

NEWSLETTER

Civil War Room Design Proposal

Recently members were sent a copy of the Civil War Room design proposal by David Vago. The proposal incorporates the ideas of the CW Room committee and provides panels, display cases, large photos, some artifacts, and banners which will tell the story of why and how the fort was built, its strategic importance, its armaments, and the life of the soldiers stationed there. There will also be displays on the bigger picture: California and its vital role in the war. The idea will be to tie the displays into a narrative that will encourage visitors to go and see the rest of the sites on the island that complete the story (Building 64, the sally port, and the Citadel). Members are asked to look over the proposal and send in their comments and suggestions to Brad Schall or Steve Johnson. At its next meeting, the board will review members' input as it refines the proposal and send it on to Ranger Marcus for his evaluation before it goes on to the NPS and funders.

Dates to Remember

August 16 - Fort Point Living History Day

October 4 - Living History Day on Alcatraz

A Full Regimental Band

Plays at Fort Point and Alcatraz

Both Fort Point and Alcatraz played host to the Fort Point Garrison Band, along with the Armory Band from Southern California. This band is based in Riverside County and plays for re-enactments but especially for veteran's homes, parades, and memorials. All their brass instruments are period, and in fact many of them were actually used in the Civil War. The band had the honor of playing at Gettysburg in 2013, and you can see more about this band on their Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/The-Armory-Band/108850085825806>

Of course we were delighted to have our friends in the Fort Point band join us again as well, and the two bands combined to make a full regimental band. They played on the dock as boats arrived, and in the afternoon played in the chapel for visitors who wanted to hear a concert of Civil War tunes. Later FOCWA member John Nevins, who organized the event, gave the musicians a behind-the-scenes tour of Alcatraz, which the folks from Southern California especially appreciated. They very much enjoyed their experience on the island and said they would like to come back again next year. If they do, you shouldn't miss their fine music!



Members of the Armory Band and the Fort Point Garrison Band joined together to play stirring music for surprised visitors.

Civil War Music

Did you know you can purchase a CD of the music played by the Fort Point Garrison Band? You can get a copy at the bookstore at Fort Point, or conveniently on the band's website, which is <http://www.fortpointbrassband.org/> And if you liked the music from Ken Burns' *The Civil War*, it is available on Amazon: <http://www.amazon.com/The-Civil-War-Traditional-Instrumental/dp/B000005J00>