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January meeting at Ft. Point, San Francisco on January 28

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Strong winds topple historic Civil War trees at California Capitol park

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) —A windstorm has destroyed three historic trees planted at the California Capitol about 120 years ago to honor Civil War veterans.

Gusts topping 50 miles-per-hour Wednesday night uprooted a tulip tree from the Five Forks, Virginia, battlefield and an American elm from President William McKinley's tomb in Ohio.

They fell like dominoes, breaking off a box elder from the Missionary Ridge, Tennessee, battleground.

"We worked for a long time on trying to preserve the grove because it's such an important part of our American history," Capitol Park Civil War Memorial Grove author Robert Bundy said.

The California State Capitol Museum said the tulip and box elder were among trees transplanted as saplings from 40 battlefields.



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"This grove was planted in 1897 when they brought 40 trees from civil war battlefields," Bundy said. "They were only 2-3 feet tall at the time."

"These were all saplings taken from American Civil War battlefields planted here in Capitol Park around the turn of the 19th century to honor the service of the American veterans in the Civil War," Assm. Ken Cooley, D-Rancho Cordova, said.

Cooley said the elm was planted in 1902 to honor McKinley, a Civil War veteran who held the office when the Memorial Grove was planted.

"It's devastating — this is a living history. It's part of our heritage," Cooley said. "My ancestors fought for the Union Army and this is a memorial to them. So, this is really devastating."

Cooley is hoping officials can salvage the wood, perhaps to turn into artwork.

"We might have wood workers around California who could take these historic hardwoods and turn them into something for their community or for the state," he added

KCRA's Mike Luery contributed to this story

Steve Johnson comment:

I think it would be especially meaningful if we could get replacement saplings from those battlefields and have a big tree planting ceremony, with representatives from all California camps, the Department Commanders, state officials, local scout groups, and the National Park Service.. It's about time anyway for the younger generation to learn about the significance of the grove and the role of California in the Civil War. I bet the Park Service would donate the saplings and all our camps would contribute to the shipping costs.

Steve Johnson
Camp 24

Time for renewal of membership

Membership dues for calendar year 2017 are now due. Membership runs from January to December 31 each year. General Alfred Pleasanton dues are \$30.00 per year. We send \$18.00 a year to National for per capita and \$3.00 to the Department of California and Pacific. Our Camp keeps \$9.00 for expenses. You can also send additional donations that we will use for Camp projects.

Name _____

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Please make your checks out to: SUVCW, Camp #24

You can give your dues at the Camp meeting to Commander Felton, Secretary - Treasurer Steve Johnson

You can mail them to Brother Steve Johnson, SUVCW, 384 Heathcliff, Pacifica, CA 94044

Living History Day at Fort Point will be Saturday, January 28th. Be advised that anyone in 19th Century costume, most especially in ACW uniform, receives a 15% reduction in the bookstore. The shop at Fort Point has actually a pretty good local history and ACW history collection, along with the usual Park Service stuff. See you there.

John Gee
SVC, Camp #24

Hello Everyone,

The Gen. George Blake Cosby Camp #1627, Sons of Confederate Veterans is making plans to host a Blue-Gray Banquet on the Delta King (Sacramento) on Saturday, September 9. We are hoping to book an afternoon time (12-4 or 1-5 p.m.). Please mark this date on your calendar and prepare to come.

We are inviting our friends in the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861-1865, and United Daughters of the Confederacy to join us to make this a special event.

As we move forward we will nail down specifics as to price, dress code, agenda, etc. but overall, we are looking for this to be a time of fun and fellowship.

If we could have a count of who is interested in attending by the end of March, that would help us in our plans (i.e. space, food, etc.).

All the best!

Allen Davis
Commander

If you are interested, please contact Brad Schall

2016 Camp #24 schedule

January 28, 2017 - January meeting at Ft. Point, San Francisco, CA

February –

March Department Encampment

March 25 Alcatraz Living History Day

May 29 - Memorial Day at Presidio San Francisco

July 4 Happy Birthday America

August National Encampment,

August Living History Ft. Point

September Alcatraz Living History Day

November 11 Veterans Day

November 19 Dedication Day Gettysburg

November 24 Thanksgiving

December 25 - Christmas