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**February Meeting, Monday February 15<sup>th</sup>**

Camp 24 will be hosting a BBQ/ potluck lunch at the home of Charlie Mabie on Presidents' Day, February 15, at 12:00. Lunch will be served at 1:00 pm. rain or shine! 7780 Peachtree Avenue, Newark, CA 94560.

BBQ chicken will provided, and you are asked to bring a side dish or dessert. Ice tea will be served, and feel free to bring your beverage of choice. Camp 24 will also provide all plates, cups, utensils, etc. As expected, the "vaults" will also be opened for your viewing pleasure.

Please contact/RSVP Charlie Mabie by calling/texting his cell phone (510) 676-6792.

General Alfred Pleasonton Camp #24 First Lincoln Day Dinner in 2000 – Dublin, California.  
 We had 53 people at the Dinner.



Top Row: Charlie Mabie, Nate Pyles, Corky Reed, Bob Ebert, Brad Schall  
 Bottom Row: Lynn Owens, Orman Eckley and Mark Wilson

We were the first Camp in the Bay Area to have a Lincoln Day Dinner. It was a lot of work and a lot of fun.

Members of General Pleasonton, Camp 24, of the SUVCW participated in the Living History Day at Fort Point on January 30, 2016. Brother Charles Mabie set up an exhibit of Civil War weapons, Brothers Steve Johnson and John Gee gave tours of the Fort, Brother Robert Mayer helped with cannon demonstrations, Brothers Frank Avila, Jeffrey Vaillant, and Ken Felton manned the SUVCW table and answered questions about the organization. A highlight of the day was the raising and lowering of the huge garrison flag, to the accompaniment of buglers. At 2 pm members of the camp assembled on the second floor for the induction of officers for the current year. Officiating was the camp's chaplain, Brother Mabie, and taking the oath was the new camp commander, Charles Kenyon, junior vice-commander John Gee, secretary/treasurer Steve Johnson, graves registration officer Ken Felton, and council member Robert Mayer. Also in attendance was Captain Grant Coffin of the National Civil War Association, who kindly held the American flag during the ceremony. Despite the chilly weather, the Fort had over 2700 visitors, and camp members felt it was a very successful event.

-Submitted by Brother Steve Johnson



Senior Vice Commander John Gee and Commander Charles Kenyon



## Happy Birthday Mr. President

Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on 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 that nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this.

But, in a larger sense, we can not dedicate, we can not consecrate, we can not 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 government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth.

## **General Alfred Pleasonton Camp 24 Officers for 2016**

Commander: Charles Kenyon  
Senior Vice Commander: John Gee  
Junior Vice Commander: Ken Felton  
Secretary: Steve Johnson  
Treasurer: Steve Johnson  
Council: Bruce Hevelin, Jeffrey Vaillant PCC, Robert Mayer  
Chaplain: 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

## **130<sup>th</sup> Department of California and Pacific Encampment – March 4-5, Sacramento**

### **Camp #24 2016 Schedule**

February -- Lincoln Birthday dinner at Charlie Mabie  
March 4 & 5 -- Department Encampment in Sacramento  
April 9 -- Alcatraz Living History Day  
April 15 and 16 -- Lincoln Death Days in Springfield, Missouri  
May 30 -- Memorial Day at Presidio San Francisco  
July 4 -- Happy Birthday America  
August -- National Encampment, Springfield, Illinois  
August -- Living History Ft. Point  
September -- Alcatraz Living History Day  
November 8 -- Election Day  
November 11 -- Veterans Day  
November 19 -- Dedication Day Gettysburg  
November 24 -- Thanksgiving  
December 25 -- Christmas



These flowers were sent from SUVCW Camp #24 to my son's Memorial service in Denver, Colorado. I can tell you that it was a great comfort to my family and friends and especially to Camp #24 members Christopher, Willy and Brad Schall.

Braden never attended a Camp meeting but did attend a Department Encampment where he, Bob Ebert and I cooked up the BBQ. Grandson Christopher and Braden attended two National Encampments with Patti and I. It was my honor to have Braden place my name in nomination for national office.

We will start a Memorial for Braden at the Camp level and will award some minor scholarships in the future. Donations can be sent to Brad Schall or Steve Johnson.

I would like to share with you a note from a cousin to his two children. [Eric Sanders](#) "It was a three-seater when we put the five-gallon bucket in the middle. He told me to go find what I love to do, and then go out and love the hell out of doing that. I know he always did, and he's proud of you and Christopher for loving the hell out of what you two do."