

The Guidon General Alfred Pleasonton – Camp 24 Chartered 30 August 1999

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February Meeting, Monday February 15th

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.

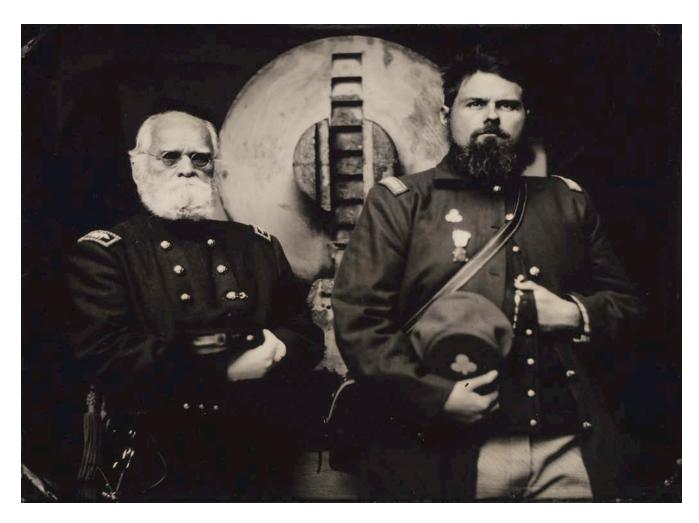


Top Row: Charlie Mabie, Nate Pyles, Corky Reed, Bob Ebert, Brad Schall Bottom Row: Lynn Owens, Orman Eckley and Mark Wilson

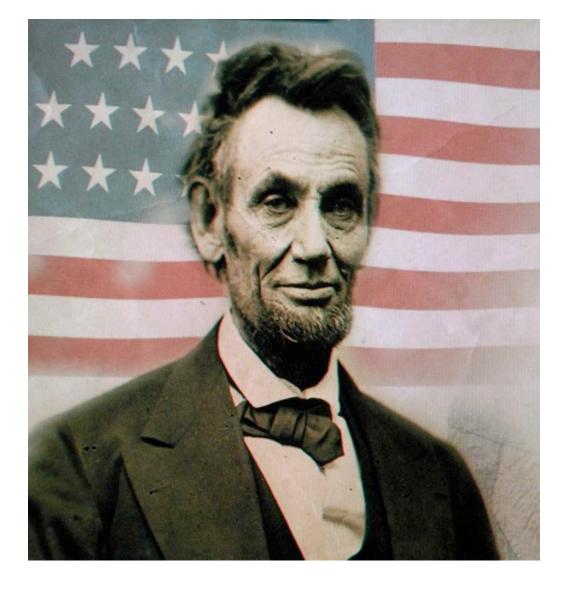
We were the first Camp in the Bay Area to have a Lincoln Day Dinner. It was a lot of work and a lot of fun

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

130th 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. <u>Eric Sanders</u> "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."