



SONS OF UNION VETERANS
OF THE CIVIL WAR
General Alfred Pleasonton Camp 24

SPECIAL HOLIDAY GUIDON NEWSLETTER

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NEW YEARS HOLIDAY PARTY FOR CAMP 24

Brother Charlie Mabie has graciously offered his house in Newark to be the location of a holiday party for camp 24 members and their families on Saturday, January 25th, at 7788 Peachtree Avenue. This will be a potluck lunch where members can bring drinks and/or side dishes, while Charlie, a gourmet chef, will prepare roast chicken for all. This will also be an opportunity to meet the officers and members of the camp, to hear about upcoming activities, and to witness: 1) the installation of officers for 2022; and 2) the initiation of a new brother into our camp. Members and their families can arrive at 11 am for a social hour, and the luncheon will begin at noon. After the luncheon, at about 1:30, we will have a brief camp meeting and the two ceremonies. Please send an email to Brother Steve Johnson to RSVP and to let him know how many family members you will be bringing. You will be sent directions to Charlie's house.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR CAMP COMMANDER

Hello brothers and friends of General Alfred Pleasonton, Camp 24. I hope this letter finds everyone well. The year is coming to an end, and even though it was another hard year with Covid we had a great year. This year we resumed meeting in person at different historical sites throughout the bay area. We were also able to get together twice at the national cemetery in San Francisco for Memorial Day and Veterans Day. We have also added a few new members and still have some inquiries from people that are considering joining. Hopefully next year we will be able to keep moving forward and do more events such as Fort Point, Alcatraz, and maybe even Angel Island. I hope everyone can come to our holiday gathering in Fremont in January. At this time I would like to thank everyone for their support and the great year we had. I am looking forward to continuing in the coming year and I am

hoping everyone feels the same way. Until next time I wish all of you a merry Christmas and a happy holiday season.

Robert Mayer

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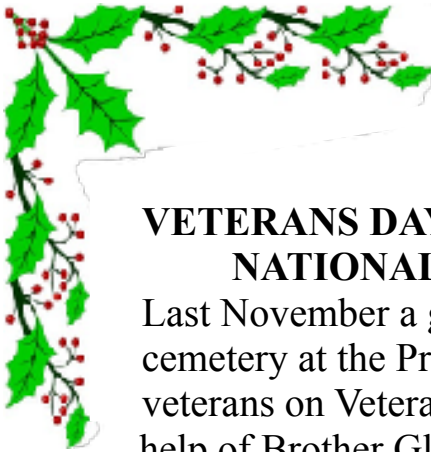
Battery H, 3rd US Artillery SVR Commander

A QUICK CHANGE FOR AN EAGLE SCOUT CEREMONY

As most of you know, one of our missions is to recognize the accomplishments and community service done by Eagle Scouts. We attend the installation ceremony and present an award from the SUVCW to

recognize their efforts. On Sunday I was attending a holiday party when I heard that our local museum was going to be the location of an Eagle Scout ceremony in an hour. I quickly raced home, got into my Union uniform and raced to the museum just before the ceremony was to begin. I introduced myself to the scoutmaster and he welcomed me to give a short talk as part of the ceremony. Later in the program I was introduced to the 40 people gathered to see the three scouts receive their Eagle Scout badge; they were part of Pacifica Camp 29, the oldest scout camp in the Bay Area. I explained my presence there, relating the service of my ancestor Daniel McNulty, who in 1865 enlisted in the army at 18 - not much older than the scouts - and how we in the SUVCW as well want to honor the service of these fine young men to their community. I said I did not have awards to give them at the time, since I just had only heard about the meeting an hour before, but would mail them the award. I also invited the scouts to come to Fort Point where I would give them a personal tour. —Brother Steve Johnson





VETERANS DAY - OUR VISIT TO THE GOLDEN GATE NATIONAL CEMETERY IN SAN FRANCISCO

Last November a group of brothers from Camp 24 went to the national cemetery at the Presidio in San Francisco to welcome visitors and veterans on Veterans Day. We spent several hours doing this with the help of Brother Glenn Martin, and some of us also stood at the grave-stones of Civil War notables. We were joined by Constance Smith, a Park Service volunteer, who in period dress stood at the grave of Pauline Cushman and told visitors about Pauline's time as a Union spy. Brother Gary Hormel stood at the grave of Captain Joseph Stewart, first commander of Fort Alcatraz, Brother Ken Felton stood at the grave of Union sailor Matthew Arther, and Brothers Steve Johnson and Robert Mayer stood at the monument to Civil War soldiers and sailors. There was not a great amount of visitors that day, but those who stopped listen to us were grateful for the information we shared with them.



Constance Smith, Brothers Ken Felton, Steve Johnson, Gary Hormel, Commander Robert Mayer, and Glenn Martin at the gates to the national cemetery