camp Brothers Kenneth Felton and Steve Johnson are standing at salute, while the United States Flag is being lowered on Memorial Day at the Presidio, near the Presidio Officer's Club.



Past Commander-in-Chief Schall talked about Medal of Honor Shaftner who received the Medal of Honor at Fair Oaks where his great great Uncle Cpl Andrew Jackson Schall was killed on May 30th 1862. Schafter was wounded about 100 feet from Cpl. Schall.

U.S. Sanitary Commission (USSC)

California raised more money for the Sanitary Commission. TheUDDC was the antecedent of the Red Cross. Thomas Starr King as the catalyst raised four times more money for the USSC than New York who was second.



Would you buy a used car from this guy

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

People Places and Things – Answers from May Newsletter

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Battle of the **CREATOR**, Petersburg, VA

WHITEHOUSE, of the Confederacy, Richmond, Virginia

Devil's **DEN**, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania

FORT, Donelson, Tennessee

Ford's **THEATER**, Washington, DC

June People Places and Things – Answers in July Newsletter

1. Sherman's march to the _ _ _ _
2. Lincoln's Gettysburg _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _
3. The great locomotive _ _ _ _ _ _
4. The Battle of Stone's _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ , Tennessee
5. The Battle of Wilson's _ _ _ _ _ _ , Missouri



2015 Camp #24 schedule

- 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

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