

NEWSLETTER

Friends of Civil War Alcatraz

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General Meeting This Month Members are encouraged to come to the General Meeting to be held on Alcatraz on January 17th at 10 am. Officers are to be elected and plans for the coming year will be discussed, and the more input the better. Be sure to wear your volunteer hat and uniform to get passage on the boat. (If you don't have these items please contact Brad Schall immediately). Parking is free on Sundays and spots can usually be found on Chestnut or Montgomery Streets. (Note: Avoid metered spots run by the Port of SF which operate every day.) Paid parking is available at 55 Francisco Street which is usually \$18 for 12 hours if you enter before 9 am.

Dates to Remember

Sunday, Jan. 17, 2016

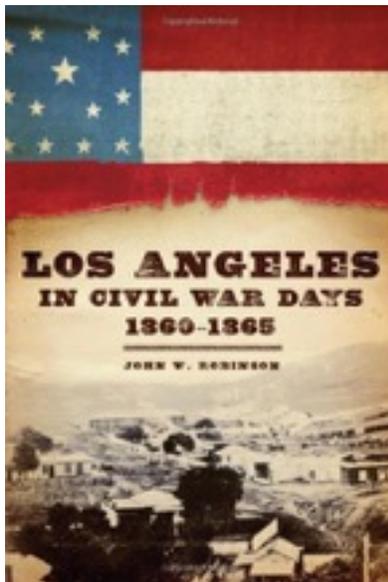
FOCWA General Mtg.
10 am on Alcatraz

Cancelled

Saturday, September 30th

Fort Point Living History Day

Book Review: Los Angeles in Civil War Days by John Robinson (©1977)



Most books and articles about the civil War in California deal with events that happened in the northern part of the state, where most of the population and wealth were centered at the time. Robinson's book is a helpful contribution to what was going on in the southern part of the state, not just relating to the Civil War but to the economic and social conditions in Los Angeles and the surrounding towns. Droughts, epidemics, vigilantism, and the Conscription Act all combined to make the southland in the 1860's a place of great tension and unrest. There was a conspicuous pro-Confederate portion of the population in parts of what is now Los Angeles County, and it took a show of arms by California Union volunteers - as well as Unionists in the area - to put down the secessionist militias that were springing up in 1861. This paperback book has an extensive bibliography, a good index, and a section on suggested reading for further study. John Robinson is a retired teacher, and an author of many books on California history; he has relied on newspapers, periodicals, letters and journals to give a portrait of the people and events of that time period, events which had an effect upon its later history.

- reviewed by Steve Johnson, editor